

TWIGWORTH NEWS

We have lost an Elf in this Newsletter - Can you help find him? (Ask the kids!)

The Twigworth Parish Council would like to wish all residents and their families a Very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year

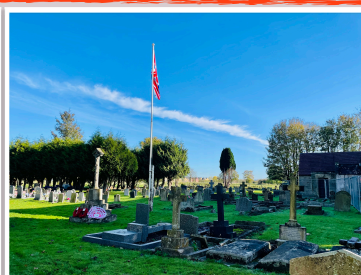


Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone in our community who attended the Remembrance Day ceremony on Saturday November 11th.

A very special thank you to all the children and staff at the Mary Ps Nursery for their lovely poppy tribute.

Also thanks to Rev'd Joe Knight, Mark Cavely, Gloucester Branch of the Royal British Legion Vice Chairman, our Trumpeter, Vaughan Davies RE and the Twigworth Parish Councillors.



New Parish Councillor

The Parish Council would like to introduce and welcome our new member of the council

Cllr Graham Bocking.

Some of you may recall Graham, as he previously represented our area as a Borough Councillor, so he brings extensive local government experience to the council and is familiar with local issues, such as flooding and planning.



Twigworth News - Free

As part of our Community Engagement Policy, the Council publishes this monthly newsletter, which is also published on our website and social media.

If you visit our website, you can subscribe for FREE and make sure that you never miss a copy of the Twigworth Newsletter, just enter your email address below and we will send you a personal copy!

It's FREE!



Chairmans Christmas Message



On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, which I know for many of you, may be your first Christmas here in Twigworth.

To summarise our achievements during 2023...

The efforts of our current Council and previous Council members, have resulted in some successes for the community, for example, we now have more dog waste bins, signage and enhanced dog warden powers, the development of the very first children's play area and green is progressing, a monthly newsletter, an upgraded website, social media interaction and some path/roadway management by Gloucestershire County Council Highways.

We have challenged Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) many times on issues relating to the new developments in Twigworth and have acknowledgment that they have caused problems that will require urgent and timely action.

TBC has accepted that local councils and residents input must be a factor and acknowledged.

We have been fortunate to have a full proactive council looking toward a very bright future for Twigworth with a lot of talent fighting the fight on the continuation of the legacy of previous councils.

Hopefully next year we shall see the fruits of our Councils efforts with a bus shelter, post box and facilities for the new developments while blending in with the existing village.

We have some challenges ahead but we shall continue to work towards reducing traffic speed through our village, retaining and improving our green spaces, protecting, restoring our hedgerows and support tree planting initiatives.

Our Council has an excellent relationship with various local government agencies and organisations enabling us to work towards providing residents the facilities, security and infrastructure they deserve like basic requirements, for example a school, surgery or library.

Our Council will continue to provide support and endeavour to meet the needs of our expanding community.

Finally, please enjoy the festive break with your family and friends and Best Wishes for 2024

Regards Rick Harris

Chair Twigworth Parish Council



Twigworth Green - Observations

We have been out about and want you to know that we have observed a number of issues which require the attention of the Housing Developers.

We will continue to look around the development and report these issues and as they arise in the New Year, so if you feel that there is something that requires the attention of the Developers and is not on our list, please let us know and we will follow it up.

What is on our list so far:

- ✦ There are still loose manhole covers on Ironbridge Road opposite Dolmen Walk and they are creating serious noise problems, despite some remedial works - the developers are aware
- ✦ There is still a missing/broken street sign at Bewdley Drive - the developers are aware
- ✦ The Children's Play Area on the green between Porthill and Purton Close - is all but complete, we know that the weather has delayed the final completion of this but we believe, that when the grass has grown through the rubber matting, there will be a safety inspection and fencing to erect.
- ✦ There is a temporary road repair in Leighton Drive at the first lamp post, this requires finishing as it is causing noise issues for the residents nearby every time traffic goes over it.
- ✦ Ironbridge Road - again, there are temporary ramps at Nos 41 and 57 these are causing serious noise problems when traffic goes over them (most in excess of 10mph)
- ✦ Halfpenny Close - there is a loose street sign on LH side as you approach from Ironbridge Road
- ✦ The footpath between Porthill Close and Purton Close floods every time there is a storm and becomes impassable - the developers are aware

Dog Waste - Warning!

Tewkesbury Borough Council is tightening its rules on dog control – and reminding dog owners to always clean up after their dog.

