

# NEWSLETTER April 2025

## Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council Burial Ground.

We still have burial and cremation plots available for Purchase. Pre-sale Plots are also available. Contact the Clerk for more Information.

### Did you Know?

Everyone is welcome to attend our **Parish Council meetings!** If there's something on your mind, whether it's a local issue, a community concern, or an idea to improve our parish, we may be able to help. The public is given **three minutes** to share their views during the meeting, providing a great opportunity to have your voice heard!

## Exciting Progress! New Pavement on the A448

We're delighted to share that work on the new pavement along the A448 is moving forward! This long awaited improvement will make a real difference to accessibility and safety in our community.

A huge thank you to Cllr Marcus Hart for his dedication and hard work in driving this project forward. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

## Flooding Issues – We Are Taking Action

we recognise that flooding continues to be a major concern for residents, particularly in areas like Drayton, Egg Lane, and Fox Lane. Please know that we are actively working with Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Highways to address these issues. We will continue to push for long-term solutions to ensure the safety and well being of our community.

We appreciate your patience and encourage residents to continue reporting flooding concerns so we can advocate for action.

## Keeping our bells ringing

To keep the bells ringing in Chaddesley Corbett we need more ringers, now! Without new ringers you may not hear the bells for Sunday service, weddings, and special occasions, within a couple of years. To an outsider, bell ringing may sound boring, but it is far from that. It's a very social hobby, with ringers coming from all walks of life and you don't need to be religious. Once you have learnt the basics, you can visit other churches and join in with their ringing. So, if you fancy doing something new, or would just like to have a look, come along to the church any Wednesday night – we ring from 7.30pm to 9pm. No need to book, just turn up and have a look. If you would rather chat with someone first, then our tower captain Nicky Piper (07754 407095) will be more than happy to give you further details or call into The Village Butcher and speak with our deputy Mark Page (07989 338803).

**Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council's AGM will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7pm. At Chaddesley Corbett's Village Hall.**

Monthly meeting dates for 2025.

**Come along and join us!**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

## Local Nature recovery strategy - Light Pollution

We live in a beautiful rural Parish with wonderful access to nature, including sites of special scientific interest. We also have B Lines designated through Chaddesley. B-Lines are a series of 'insect pathways' running through Worcestershire's countryside and towns. They act like stepping-stones, linking existing wildlife areas together, creating a larger network that will weave across the British landscape.

We need to protect these areas & B Lines but unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in light pollution within the Parish which can have an adverse affect not just on people but this is also impacting on animals, disrupting their fundamental behaviours, reproductive cycles, and ultimately, their survival.

Insects, a critical component of most ecosystems, are among the most severely affected by light pollution. Many nocturnal insects are attracted to artificial lights, a phenomenon known as the "vacuum cleaner effect." This attraction leads to **exhaustion**, **desiccation**, and **predation**, ultimately depleting local insect populations. The loss of insect biomass has severe consequences for other species that depend on them for food, such as birds, bats, and amphibians. Furthermore, many insects use the moon for navigation, and lighting can disorient and confuse them, leading to significant mortality. For instance, moths, which play a crucial role in pollination, are particularly vulnerable to light traps, directly harming plant reproduction and biodiversity.

How you can help limit light pollution

### 1. Only install outdoor lights if really needed.

The best way to prevent light pollution is to avoid the use of any outdoor lights.

### 2. Use white light low-energy LED lamps.

Avoid orange or pink sodium lights which have an urbanising effect and are less energy efficient.

### 3. Ensure all outdoor lights are fully shielded\* and directed downwards.

(\*enclosed in 'full cut-off flat glass' fitments so that no glass is visible beneath the lamp's cover)

### 4. Only switch on outdoor lights when absolutely necessary.

Avoid 'dusk to dawn' lamps and use 'PIR' movement sensor lights or time switches instead.

### 5. Close Your Curtains:

To prevent light from spilling out of your home, make sure to close your curtains or blinds at night.

Educate Others: Talk to your neighbours and friends about light pollution. Share information on the importance of responsible lighting practices.

## A Special Thank You to Our Community Heroes!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the local residents who go the extra mile to make our parish a better place. A special mention to Ken, who not only painted and refurbished the local bench but also took the time to add and care for beautiful planters. Your hard work has truly brightened up our village!

A big thank you as well to Jackie and Susan, whose fantastic decorations at the bus stop for Christmas and Halloween brought joy to so many. And Mandy for her Nativity display by the church. Your creativity and thoughtfulness added a wonderful festive touch and embodied the true spirit of our community.

