



Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council

Annual Report

2024 / 2025

Chairman's Annual Report

Firstly, I would like to thank all my fellow councillors and clerk for their support and service to the parish over the last 12 months.

Again, I extend my thanks to our volunteers and contractors for all their efforts in keeping this Parish looking neat & tidy and running well. Yet again, a special thanks to our clerk, Rachel, who works tirelessly in the background, keeping our administration in order and, this year, staying on top of the allotment purchase details.

June, we celebrated the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings. We held a cream tea at the village hall along with a themed film. There was a flypast around the parish and a history trail held over the weekend and prizes were won. The funds raised were shared between the British Legion and the Friends of St. Cassian's. Well done goes to Sue Smith and her team for the organising, events like that bring our community together.

We invited the planners Helen Hawkes & Richard Jennings to discuss some differences between our NHP and the national planning policy. Debbie gave a slide presentation on the purchase of the Allotment site. Yvonne Scriven resigned from the council. We sent thanks to her for her hard work and wished her well in the future.

In July, we received the sad news of the passing of our former chairman, Jonathan Swift.

September, it was agreed that the pavement extension along the main road to the school would go ahead. Congratulations to Jim Wright and his team for raising over £10,800 at the Classic car show. We co-opted and welcomed Phil Rowberry to our team of councillors. With Sue Smith at the helm of our Disaster Recovery working

group was formed. We started the procedure of advertising for a Footpaths Manager. Sue Smith advised us of the up-and-coming apple-picking sessions in our community orchard, the apples picked will eventually go off to be pressed and made into apple juice which will be sold locally. We agreed to purchase an Elm tree, through Chris Rowberry, early next year and have it planted down at the sports club.

October, through the LNRS (Local Nature Recovery Strategy) a donation of £90 was given for the school to purchase a bee hive, the school also paid a visit to the allotment site with a vision to start their own planting and develop an understanding of growing your own veg.

November, it was noted that a few residents had decorated the bus stock, on Briar Hill, ready for Halloween and did a wonderful job. We advertised for a Sextant for our burial ground and it was agreed a £600 annual donation towards the churchyard mowing.

December was a quiet month for us. There was a request by the bus stop decorating group to create a Christmas Grotto which we happily agreed to.

February, we learned that the Government wishes to abolish the 2-tier council system and have one large one. A 'Unitary' authority based at the Worcester County Council. This means that WFDC will eventually go. Debbie Newbould reported that in April this year, the Friends of St Cassian's will be holding a sale of Susan Shaw's donated artwork to help raise funds for a Dementia charity and Friends of St Cassian's. The council acquired 2 paintings to be put on display in the Village Hall.

April, we end the year on a sad note that despite all our best efforts by many people we were unable to secure the purchase of the allotment site due to the Land Registry being unable to grant title to the Dioceses and therefore we were unable to use our grants.

Finally, I would like to thank our three district councillors, in particular, Marcus Hart, who are represented at every Parish Meeting we hold and are always there to offer help and advice, thank you.

That concludes my report for 2024-25. Thank you very much.

Mark Page

Chairman

D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration – 6th June 2024

The D-Day commemoration held on 6th June 2024 in Chaddesley Corbett was a meaningful and successful event that brought the community together in remembrance of those who served during the Normandy landings 80 years ago.

Cllr S Smith, who was the lead organiser of the event, reported that it was very well attended and received enthusiastic support from local residents and organisations. The day featured a range of thoughtful activities including a commemorative ceremony, a family friendly Treasure Hunt, a film screening, and a traditional Afternoon Tea. A memorable highlight of the day was a flypast, which added a poignant and celebratory touch to the occasion.

A significant element of the event was its charitable impact. Thanks to the generosity of those who took part, donations totalling £351.00 were raised. These funds were distributed to two important causes: £151.00 was donated to the Royal British Legion, and £200.00 to the Friends of St Cassian's. In addition, a separate donation of £350.30 was raised during the Afternoon Tea, which was also given to the Royal British Legion in honour of the occasion.

Cllr Smith extended a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved, volunteers, attendees, and donors for making the day such a success and for contributing to a fitting tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of those who took part in D-Day.

The Purchase of the Allotment Land

We regret to inform you that the Parish Council is unable to proceed with the purchase of the land, as the Land Registry has declined to grant title to the Diocese. Without this, the Diocese cannot complete the registration, preventing the Council from moving forward. As a result, the deadline for the Levelling Up grant has expired and the £60,000.00 funds will be returned. The National Lottery Fund has also been advised that the project will not now go ahead.

We would like to sincerely thank the working group for their dedication throughout this process, the members of the public for their continued support and engagement, and both past and present Clerks for their efforts and commitment.



The Burial Ground

We still have plots available for both Cremation and Burials.

Pre-sale plots are also available.

Contact the Clerk for more information

Financial Report - Annual Audit

The summary of the financial accounts for the year ending March 2025, along with the internal audit report, is now available on our website.

Additionally, the precept for the financial year 2025/ 26 has been increased by 5%.

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Vice Chairman	David Thomas

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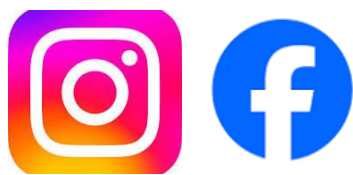
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