The council has implemented a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to address the problem of dog fouling in public areas within the borough, aiming to ensure that everyone in charge of a dog acts responsibly by cleaning up its waste.

Thankfully, most people are picking up after their pets, but the small few who don't are continuing to risk the health of others. Dog faeces carries the risk of disease, particularly Toxocariasis – an infection caused by roundworm parasites.

The PSPO, which will remain in place for three years, replaces the previous order for dog control and includes additional offences.

As in the earlier order, it is an offence for dog walkers to not clean up after their dog in any public place, and to fail to have with them a means of picking up dog waste.

In addition, the new PSPO prohibits dog walkers from letting their dog into any children's play-park designated as a dog-free area. It also makes it an offence to refuse to provide personal details if requested by a council officer, or to give false details.

To enforce the order, officers from the council's environmental health team will patrol areas that have been identified as particularly affected by dog fouling, and anyone failing to comply with its terms could be fined up to £1000.

Tewkesbury Borough Council have been requested to provide more dog waste/litter bins around the Twigworth Green development and are currently awaiting delivery.

Christmas Gossip!



The latest on the Royal Mail Post Box for the Local Centre - the Royal Mail Review Panel stated that the original decision by RM to refuse our application, was because of land ownership issues where it was to be sited!

So, we have written to Robert Hitchings Ltd and Vistry, who we believe to be the landowners, to see if they will allow this RM Post Box on their land.

If this is acceptable, we shall then re-apply to the Royal Mail, who we now understand, would reconsider the application! Hey Ho!!!

Christmas Crackers!



Xmas - Quiz



1. What colour are mistletoe berries?
2. When do the 12 days of Christmas start?
3. In which country did Eggnog originate?
4. What is the opening line of Shaking Stevens "Merry Christmas Everyone"?
5. What decoration do Elves traditionally have on their shoes?
6. Which city has been donating the Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree since 1947?



Answers on back page



What's On - Locally?

A Christmas Carol at the Cheltenham Everyman Theatre



From Saturday 25
November to Saturday 30
December 2023



Christmas Experience at Night at Gloucester Cathedral



From Saturday 9
December to Thursday 21
December 2023



Tewkesbury's Traditional Family Pantomime!



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

SAT 2 DEC - SAT 6 JAN

Box Office: 01684 295074 | www.rosestheatre.org



Tewkesbury Town Band Christmas Concert at The Roses Theatre



Join Tewkesbury Town Band for their hugely popular annual Christmas Concert

Saturday 9 December 2023

What is anti-social behaviour?

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is described as behaviour that is persistent and causes harassment, alarm, or distress. This can cover a wide range of unacceptable activities including:

- Confrontational neighbours
- Drunken behaviour
- Frequent loud parties
- Foul and abusive language
- Loud music or TVs
- Street drinking
- Vandalism
- Low level criminal behaviour

What isn't anti-social behaviour?

Due to social and cultural differences it is sometimes difficult to make a clear definition of what constitutes ASB and what is classed as normal daily life. Everyone has the right to enjoy activities in their own home as long as the behaviour is reasonable. Some behaviours that wouldn't normally be classed as ASB are:

- Children playing
- One off parties or BBQs
- People gathering socially
- Parking on public highways
- Domestic DIY and car repairs
- Civil disputes between neighbours

What can you do about anti-social behaviour?



- If it is your neighbour, or someone you feel safe approaching, have you tried talking to them? They may not know that their behaviour is causing you distress.
- You can report the ASB to your housing provider or landlord in the first instance. If this doesn't apply then report the ASB to Tewkesbury Borough Council's Community Safety Unit (CSU) or the police 101 service. **Only call 999 in an emergency.**
- Details of all the authorities who can help and their contacts are listed on the back page of this leaflet.



What can we do about anti-social behaviour?

Once your report has been received ASB case officers will consider the evidence and formulate a plan on how best to approach the problem.

The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides several tools to help local government, housing providers and the police tackle ASB head on. The most widely used measures are listed below.

- **Acceptable Behaviour Contracts** - a written agreement between a person who has been involved in anti-social behaviour and one or more agencies whose role it is to prevent such behaviour from reoccurring.
- **Community Protection Notice** - a legal document which clearly lays out behaviours the accused must adhere to in order to avoid further enforcements such as fixed penalty fines.
- **Anti-social Behaviour Injunction** - a court-enforced civil order which requires the accused to adhere to specific restrictions. A breach of an anti-social behaviour injunction could lead to a criminal conviction, eviction from property or even a custodial sentence.
- **Closure Order** - a court can grant a closure order to prohibit all persons from entering a certain property apart from those named in the order. A full closure will close the property entirely.

