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Churt Parish Council Newsletter January 2026

As we embark upon a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the wonderful sense of community we enjoyed in Churt over the festive period, and to update you on some important initiatives and developments for our village.

Festive Cheer in Churt

Our Christmas celebrations captured the spirit of togetherness that makes Churt such a special place to live. The Village Cheer event was a resounding success, with many villagers braving the winter weather to enjoy mulled wine, delicious refreshments and the chance to meet our MP, Greg Stafford. It was heartening to see neighbours old and new coming together in such good spirits.

Carols on the Green was another highlight, with an impressive turnout of around 90 residents filling the air with song. The festivities continued at the Churt Club, where more mulled wine was enjoyed and friendships were strengthened. The carol service at St John's was so well attended that there was standing room only – a testament to the vibrant community we share. It was especially wonderful to see several of our Councillors and our Clerk lending their voices to the choir!

Churt 2035: Shaping Our Future

Looking ahead, we are preparing to carry out a housing survey in the first quarter of this year as part of our Churt 2035 strategy. Your views are vital to this process – we want to understand what you believe the village needs (if anything) in order to maintain and nurture the unique spirit of Churt. Please do take part when the survey arrives, as your input will help shape our community for years to come.

Investing in Our Playground

I am delighted to share that the Parish Council is investing in a makeover for the playground. This includes renewing and revitalising some of the equipment, ensuring that the space remains

safe, modern and welcoming for our younger residents and their families. Watch this space for updates as the project progresses.

Protecting Our Environment – proposed Farnborough traffic increase

The Parish Council recently submitted a detailed objection to the Farnborough planning application regarding the proposed increase in flights in and out of the airport. We remain committed to safeguarding the tranquillity and environment of our village. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our CPC Environment Committee, and Richard Nobbs, for their dedication and hard work in representing Churt's interests.

Village Centre Traffic Calming Proposals

We are tantalisingly close to having confirmation that Surrey County Council will approve the traffic calming measures I mentioned before:

- Raising the existing zebra crossing onto a signalised raised table - improve the visibility of pedestrians using the crossing and reduce vehicle speeds
- Upgrading the zebra lights to LED Zebrites
- Reducing the bellmouth of Hale House Lane junction with Churt Road and installing dropped kerbs with tactiles.

You may recall that CPC agreed to contribute £15,000 of the CIL fund towards the extra costs needed, and will also use some of its own existing funds surplus to bridge any shortfall from SCC's support.

Following my request for comments on the proposals, we received a lot of support and a couple of concerns which have been noted.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in village life. Together, we make Churt the wonderful community it is.

With best wishes for the year ahead,

Sally Shorthose

Chair, Churt Parish Council

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The next meetings of Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will be held in the Pavilion at 7.30pm on Weds 11th February. Everyone is welcome to attend but it is helpful to know in advance if you wish to make a presentation.