

CLERK'S REPORT JULY 2024

HIGHWAYS:



Footpaths exiting onto Dozule Close. The final part of these paths have been surfaced by Gloucestershire County Council (LSPC paid for them to be finished with top stone), the vegetation has been cleared and the hoop from the Kissing Gate removed making it a simple pedestrian gate, vastly improving the access and safety.

Downton Road – The hedge running up Downton Road was cut back.

Vehicle Recording Camera – this is now been progressed and it is envisaged that the new pole and camera will be installed soon. I am awaiting to have a further site meeting to confirm the *location and additional signage. *Bath Road/Wesley Road.

Bin outside St Swithuns Church bus stop – I attended a site meeting with the Officer from Stroud District Council who has agreed to remove the bin. It was noted that the bin was predominantly being used to dispose of dog waste bags and that as there was a dog waste bin around the corner in Gypsy Lane, then this could be utilised instead.

Bath Road, Leonard Stanley (between Church Road and The Street)

This road will be closed (as per the attached plan) from 0930 13/09/2024 to 1530 13/09/2024 to allow for pole replacement works by BT.

Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained.

If you should require further information please email streetworks@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Biodiversity Group –The Group has requested a habitat and species record from the Gloucestershire Centre for Environment. Rebecca from Stroud District Council has shared a training seminar.

A further meeting is being arranged for this month, which will be held in the Pavilion.

LS Village Hall Annual General Meeting. Tuesday 16th July 2024 7.30pm

“You are very welcome to attend, safe in the knowledge that the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary are willing to continue in office!

Chairman Richard is currently extremely busy working to obtain the best possible grants to bring the roof replacement and associated improvements into fruition. He will report on progress.

We also seek a report from our Social Club partners, our tenants next door. It is run independently by a separate team with whom we enjoy a good working relationship. The success of the Social Club, as well as providing another local venue for villagers, is crucial to the success of the Village Hall as they pay us rent!

Treasurer Bobbie is always busy ensuring all our responsibilities are dealt with and paid for – more of them than you’d imagine – and the year-end accounts are professionally audited.

Manager Penny is similarly kept busy seeking/establishing new hirers and dealing with numerous in-house issues as they arise, loyally supported by our cleaner and caretaker.

As Secretary, I maintain the records and make an Annual Return to the Charity Commission and file a Trustees Annual Report on behalf of the 6 Trustees whose role is to oversee the safe and legal running of the Village Hall.

Fundraising remains vital and the recent Quiz added another £500 to the roof fund – huge thanks to the great generosity of all concerned!

We hope you can support the following events in some way – spread the word too please.

FUTURE LOCAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Saturday 13th JULY A joint VH/SC event. AUCTION OF GOODS & PROMISES. There will be a family afternoon/BBQ when goods for auction can be viewed before the auction itself in the evening. That should be a fun and entertaining evening as there will be something for everyone to bid on and take home.

Saturday 27th JULY DOG SHOW WITH STALLS ON THE FIELD AND INSIDE THE VH – Refreshments in VH – Dog Shows are extremely popular and thanks to Five Valleys Dog Training School we shall have another great day.”

**Annual General Meeting of the Gloucestershire Association of Local Councils
Saturday 20 July**

Registration from 9.45am Proceedings to commence 10.30am, Highnam Community Centre

Guest Speaker: Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive NALC (National Association of Local Councils) on the association's relationship with GAPTC, its advocacy work and the national agenda.

Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens near Stroud, Tetbury, & Malmesbury for July, 2024

There are a number of warden-led walks coming up within easy reach of these towns. There is no need to book and there is no charge for joining the walks, 'though there is a box for a voluntary contribution towards materials for our work on footpath maintenance. Walks start usually at 10.00 am. & will return to the starting point. A packed lunch is advisable. Additional details are on the Cotswold National Landscape (formerly AONB) website.

July, 2024

Wednesday, 17th July, 2024-..... Shipton's Grave

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **5.5 MILES**

Start point: KING GEORGE V (KGV) PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK OFF PARK RD AND WOOD LA, NAILSWORTH.

Starting gently but then descending before a wooded climb but easing to a more gentle stroll before returning to pass the alleged grave of one Mr Shipton then descending the delightful bridleway back to the start.

Thursday, 18th July, 2024-..... Finding Water and Nanny Farmer's Bottom!

Start: 10:00 am Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **4.0 HOURS** Distance: **7.5 MILES**

Start point: NEWARK PARK NATIONAL TRUST CAR PARK.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A PARKING CHARGE WILL APPLY FOR NON MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRUST.

Explore the local delights of both the Monarch's and Cotswold Ways through the villages of Tresham and Alderley, returning to the spectacular estate of Newark Park and maybe a peek at Nanny Farmer's Bottom! Bring lunch.

Tuesday, 23rd July, 2024-..... Minchinhampton Meander

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.0 HOURS** Distance: **6.0 MILES**

Start point: MINCHINHAMPTON BELL LANE CAR PARK GL6 9BP. ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH.

Lovely walk around Minchinhampton & Rodborough Commons with great views!

A few short descents & ascents, which could be slippery if wet. Bring a drink and snack.

Wednesday, 31st July, 2024-..... Luckington and Longbourn

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **6.0 MILES**

Start point: THE OLD SHIP INN, LUCKINGTON. PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY NEARBY.

The walk passes through Luckington Court, featured as Longbourn in the film 'Pride and Prejudice', then heads towards Sherston. We visit the lovely village of Sopworth and return across farmland to Luckington around 1:30pm. Bring a packed lunch.

Please Note ; The above information only covers the Cotswolds South District Guided Walks.

For further details of these walks and other districts see :

<https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/>