



TICKNALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to our 74th newsletter

Date of meetings:

Tuesday 16th May – Parish Council **Annual Meeting** – at 7.00pm followed by the **Annual Parish Meeting** – at 8.00pm. The Annual Parish Meeting is the meeting where local people are encouraged to come along to hear what the Parish Council and local groups report on the past year's activities. Copies of the agenda can be found on the Parish Council website: www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk

Local Council Elections 4th May 2023



Voting for your district and Parish Councillors will take place on 4th May. Seven candidates are standing for 6 places on the Parish Council, so please come out and vote. Remember that you will need to bring identification with you.

St. George's Church – Flower Festival May 1st from 11.30am to 4.00pm

The church will be decorated specially for the Coronation of King Charles. The church will be open on Monday May 1st from 11.30 to 4pm for light refreshments. This will coincide with The Village Fete.

Jenny Stewart writes Church Choir/Pianist/Organist

The church choir is growing in numbers and this is great. New singers are very welcome. We meet on Thursday evenings at 5.30pm for just an hour. We sing at the first two services each month and on all special occasions.

If you are a singer or musician and would like to come and join us. Please speak to Jenny Stewart,

Choir Leader on 01332 862682. We would love to see some young people, girls and boys. If you are able to play the piano or the organ / or other instrument and would like a try, that would be excellent. Or if you know of anyone else who might be interested in helping out or taking on the position of organist, ask them to contact Jenny.

Dame Catherine Harpur School village fete Monday 1st May, 11am to 4pm.



Come along for crafts, children's activities, stalls, games, art exhibition, food and drinks. Free entry. All welcome.



Coronation of King Charles III

The Parish Council has formed a committee to organise some events for the weekend of 6th May, 7th May and 8th May, so that the people of Ticknall can celebrate the Coronation together. On 6th May we plan to show the coronation on a screen in the village hall and serve a brunch to those attending. On the 7th May the plan is to have a picnic on the village hall grounds. More information on separate flyer.



New Play Equipment

To commemorate the centenary of Ticknall Recreation Ground in 2022 the Johnson family, whose long history in the lumber and sawmill industry that thrives in Vermont USA, donated the Climbing Frame, see-saw and Springer in memory of their father Andrew. Andrew Johnson inherited the Harpur Crewe Estate in 1999 from his great, great Grandfather Edmund Harpur Crewe, brother of Sir George Harpur Crewe. Please take your children onto The Grange to enjoy all of the equipment.



Community Orchard

To commemorate the Queen's platinum jubilee, and to support Her late Majesty's vision for a 'green canopy' of trees to be planted across the UK, we are creating a community orchard in Ticknall. The National Trust has kindly agreed, in conjunction with the current tenant, to allow the use of Archway field for the planting of trees. This will be a lasting legacy of a special year - creating much needed orchard habitat, which is in itself threatened, preserving heritage fruit trees and offering a space for quiet contemplation for the residents of Ticknall. Trees have been planted and two benches have been put in for somewhere to sit.

The orchard would not have been possible without the valuable help of The National Trust, grants of £3000 from The National Forest, and £300 each from the Ticknall Preservation & Historical Society, and the Ticknall Bellringers, which enabled us to plant trees, provide two seats, and a new farm and pedestrian gate at the orchard. Our grateful thanks also go to the volunteers who planted trees and religiously watered these by hand. The Parish Council thanks everyone involved. We plan to plant more trees this year.



Enjoying the orchard and the view.

Take a walk to the orchard, which is at the top of Bantons Lane.

Defibrillator

Another defibrillator will be installed, into the red telephone box on High Street, which is now the property of the Parish Council. This new defibrillator will bring the number of defibrillators available in the village to three. The High Street one, one on the back of the village hall, both owned by the Parish Council, and one attached to the front of the pavilion on The Grange, which is owned by Ticknall Cricket Club, but which is available for use by anyone. See instructions on how to use a defibrillator, at the end of this newsletter.

Chairman's Overview of the Annual Report April 2023

Things are slowly returning to normal but dealing with the agencies that affect our daily lives is much slower than two years ago. The issue with the public toilets is still ongoing, planning requests are taking longer to be responded to but generally we are faring reasonably well as a village. As a Parish Council we are mindful of our responsibility to act in the best interests of the village, we are able to fulfil our obligation in maintaining The Grange and also supporting the Village Hall. That said I am pleased that we have not had to increase our precept this year.

Traffic through the village still remains a concern but the reality is that there are too many cars on the roads everywhere and public transport needs a radical overhaul. The temporary traffic restrictions were implemented last March, reviewed by Derbyshire County Council in September when it was decided to make the scheme permanent. We are still monitoring the drainage system through the village, reporting problems when they occur to the relevant agencies but they appear to be coping well with the increased rainfall that we have had over the past few years.

We were able to have the carols round the tree which was well attended as usual. As I write we are putting the finishing touches to the Coronation Celebrations that will be held in May. Following the success of the Platinum Jubilee weekend in June 2022, I am sure this will be another great weekend for all the village to enjoy. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us.

On May 4th the Parish Council stands for election. Two of our councillors are not standing this time, Alan Buxton and Nigel Picken. I want to thank both Alan and Nigel, but especially Nigel who has been on the Council since 2011, several years as Chairman. It would be remiss not to place on record our grateful thanks to him for his service that he has given to the Community for the past twelve years.

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Precept

The Parish Council requested a precept of £13500.00.

Planning

The Parish Council has been consulted by South Derbyshire District Council on 31 planning applications over the year.

