

# TICKNALL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome to our 82<sup>nd</sup> newsletter

### **Date of meetings:**

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm. All are welcome. Agendas can be found on the Parish Council website:

[www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## **TICKNALL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT, MAY 2025**

### **Chairs' Overview of Ticknall Parish Council Annual Report May 2025**

This is my first Chair's overview of an annual report since taking over from Paul Colleyshaw's experienced and committed leadership last May. It's been useful to be able to reflect on what the Parish Council has done and how important it is to have such a strong and energetic team as we are fortunate to have.

Firstly, achievements this year. The new resurgent Speedwatch team under the watchful eye of Councillor David Scott undertook regular checks at a number of sites in the village over the Spring and summer and are due to restart soon.

We had another joyful Christmas Eve Carol event around the village tree and donations allowed us to give a Christmas gift to both St George's Church and Ticknall Methodist Chapel. This tradition stretches back over 100 years and during WW1 and beyond donations were made at the event to St Vincent's charity for those who lost their sight through war or emergency service.

We now have a fourth defibrillator in the village with half of the cost being received from a scheme run by charity LondonHearts and the DHSC and the site and ongoing electricity costs from Mr Johnson and the Harpur Crewe estate. We are currently looking for a site at the Ashby Road end of the village and at a solar power source which Mr Johnson has offered to provide.

A welcome leaflet for new residents, also to be used for up-to-date information on local groups and activities is now available. It will be circulated to all

residents with the newsletter approximately annually and to all new residents we hear of.

Putting this together reminded us of what a thriving community we have and recent highlights include the continued Produce Show at the end of the summer, the new Ticknall Environment Group just getting off the ground, Village quizzes of varying sorts and sources and the revitalised village fete. These and much more are all run by local groups or are initiatives by villagers who get together and push them forward. The Parish Council can give advice about sources of grants and funding as needed.

As you know there was a small increase in the parish precept this year (see clerk's report below). This enables us to support the Village Hall and to ensure upkeep and maintenance of our beautiful village. The Village Hall is independent of the Parish Council and is run as a community asset and charity by a separate board of trustees. It is much admired by those who visit.

The Grange and Pavilion are other assets which we are careful to maintain for use by all. They are owned by the Harpur Crewe Estate and at present managed by long-term leases and subleases with rent being paid by the cricket club for their use, the whole of the recreation ground grass being maintained by the cricket club over and above that which they use for their purposes. We have recently overseen a review and maintenance of boundaries, ditches, hedging and fencing which is our responsibility. The play equipment is for the use of all. Security of the land and buildings and safety are taken very seriously. Finally, I wanted to ask the question always used in these circumstances – the old JFK quote – *"Ask not what can your village do for you, but what can you do for your village"*. Simply a reminder that we can all do things in a small way that's not time-consuming – supporting events at the village hall and in the village, plus the old chestnuts (no pun intended) of picking up pinecones when you see them, clearing away pine needles and keeping overhanging trees, foliage, ivy etc clear of footpaths and verges. Joining Speedwatch!

Please come and see how your Parish Council works and what we can and can't do – meetings are open to the public and the minutes are on our website. And what a fantastic place we all live in; we are so fortunate.

*Chair, Ticknall Parish Council 2024-2025*

### **TICKNALL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25 Precept**

The Parish Council requested a precept of £17000.00, for the year 2025 to 2026, which was a £3500 increase on the previous year. The Parish Council agreed to increase it to support the Village Hall, which is struggling financially, through lack of bookings, with a grant of £6000 in 2024-2025. We also received a Government Grant of £822.00.

### **Planning**

The Parish Council has been consulted by South Derbyshire District Council on 27 planning applications over the year. The latest one received was to refurbish The Wheel Inn, which has been vacant for some years. Hopefully the work will be done without delay and a new tenant put in place.

### **Maintenance of the Pavilion and The Grange**

The sub-lease of The Grange recreation field, from South Derbyshire District Council, came to an end in March 2025.

Over the past year, we have honoured the sub-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 £4047.00. Councillor Colleyshaw continues to carry out two weekly safety inspections of The Grange and of the play equipment.

The Grange Recreation field is currently hired by Ticknall Cricket Club but it is open to all residents, and the ground and pavilion is available for sports.

Full details of all cricket fixtures are on the Cricket Club website [www.ticknall.play-cricket.com](http://www.ticknall.play-cricket.com). everyone is welcome at The Grange to enjoy great cricket and enjoy the bar facilities.

### **Parish Council Newsletter**

We have produced a quarterly newsletter for over 20 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](http://www.ticknallparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **Christmas Eve Carol Singing**

The Councillors were able to hold the Christmas Eve Carol Singing event this year again. We collected £213.46 from your generous donations. The Parish Council 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 £1053 to local charities, £6000.00 to Ticknall Village Hall and £75 to the Poppy Appeal for the provision of a wreath.

### **Community Orchard**

We have continued to maintain the trees. A couple of trees need replacing, which will be done in the coming year. Thanks to the volunteers who continue to monitor and maintain the trees.

### **Defibrillator**

The Parish Council has acquired another defibrillator for the village, which is sited on Main Street, making 4 defibrillators now available in Ticknall. One is on High Street in the red telephone box, one is on the back of the village hall, and there is a defibrillator supplied by Ticknall Cricket Club mounted on the pavilion on the recreation field, which is also available for all to use.

