

Twigworth Parish Council Newsletter

February 2022

The shocking state of Twigworth's pavements and roads



The continued building works at Twigworth Green and Yew Tree Farm development sites are causing our pavements and roads to become caked in mud. Both development sites do regularly sweep our roads using their own roadsweepers, but unfortunately all this seems to do is push the mud into the drains and up onto our pavements.

A few residents and the Chair of the Parish Council have formally reported the issue and we have also raised our concerns with our Gloucestershire County Councillor, Phil Awford, during two Parish Council meetings – but alas, no improvements to date.



We need your help. To strengthen our message, we need as many residents as possible to report the issue to the powers that be.

Please use the following link to report the issue of mud on our roads and pavements as well as within our drains – which increases our flooding risk - to Gloucestershire County Council.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/>

Thank you in advance for your help and support in raising this issue.

Increase to Twigworth Parish Council's precept from April 2022

Each year Twigworth Parish Council review and submit their budgetary (precept) requirements to Tewkesbury Borough Council for inclusion in the following tax year's Council Tax bill.

To keep up with increasing insurance premiums, venue charges for our Parish Council meetings and salary costs for our Parish Clerk (*only our Clerk is a paid member of the Parish Council*) we have submitted a 15% increase to our costs.

We appreciate this is a large percentage increase, however, this is on a low-cost base figure of £3,400. The increase is therefore £510 for the year across our entire community. We anticipate that each household will see a limited increase in their costs associated with Twigworth Parish Council as this, given the increase in our population at Twigworth Green, will be spread across a larger community.

Trees in Twigworth

Trees enhance our landscape, offer habitat for wildlife and soak up floodwater. If you know of trees we should be protecting, please tell us (you don't have to own the trees). Send an email to twigworthparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Twigworth pumping stations

After being approached by Twigworth Parish Council, Severn Trent have confirmed there has been some work ongoing to assess the impact of the Twigworth developments on their existing infrastructure to determine what action they may need to take, if any, going forward.

Surface water flooding in December 2020 led to pumping stations failing. Since then, they advised they've cleaned and checked the control systems at the pump stations to confirm they are all running as well as they can. They've also replaced some pumps at Ash Lane, Down Hatherley pumping station to ensure they have efficient pumps in good condition as well.

Severn Trent would encourage anyone who does experience sewerage issues, such as toilets backing up, to please call them on 0800 7834444 so they can log the incident and send a crew to investigate. They advise it is essential that people report issues if they experience them, as this is all used to build a case for investment in the area.



Date for your diary:

Thursday 7 April 2022:

Twigworth Parish Council Meeting
7pm, Down Hatherley Village Hall

This meeting is open to the public – please attend if you wish to hear what's going on or to raise any issues or ideas.

The agenda for the meeting will be made available on our website [here](#) 3 working days prior to the meeting.

Have your say...

Tuesday 15 February 2022:

Gloucestershire County Council's public consultation on

[proposed changes to M5 Junction 10](#)
closes for comments

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