Maintenance of the Pavilion and The Grange

We have honoured the lease we have with South Derbyshire District Council on The Grange by carrying out repairs and maintenance of the Pavilion and The Grange at a cost of £5873. Councillor Colleyshaw continues to carry out two weekly safety inspections of The Grange and of the play equipment.

Full details of all cricket fixtures are on the Cricket Club website www.ticknall.play-cricket.com. everyone is welcome at The Grange to enjoy great cricket, full bar, sky sports, free Wi-Fi.

Parish Council Newsletter

We have produced a quarterly newsletter for over 18 years now which we use to inform parishioners what the Parish Council is doing, to pass on information from South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council and other organisations. We publicise events held by groups that use Ticknall Village Hall, St. George's Church, Ticknall Methodist Chapel and other local groups. Any local group is welcome to put in any information if space allows.

The newsletter is now available online at the Parish Council's website www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk
The Parish Council also has a Facebook page: Ticknall PC.

Christmas Eve Carol Singing

Fortunately, the Parish Council was able to hold the Christmas Eve Carol Singing event this year again. We

collected £144.41. We topped this up to £400.00 and gave a donation St. George's Church and Ticknall Methodist Chapel of £200 each.

Donations and Grants

We made donations this year of £1330 to local charities, and £75 to the Poppy Appeal for the provision of a wreath.

This year the Parish Council applied for and was granted £3000 from the National Forest for the provision of a community orchard. Our thanks go to local person Jennie Lloyd for asking the Parish Council to consider the idea of the orchard for the Queen's Green Canopy as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our thanks also go to Jennie, The National Trust for providing the land and the tenants of the land for generously giving their blessing, the Ticknall Preservation & Historical Society, and the Ticknall Bellringers for donating £300 each towards the project. Thanks also go to the volunteers who generously gave their time to plant and water the trees

Accounts 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

The unaudited accounts and all the supporting documents relating to the accounts can be inspected by any member of the electorate at any reasonable time arranged with the Clerk, between Monday 5th June and Friday 14th July 2023. You also can exercise your rights as electors with regard to the annual accounts of the Parish Council and question the auditors PKF Littlejohn about any items in the accounts under the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 by contacting PKF Littlejohn (REF: SBA Team), in writing, at the following address:

1 Westferry Circus
Canary Wharf
LONDON, E14 4HD

Summary of Accounts: 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Balance at 1 st April 2022:	£32554
Annual Precept	£13500.00
Total other receipts	£11946
Total	£58000
Staff Costs	£3957
Total other payments	£20018
Balance at 31st March 2023	£34025

Included in the payments this year are £5873 spent on The Grange and pavilion, and £1405 on grants and donations.

Celia Bunston, Clerk to the Council – AnnualReport23

Reporting Potholes

Potholes are persistent and annoying. If you spot a pothole near you, you can report this by using Derbyshire County Council's website on a page dedicated to potholes. When the Parish Council has reported potholes, we have found that DCC respond promptly. To report a pothole, type into your search engine, Derbyshire County Council Potholes and you will be taken straight to the page.

Overhanging trees and foliage

Would you please cut back any trees or foliage overhanging the pavement. Trying to pass these as a pedestrian is very difficult, and often forces people to step off the pavement which can be very dangerous in Ticknall. Thank you.

County Councillor David Muller – Community Fund

Councillor Muller has a community fund at his disposal, so if the Parish Council or any local groups want to purchase anything for the community, then let him know on david.muller@derbyshire.gov.uk

Useful Information

South Derbyshire District Council can be contacted on 01283 221000, www.south-derbys.gov.uk for the following: Planning Permission, Clean Team, Bus Shelters, Council Tax collection, Concessionary fares, Environmental Health, Housing, refuse collections, Register of electors, Street Cleaning. For any rubbish that has been dumped etc. and you want removing phone: 0800 5872349.

Derbyshire County Council can be contacted on 01629 580000, www.derbyshire.gov.uk for any of the following: Education, Libraries, Social Services, Street Lighting, Highways and Pavements, Potholes.

District Councillors details:

Details for these will be inserted after the election.

County Councillor details:

County Councillor David Muller
DCC tel: 07773 744704, Home tel: 07415 720360
email: david.muller@derbyshire.gov.uk

Local MP

Heather Wheeler MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Tel: 0207 219 3000
email: heather.wheeler.mp@parliament.uk

Parish Councillors:

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Parish Clerk

Celia Bunston
4 Slade Farm, Rose Lane, Ticknall, DE73 7LB
Tel: 865226. Email: clerk@ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk
Website: www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk

Police

- Facebook – send a private message to Derbyshire Constabulary Main Facebook page
- Twitter – direct message our contact centre via @DerPolContact
- Website – There crime reporting tools on our website or use our online contact form
- Phone – call us on 101.
- Local Police Community Support Officer for Ticknall
Tel: 0345 123 3333

Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or go online

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

To report obstructions on the road, e.g., inappropriate parking, fallen trees etc Tel: 101

Severn Trent Water Floodline 0800 783 4444

Highway Flooding highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk

Severn Trent Water - the call centre is 03457 500 500 – we should inform residents who have water or Sewerage issues to call them direct. Even if adjacent residents have called it in!

You can find further Parish Council information on the Parish Council website,

www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk

Defibrillator use:

- telephone 999 immediately.
- The operator will take details and send an ambulance.
- If on hearing the patient's symptoms, the operator decides that the defibrillator is required, you will be told its location (back wall of the village hall), and the code number to open the box.
- Remove both the defibrillator and the accompanying package from the box and take it to the patient.
- Open the defibrillator and you will be given full spoken instructions from the defibrillator on how to use it

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