



Churt Parish Council Newsletter January 2021

The councillors and clerk wish you all a very happy New Year.

Cycle Racks

A reminder for those of you who may use bicycles to visit the shops. A few years ago, the Council had cycle racks installed in the village. There are two, one adjacent to the pavilion and one on the recreation ground behind the village hall by the youth hut. It has become apparent that there is limited knowledge as to their existence. They are there for all to use. They are genuine racks where multiple cycles can be properly secured.

Covid -19 Vaccinations

A number of our residents have now had their first vaccination at GLive, Guildford. Feedback has indicated that the operation there is very efficient with free parking and the provision of wheelchairs if required.

Vaccination scams

Please beware of vaccination scams. When it is your turn for vaccination, you will receive a call or letter from the NHS who will never ask for money or bank details. One alarming case recently was a male who persuaded a pensioner to part with over £100 and then injected her with a substance. Fortunately she suffered no harm other than losing money. The offender has since been traced, arrested and charged.

Covid -19 Infection rates

As you will all know, Surrey in general and Waverley in particular became some of the worst affected areas in the country at the start of the year. I am pleased to see that things are moving in the right direction and that infection rates within both Surrey and Waverley are consistently falling. This is clearly due to the hard work, sacrifices and compliance with lockdown rules by the vast majority of us. So well done everyone and please keep up the good work.

Covid - 19 Concern

It saddens us, however, that we have received reports of youths gathering at the youth hut on the recreation ground, at the rear of the village hall in blatant disregard of the lockdown rules. This **MUST** stop. I would encourage you all to report any such gatherings to the Police at the time, so that they can attend, assess the situation and deal accordingly. We cannot allow these few individuals to undo all the good that the rest of us have achieved through sacrifice. This is not really something that can be dealt with retrospectively by the police, as offenders need to be identified and dealt with at the time.

Churt Environmental Working Group (CHEWG)

Net Zero for Churt

CHEWG, led by Councillor Myra Johnson has not been idle during the pandemic. The group has been meeting regularly by virtual means via Zoom. Here is their latest report.

Over the last month, Churt Environment Working Group (CHEWG) have been beavering away in a number of different environmental topic areas but have focussed on two important areas of current relevance.

The first of these is reduction of carbon emissions. We hope that you noticed the 40 ideas for household New Year resolutions presented as 4 postcards on the churt.org website news page and Facebook page. If you missed them, they are still there and it is never too late to make resolutions to improve the health of our planet. To help you with their implementation, we have several information sheets on energy use at home which will be published very soon.

Our second area of focus relates to the health and wellbeing of our village residents. The use of inappropriate fuel in wood burning stoves affects local air quality, so a guideline is in publication on good practice on fuel use in them. And also related to your wellbeing, but this time through exercise, we are delighted

to tell you that Michael Stenning (our long-term retired village Postmaster) has given us permission to revise and recreate in digital format the "Ten Walks in and around Churt" which he published in booklet form in 1994. CHEWG members have been out walking and redocumenting them over the last month and we now have the first five walks ready to bring to you online to enjoy during the current lockdown period and beyond. Walks 6 to 10 will follow in due course.

War Memorials Restoration

I am pleased to tell you that the War Memorials Trust has now paid us a grant of some £1,300.00 being half the cost of the restoration of the war memorials in the village.

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place on Weds 17th February 2021 at 7.30pm. These meeting will be conducted by virtual means.