The new defibrillator cost £1500, the Parish Council paid £750, the remainder was donated by the charity that supplied the defibrillator. Mr. Johnson of the Harpur Crewe Estate, kindly gave his permission to mount it on the wall of the barn adjacent to the electricity sub-station on Main Street, and supply the source of electricity needed to maintain the defibrillator.

### **Speed Watch**

Although, an appeal was made for more volunteers for the upcoming speed watch campaign, nobody came forward, Councillor Scott and his team from last year, started again in April. Our appreciation goes to those who have agreed to carry on this year.

### **Replacement seat on Ashby Road**

The seat at The Green, on Ashby Road, has rotted and it is planned to replace it. The Ticknall Preservation & Historical Society has donated £500 to the Parish Council for a replacement seat, and to maintain other seats in Ticknall that need refurbishment.

### **Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

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 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

June and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025. 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:

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Summary of Accounts:  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024:	£29205.00
Annual Precept	£17000.00
Total other receipts	£12777.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£58982.00</b>
Staff Costs	£4320.00
Total other payments	£20412.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£24732.00</b>
<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025</b>	<b>£34250.00</b>

Included in the payments this year are £4047.00 spent on The Grange and pavilion, and £6000 donation to Ticknall Village Hall, £1128 on other grants and donations.

*Celia Bunston, Clerk to the Council – AnnualReport25*

### Your Village Needs You!



Can you spare an hour per week to assist our Speed watch group here in Ticknall. We have had a lot of success in educating the drivers coming to, and passing through our wonderful village. We start again in the spring, and would warmly welcome new volunteers. Training will be given, and it is a great way to meet other villagers and put a little back. Please contact Councillor David Scott on 07966 226648 or email on [d\\_scott29@sky.com](mailto:d_scott29@sky.com)  
Thank You.

### Ticknall22 WI

It's that time of year when 'spring is sprung' and everyone feels creative. Planting flowers, making plans, spring cleaning and everything else in-between.

Ticknall22 WI have been working with our village community and friends, and a local business, to create our artistic Flower Plaque and Art Installation. We wanted to draw attention to the part of the garden adjacent to the Ticknall Village Hall which is maintained by Ticknall22 WI and, in doing so, highlight the benefits of a building that unites many local groups and draws other people to our beautiful village.



Many thanks to Allan Griffin from Church Lane for the building process. Equally Pete Lewsey of Wood Burner Installation, Melbourne who supplied the slate pedestal and who helped Allan during the construction.

Afterwards, Ros and Carol dug the ground and planted the flowers. (More to be planted.)

I made the ceramic plaque.

It was a team, community and business project.

Thank you everyone who supported our efforts.

Maria Picken, Ticknall Pottery,  
Ticknall22 WI Committee member.

### TICKNALL 2025 BOOK

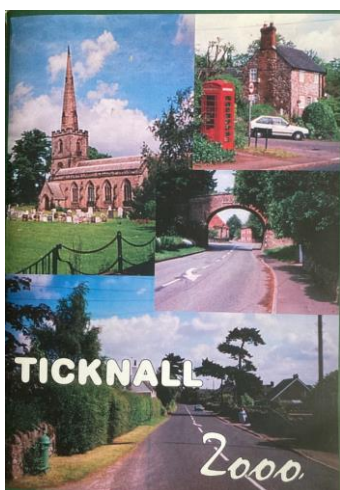
#### Tanya Card writes:

As part of the millennium celebrations the people of Ticknall created a book "Ticknall 2000 – The People Of

Our Village” recording the village, the people and their activities. For those residents lucky enough to have a copy, it is a fascinating read. Twenty-five years later we are going to create an updated version, “Ticknall 2025”.

A volunteer will be knocking on your door between April and July, asking if you would like to participate – we understand that not everyone will. The volunteers are Andrea Hancock, Gaynor Ballard, Graham Truscott, Jane Briggs, Jane Brown, Jenny Ellis, Jeremy West and Tanya Card. They’ll be asking some questions about your family and your house and take a photo. This information will be used to create a new book, Ticknall 2025, which will be available to buy.

If you have any questions, please email [ticknall2025@gmail.com](mailto:ticknall2025@gmail.com). We’ll keep you updated with progress and how to buy a copy later in the year.



### Coffee Club

Thank you to everyone that came from far and wide to our Easter Coffee Morning for Parkinson’s UK. We raised an amazing £914. We do serve delicious cakes and savouries.

Coffee Club takes place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10.30am. and everyone is welcome.

Dates as follows

May 20th. Please note May 6th cancelled.

June 3rd and 17th

July 1st and 15th

Enquiries to Mary Magson 07814 113125.

### Dates for your diary:

#### St. George’s Church:

May

3rd-5<sup>th</sup> - Flower Festival

8<sup>th</sup> - 6.30 p.m. V.E. Day service

10<sup>th</sup> - Come and Sing Vivaldi’s Requiem, with Derby Bach Choir

18<sup>th</sup> - AGM after service

29<sup>th</sup> - 7.30 p.m. Ascension Day joint benefice eucharist.

### Ticknall22 WI

Second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in Ticknall Village Hall.

11<sup>th</sup> June - A talk by Irita Marriott, Antiques expert and celebrity.

For further information about the evening, please email [Ticknall22WI@dfwi.co.uk](mailto:Ticknall22WI@dfwi.co.uk) numbers strictly limited.

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#### 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 (red telephone box on High Street, and 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.