

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW CONSULTATION 1 MARCH – 22 APRIL 2022

The first Chaddesley Corbett Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in September 2014 and was to cover the period from 2014-2026. However, due to many changes in Planning Law, Wyre Forest District Council had to produce a new Local Plan and as a result we have to update our own Neighbourhood Plan.

A new draft Neighbourhood Plan for the period 2021-2036 has been prepared and will be available for Public Consultation

on 1 March 2022. The consultation runs for 6 weeks and will close of 22 April 2022. A letter will be sent shortly to all households with full details of how to get involved.

This new Neighbourhood Plan contains recommendations for building of affordable housing to meet a need identified in the Housing Needs Survey and a mixed development of housing in Harvington.

The Neighbourhood Plan identifies Important Green Spaces and a new

Wildlife Corridor network which would be safeguarded from inappropriate development in the future.

There are many new Planning Policies which should help to strengthen our control over development in the Parish.

It is important that you let us know your views on the proposals, as all comments will be taken into consideration when finalising the Plan.

From 1 March all documents will be available on our website.

www.chaddesleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The play equipment in the Community Orchard has been installed for more than 8 years now and it much used. We realise that the equipment is only for small children up to 9 years and age, with very little other facilities for the older children. We are now considering installing extra leisure and play equipment for all ages and would like to gauge the level of support for this. Initially we were considering an activity frame such as shown in the second picture, and perhaps some sort of adventure trail. We have also had a request for leisure equipment for adults to help them

keep fit and active. Unfortunately the uneven ground on the Orchard is not suitable for ball games, but if you or your children have any suggestions we would love to hear from you.

Without a Village Green the Community Orchard provides an outdoor location for everyone to enjoy, with seating areas and picnic tables all donated by residents. We also welcome dogs who sometimes enjoy the open space as much as we do, but it is vitally important that dog walkers 'pick up' after them to protect the health and safety of all users. This year we have planted a strip with wildflowers and bulbs so we should see the benefit of this next year.



QUEEN'S JUBILEE 1-5 JUNE 2022



In 2022 Her Majesty The Queen, will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6 February 1952 at the age of 25 years. This will be a year-long Platinum Jubilee with celebrations throughout the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world as people come together to celebrate The Queen's

historic reign, culminating in a Bank Holiday from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022.

Chaddesley Corbett parish are planning a series of events for our own celebrations, which include a Garden Party at Harvington Hall, a Concert by Chaddesley Voices, a Film Show and a Community Cricket Match, culminating in an event on The Orchard.

For 4 June we are considering a Commonwealth Street Food Festival with activities for children and adults including a Pop Idol Contest. Further details will be sent out later in the year, so put the dates in your diary and come along with all your family for a fun packed Jubilee celebration. We are also in need of volunteers to help organize the events so if you can help please contact the Parish Clerk.



WILDLIFE CORRIDOR



Chaddesley Woods

As part of the process of gathering information for the new Neighbourhood Development Plan, the Parish Council commissioned the Worcestershire Biological Records Office to identify and provide document evidence to support the existence of three Wildlife Corridors across the parish- these are; Chaddesley Wood and part of Feckenham Forest, the course of Hockley and Elmley Brook,

and Beiney Brook to Drayton and Hillpool and the edge of Bissell Wood. These corridors are shown on a Site Map which will be included in the new Neighbourhood Plan.

It is also possible to identify additional green corridors which link the wildlife corridors. These corridors need to be protected from any future development.

The Biological Records for the parish are extensive

and also include evidence of Protected Species. This particular data base is regularly updated and parishioners are invited to report relevant sightings of species to the Worcestershire Biological Records Centre which is based at Smite Farm. Please contact records@wbrc.org.uk

with any new information.

Biological Records are also available on our website.

BROADBAND

Last year a small group of keen residents applied for an earlier version of the Government Gigabit Voucher scheme, enabling households in Dorhall, Woodrow and Hillpool to upgrade to full fibre internet connections, with the potential for up to

1,000 Mbps download speeds! A similar scheme is also underway for residents of Drayton, which should be complete later this year.

What's the situation for the rest of the Parish? We're no longer eligible for the Voucher scheme,

and coverage across the UK generally seems to be a patchwork of different approaches. There is a possibility that another commercial provider may be interested in providing a fibre network, but residents would need to switch internet provider.

