

# TWIGWORTH NEWS

*Defibrillator|Flooding|Dog Waste Problem|Precept*

## Fantastic News for Twigworth Residents

We have some great news to share with the residents of Twigworth, following an article on social media from local resident Kate Hudson who had attended a First Aid Course, where she was trained on how to use a Defibrillator, she mentioned that this would be something that the residents of Twigworth should have available to them, as one day it may save life!

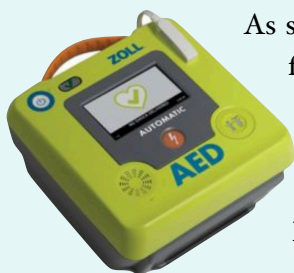
The article was noticed by one of our Parish Councillors who started to make enquiries about fully funded grants that were available to purchase a Defibrillator; several schemes were considered and applied for but many were unsuccessful and then we applied to the Build Back Better Scheme, sponsored by the Gloucestershire County Council.

This scheme was a County Councillor led community initiative grant programme and after submitting our application, we had to wait for approval, then just before Christmas we were advised that our application had been accepted for consideration!

The Parish Council also had to then engage with a local business, as the Defibrillator had to be located somewhere near to a power supply and Janes Pantry stepped forward and offered their support.



So now, Twigworth Parish Council are pleased to announce that our application for **£2,500** has been approved by the Gloucestershire County Council Director of Adult Social Care and Public Health and has been successful.



As soon as we receive the funds in our account, we shall go ahead and purchase our first Defibrillator for Twigworth.

### Why a Defibrillator?

Cardiac arrests can affect anyone at any time, 30,000 occur outside of hospitals across the UK each year.

Currently less than 10% of these people experiencing cardiac arrests in the community survive...with speedy emergency treatment, chances of survival shoot up by a whopping 80%.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) shocks given within the first 4 minutes are crucial to enable survival, yet, terrifyingly, the average ambulance response time in an urban area is a full 11 minutes, in the rest of the UK, it's around 8 minutes.

20% of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen in public places, if you suffer an arrest out and about, you would be reliant on the public's ability to perform CPR and indeed the availability of a defibrillator.

## Twigworth under siege!

Not the start to the New Year that any of us would have wanted, persistent rain, storm after storm... then flooding!

Twigworth almost became an island, nearly cut-off with the closure of the A38 Trunk Road, fortunately, the only way in and out of the village was open via Down Hatherley Lane and Frogfurlong Lane.



There were reports of sewage backing up to houses connected to the pumping station at the bottom of Twigworth on the A38 (close to the BP/ Skoda garage).

The Gloucester - Tewkesbury Stagecoach Bus Service 71 was also suspended due to flooding on the A38 at Longford and Norton.

The Twigworth Green Sustainable

Drainage Systems (SUDs) appeared to be working, the SUDs pond at Ironbridge Road/Halfpenny Close held the development water run-off, to prevent flooding of the Hatherley Brook and add to the downstream flooding problems.

Despite the A38 Road Closure signs at Twigworth and Longford, incredibly, many drivers chose to ignore this and decided to chance their lot through the flood water, while at



the same time, creating a bow wave wash for those residents and their properties already suffering with flooding!

Our Flood Rep, George Sharpley said "Rainfall here for the last month was not exceptional (3/4 of 2020 and less again than 2007). The current flood is mostly from rain elsewhere up the Severn Valley. We haven't yet had a serious test of the flood defence mechanisms here, since all the new houses have appeared."

The majority of Twigworth residents escaped without any flooding but our thoughts must be with those who were impacted, along the Tewkesbury Road, Longford and elsewhere.





## Twigworth Green - Tidy Up!

Following the winter storms, aside from the persistent rain, flooding, the high winds also created their own problems and left their mark!

Developers banners have been ripped from their flagpoles, while residents wheelie bins were blown over, with their contents spilling out onto the roads, pathways and green areas.

All of this has left Twigworth Green looking untidy, with litter and debris strewn everywhere.

We also had the mud on the Ironbridge/ Carrington Road which has stopped for now and the road surface cleanish again for a while.

It would be appreciated if residents could just spend one or two minutes checking the immediate areas around their properties and remove any debris, this would be welcomed.

The Management Company are contracted to look after the grounds, including removal of litter and debris but we have not seen any activity recently, there are also some tree saplings which have been uprooted and there are even one or two that have broken in two.

We shall follow this up with the Developers.