What happens next?

You will receive confirmation of your report with instructions on what to do next to enable the relevant authority to act accordingly. This could include completing a log sheet outlining dates, times and specific details of ASB incidents. You may also be asked to make a statement.

Reports can be made anonymously but this can affect the outcome of any investigations and subsequent enforcement action.

Anti-social behaviour case review

If you are unhappy with the way your case has been handled and are not satisfied with the outcome you can request an independent ASB case review.

Any victim or victim's representative (written consent is required), can activate an ASB case review if:

- At least three separate qualifying complaints of anti-social behaviour or hate incidents have been made within the past six months (essential).
- No action has been taken.
- Your case has been closed and the original problem persists.
- The ASB reports are connected.

All details at www.gloucestershire-pcc.gov.uk/asb-case-review/

Where to report anti-social behaviour

Contacts

Housing providers:

If the ASB problem emanates from a social housing provider please contact the social landlord in the first instance.

- **Bromford** - 0330 1234 034 or www.bromford.co.uk
- **Two Rivers** - 0800 3160 897 or customerservices@2rh.org.uk
- **Guinness** - 0303 123 1890 or www.guinnesspartnership.com
- **Sovereign** - 0300 5000 926 or www.sovereign.org.uk

Tewkesbury Borough Council:

To report ASB visit Tewkesbury Borough Council's website and follow 'report it' then 'ASB' and complete the on line form. Alternatively email the Community Safety Unit with the details or phone customer services on the details below.

Community Safety Unit (CSU)

Email: communitysafety@tewkesbury.gov.uk
Website: www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/do-it-online
Phone: 01684 295010

Gloucestershire Constabulary:

If you've witnessed antisocial behaviour you can report it to the police by calling 101 or completing an on line form at www.gloucestershire.police.uk

Only Call 999 if:

- A serious offence is in progress or has just been committed.
- Someone is in immediate danger or harm.
- Property is in danger of being damaged.
- A serious disruption to the public is likely.

Crimestoppers

To report crime anonymously visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org or call 0800 555 111

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Anti-social behaviour

Are you a victim of anti-social behaviour?

What can be done about it?

Where do you report it?



Tewkesbury
Borough Council

New Year Resolutions - 2024

- ✦ We promise that we will continue to represent the residents of Twigworth to the best of our abilities
- ✦ We will continue to hold the Tewkesbury Borough Council to account on the delivery of the S106 Agreement much needed infrastructures eg. School, Multi Use Games Area, Children's Play Areas, Bus Shelter, Dog Waste and General Litter bins on the new developments
- ✦ We will continue our fight with the Royal Mail and Landowners to have a Post Box installed at The Local Centre
- ✦ We will continue our endeavours in applying to provide for a Defibrillator at the Local Centre

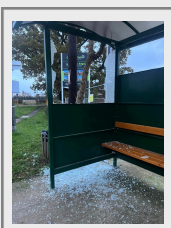


Next Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 1st February @ 19:00 - 21:00



This meeting is open to the public if you wish to hear what's going on in and around Twigworth or to raise any issues or ideas.



The Down Hatherley bus shelter looks as though it may have been vandalised. If anyone has any information about this, please contact us.

Have your say!

Having seen some negative thoughts expressed recently on social media about living in Twigworth, we recognise, hopefully, that this is not the majority view.

So we would love to hear your thoughts about living in Twigworth, we recognise that there is much to do on the new developments.

Please visit our website and use the form to contact us, we can't promise anything other than that we will listen and fight your corner wherever we can.

www.twigworthparishcouncil.com

Planning Applications

Planning Application: **23/00123/CONDIS**

1 Laburnum Cottage revised site layout drawing submitted to discharge planning conditions

Planning Applications can be viewed via this link: <https://publicaccess.tewkesbury.gov.uk/online-applications/>



Kids - Did you know?



Santa has nine reindeer and they help him fly his sleigh all around the world so that he can deliver presents. Santa's reindeer are called: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph!



Did the kids find the naughty Elf - look to your left!



1. White
2. Christmas Day
3. Britain
4. "Snow is falling, all around me"
5. Bells
6. Oslo, Norway

Answers to Quiz