It's the small acts of kindness and dedication like these that make Chaddesley Corbett such a special place to live. Thank you all!



## FIBRE INTERNET CONNECTIONS FOR EVERYONE – COMING SOON?

It's roughly 7 years since all of Chaddesley's green street cabinets received optical fibre connections. That improved internet speeds for most locations – but less so if you lived some distance from the nearest cabinet!

Since then, a few settlements in the Parish have used a government voucher scheme to get optical fibre connections directly to homes and businesses. Take up was variable, though, leaving a patchwork of coverage. For example, residents in Harvington, Tanwood and even the Village are yet to receive home fibre connections.

This is a national problem. To try and remedy it, in 2021 Government launched 'Project Gigabit' to let wide-area contracts aimed at the 20% of mostly rural premises unlikely to be reached by commercial roll-outs. On 3 January 2025 Worcestershire County Council (WCC) was finally able to announce that the Government had awarded a contract worth around £41m to Openreach to upgrade roughly 24,000 eligible premises across the County. From discussions with the Project Manager for the County's 'Superfast Worcestershire' project, we understand that:

- Openreach will now carry out a detailed survey to confirm exactly which premises will be included. This is expected to take around 6 months.
- It is expected that the contract will capture all but the absolutely most remote/expensive ones to upgrade. Chaddesley is not expected to be among 'the hardest to reach'.
- It is estimated that the work will start toward the end of this year, with the majority spanning 2026-28. As soon the County Council has more information, they will publicise it and share it with communities.

So much in the world has changed since the green cabinets were upgraded - a decent internet connection is now really essential. Hopefully this new contract represents good news for all of our 'not spots'!

Of course, the Parish also has plenty of 'not spots' for mobile phone coverage; another issue that the Parish Council is exploring opportunities to address. One way or another, the Council will continue to press for better connectivity for the whole Parish.

## What's on ...at the Village Hall

Maybe you'd like to join a class?

Or hire a room?

**For Bookings or more information: Email: [corbettchaddesley@gmail.com](mailto:corbettchaddesley@gmail.com)**

**Telephone: 07791508283**

### **Mondays**

Pilates – 3 x Classes 9.30am – 12.30pm

Wyre Forest Taekwondo 5pm – 6pm

Hoop A Roo 7pm – 8pm

### **Tuesdays**

Baby & Toddler Group 9.45 – 11.45am

Yoga 10am – 11.30am (upstairs)

DP Active – Legs Bums and Tums 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Voices – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month 7.30pm – 10pm.

### **Wednesdays**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month – Chaddesley Corbett Women's Institute 7.30pm – 10pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every Month – Care Café 1.30pm – 4pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every Month – Gardening Club 7- 9pm.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month – Chaddesley Corbett Local History Society 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month – Chaddesley Corbett Women's Institute Crafts Club 7.30pm- 10pm

### **Thursdays**

Zumba 6.30pm – 7.15pm

Age UK "Move More" 2.30pm-3.30pm

Yoga 6.30pm-8pm (upstairs)

### **Friday's**

Seated Exercise 11am-12pm

## Exciting Progress on Allotment Land Purchase

We are pleased to share that significant progress has been made in securing the allotment land. Thanks to a Levelling Up grant extended twice, and support from the National Lottery Fund, we are closer than ever to finalising the purchase. The final hurdle is now the land registration process with the Worcestershire Diocese, which we are eagerly awaiting. While time is of the essence, we remain optimistic and will update you as soon as we have more news. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed and supported this effort, it is truly appreciated!

**Neighbourhood Matters is a free service from the police that keeps you informed about issues affecting our community. By signing up, you'll receive alerts tailored to your area, helping to keep you and your neighbours safe.**

To register, visit <https://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/#SignUp>

or contact your local police team for more information. Stay connected and help make our community a safer place!

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Parish Council**

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If you would like to get in touch please contact the Parish Clerk, Rachel Jefferies.

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Don't Forget to Grab Your Copy of the **Parish Magazine!**

Stay up to date with all the latest news, events, and local updates by picking up your copy of the Chaddesley Corbett Parish Magazine.

£1 per copy or 12 issues for just £10!

Available at the local Village Butchers. Don't miss out on community news, upcoming events, and important local contacts!

Contact Gel Walton to order your copy!

**01562 777 640**

If you would like to include an article or advert in the Parish Magazine please contact [rich.vale@outlook.com](mailto:rich.vale@outlook.com)

### **Your Parish Councillors**

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**Vice Chairman - David Thomas**

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