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Churt Parish Council Newsletter August 2026

The July meeting of the Parish Council took place back in the Pavilion – it was good to be back and we are very grateful to the Village Hall Committee for allowing the Council to meet in the Hall for the last few months. We didn't have a meeting in August but Council activities have continued and I thought I'd provide a quick update on these.

Pavilion Improvement Scheme

Huge progress has been made towards the upgrading of the Pavilion – do take a look! The team are in the process of finding providers of the catering facilities which should add another attraction and activity in the village.

Buy a Brick Fundraising Report

The "Buy a Brick" scheme was established to help fund the modernisation and future projects, with advertising carried out via Facebook, the Parish Magazine and at the Village Fete, where a golden brick worth £1,000 was raffled.

To date, 32 bricks have been sold, generating £11,485 in income including Gift Aid, with a further £430 raised from 45 raffle tickets sold at the fete, bringing the total income to £11,915 before deducting an estimated £500 in brick and etching costs. There are a further 10 prospective buyers to be followed up, including interest in a golden brick, and a number of bricks have already been purchased as memorials to loved ones, including pets.

Planned future actions include a "last chance to buy" message to CHCC members, a call-to-action article in the September Parish Magazine, a mention at Sunday's church service, and attendance at CHCC Juniors events in late August and early September to reach families directly.

While there is strong community interest, the key challenge is reaching people and helping them appreciate the wider community benefit of the project beyond sports clubs, and that once the

pavilion opens and bricks are installed, ongoing sales opportunities will arise — though generating further sales now would be advantageous whilst builders remain on site.

Huge thanks to Jan Macavoy for driving this initiative.

Report from SCC re Hale House Lane

Surrey County Council conducted a public engagement exercise (18 May – 26 June 2026) on proposed pedestrian safety improvements at the Hale House Lane junction near St John's School. Of 38 respondents (a disappointingly small response rate), 45% were happy or very happy with the proposals, 34% were unhappy or very unhappy, and 21% were neutral. Families with children at the school were most supportive (60% happy), while Churt Village residents were most opposed (45% unhappy). Positive themes included improved pedestrian and child safety, junction narrowing and better sightlines.

The main objections concerned worsened vehicle access and turning movements, a failure to address speeding, and the tendency of parents to cross from The Crossways pub to the school. Officers confirmed that a 20mph Zone and traffic calming measures would be formally investigated as part of a planned Phase 2, with public engagement in Autumn 2026. Despite the concerns raised, the report concludes the scheme would deliver meaningful safety improvements and has the support of David Harmer, our Surrey County Councillor, with implementation planned for Autumn Term 2026.

Crime report

We are aware of another wave of thefts from garages, sheds and outhouses. Do lock up carefully!

Trees

The continued dry weather has resulted in some falling trees, notably at the PGL activity centre at Hindhead and more recently along the A287 just beyond Star Hill. Please do take care – we are keeping a close look on the trees at the recreation ground, Wicket Wood and Redhearn Green.

Barford Lane/ Churt Rd

Alison Reynolds, a resident on Barford Lane, gave a presentation about the deleterious effect of lorries careering along Churt Road/Barford Lane, especially when redirected along there by SatNav. While this is principally a Hampshire issue, we agreed to look into replacing the sign alerting drivers that the road is not suitable for HGVs.

The next meetings of Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will be held in the Pavilion at 7.30pm on Weds 16th September. Everyone is welcome to attend but it is helpful to know in advance if you wish to make a presentation.

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