The County Council continues to work with the Government to identify which areas could be upgraded through commercial schemes, and which will need Government funding, with the aim of getting 85% UK coverage by 2025. Watch this space!

Community Speed Watch

Community Speed Watch (CSW) schemes are coordinated by the police but managed and run by volunteers in the community. The scheme enables local people to take an active role in road safety and make their community safer. The aim of CSW is NOT to catch as many speeding drivers as possible. It aims to encourage motorists to drive at a safe and appropriate speed, reduce speed in areas of concern,

re-educate drivers about the dangers of speeding and address concerns from local residents about cars speeding. We now have sufficient volunteers to set up a Chaddesley Corbett Speed Watch in areas where there is a 30 or 40 mph restriction, and on sites agreed with West Mercia Police and Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

Don't be surprised if you see the team around, and make sure it is not you who is caught speeding!



Wildflower and Tree Planting Project

Chaddesley Parish Council have embarked upon a programme of tree and wildflower planting on several verges around the Parish thanks to a few volunteers, the bulb planting has been completed & we just to have to wait until the Spring to see some of the results.

As part of this project, and thanks to a generous donation from a member of the parish, 4 trees have been planted behind the bus

shelter on Briar Hill. One of these trees is to commemorate the life of Sir Captain Tom Moore who as you know raised more than £38m for our NHS.

A second tree is to honour our very own World War II veteran pilot, Eric Carter (1920-2021).

Winterfold and Chaddesley Schools were each asked to prepare a Time Capsule to bury under the trees, and we

were surprised how much information the children were able to assemble to put in their Capsules.

Picture on right shows pupils from Chaddesley school planting bulbs and plugs in the Community Orchard.

Plug planting will continue and we are pleased to do what we can to improve our environment for future generations



Reece Hallatt & Dean Shepherd of Hyde Hives Chaddesley Corbett with the Bug Hotel that has been erected in the Community Orchard

CHADDESLEY CARE CAFE

The Care Café re-opened in September 2021 with entertainment from our very own David Hislop and Andy Plank – always well received. In October we had a record number of guests to listen to the Kidderminster Male Choir. The long awaited visit of

the Bluebird Bells took place in November to commemorate Remembrance Day, which transported us back to the 1940's. In December Chaddesley Voices led the singing of Christmas Carols. An exciting programme of events is being prepared for 2022.

The Care Café is designed to help those suffering from Dementia or other illnesses, including loneliness. Everyone is welcome to come along on the second Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall (subject to Covid), helpers and carers are also welcome.



Bluebird Bells at Care Café

POLICE –NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS

We are delighted to launch Neighbourhood Matters – our brand new community messaging service. Through Neighbourhood Matters you can sign up for local police alerts; receive information about crime in your area, find out about drop-in sessions, answer surveys, and more. Sign up now by visiting <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>

COVID AND LOCAL SERVICES

We were just recovering from this awful Pandemic, only to start restrictions again due to the new variant. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for the excellent support provided by the community over the last 18 months and to remind you that they are still there! Most things can be obtained locally from Rowberry's, Londis Petrol Station, The Village Butchers, The Flower Show, The Salon and various farm shops, and our pubs still offer a wide range of food and drink. Please support our local shops if we want to retain them in the village for the future. Many of them still do home deliveries free of charge.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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Christine Finnegan	Steve Williams

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We would also like to thank our volunteers for collecting rubbish around the Parish. If any one would like to volunteer & get involved with planting or litter picking we would love to hear from you.

VISIT THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR DATES OF MEETINGS, AGENDA, MINUTES ETC AND LOTS MORE LOCAL INFORMATION INCLUDING 'VISIT CHADDESLEY'

The Here2Help Community Services Directory In September 2021, Here2Help launched its Community Services Directory as part of its wider service to help residents search for a range of services and support offered by charities, community groups, businesses, public sector groups and other organisations in their local area and across the whole of Worcestershire. These services include mental health and wellbeing, financial advice, assistance and supplies, volunteering opportunities, recreation activities and much more. Visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help for more information.

It is make or break time for our local Post Office in Rowberry's Nurseries. If you want to keep a local Post Office you must use it, or lose it.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SERVICES

Great to see that common sense prevailed and we now have a shiny new postbox outside St Cassians Church, with a 4:45 pm collection Monday to Friday and 10:30 am on Saturday. Many thanks to our MP Mark Garnier who helped to get the service restored.

The Parish Council still have burial and cremation plots available for pre-purchase. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