*Have pride in our Community!*

## Trivia Quiz

1. In which country was ice cream invented: England, America, or China?
2. What is the world's largest man-made structure?
3. Which language is the most widely spoken in the world?
4. Who invented the scissors and the parachute?
5. Which city in the world has the most people?
6. In a year, does an average person's heart beat 400,000, 4 million, or 40 million times?

## Gas & Electrical Meter Housing Covers - have you checked yours?



External meter boxes may be a convenient solution for locating gas and electricity meters on housing properties but, unfortunately, they are susceptible to damage as they are usually made of plastic.

There are Gas and Electricity Regulations that govern the requirement of these meters which should have secure protective housing covers to protect the meters against the elements.

Following the recent winter storms, on Twigworth Green there appears to be quite a number of these Gas and Electrical Meter housing covers, either missing completely or left open in an insecure state.



Check to make sure that your housing is fitted correctly and that it is locked secure, you should have been given a key for this.

If you are unable to find your missing cover or unable to secure it for any reason, you should contact your Housing Developer or Landlord for this to be attended to.

## We are not happy - Twigworth is better than this!

We are a nation of dog lovers and Twigworth is no exception.

However, the Parish Council have again been approached about the growing number of dog fouling incidents around Twigworth Green and beyond; this is despite Dog Owners/Walkers knowing their legal responsibilities and the continuing campaign by the Parish Council

This includes dog fouling around the pathways and green areas at Twigworth Green, the pathway down to the Hatherley Brook, where owners are just allowing their dogs to toilet without picking up after them.



Additionally, we have also been advised of irresponsible dog owners who are actually collecting and bagging the dog waste but then only to 'throw' the bags into the hedgerows (see photo).

This behaviour is unacceptable and offenders are reminded of their responsibility, that they must pick up after their dog and dispose of this appropriately, Tewkesbury Borough Council have need informed.

Bagged dog waste can be deposited in your own household rubbish (green) bin or the two Parish Council provided dog litter bins on the A38 close to the shops or the mixed waste bin near the roundabout (see photos below).

The Parish Council have requested Tewkesbury Borough Council to install additional waste bins and signage around Twigworth Green, the bins have been ordered and we are waiting delivery, the signage is being erected.

Additionally, Vistry have agreed and been given approval to install new waste bins around Twigworth Green.

Those responsible who live or walk their dogs in Twigworth and who fail to clean up after their dog, can expect to be caught sooner rather than later, we will enforce the law...



**Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100.**

**If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.**

The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.

**Our aim is to keep Twigworth clear of dog waste!**



## Twigworth Parish Council agrees Precept for 2024-25

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

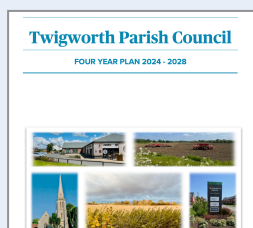
At the November Parish Council meeting, the Parish Council approved its budget and precept requirements for 24/25 in the sum of £20k.

The Council considered future expansion of the Parish and the role of the Parish Council in supporting the community.

The Council wishes to achieve the standards required for the Local Council Award Scheme.



This means that the Council will need to develop policies and practices to meet professional standards of local Councils, including developing the role of the Clerk and Financial Officer to advise the Council on its policies and to ensure that the practices agreed are lawful and carried out safely and to the best standards.

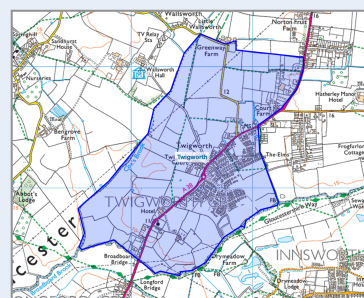


The Parish Council are also looking to adopt a 4-year Plan, including policies, actions and targets for Planning, Services and Amenities, Environment, Highways, Community Engagement, & Governance.

There is a strong desire for the Parish Council to secure and improve facilities for all the residents of Twigworth.

Whilst setting a prudent budget which will allow the Parish Council to start from a secure financial base, to achieve the targets and actions over a 4 year period, the Parish Council is also looking at securing grants and funding from other sources.

The Council are working towards securing community assets such as a defibrillator, additional waste bins, better highway signage, safer speed limits and working with other agencies and local Councils to review the Neighbourhood Development Plan and to develop a Community Emergency Plan.



The Parish Council feel it is important to establish a community identity for Twigworth and are committed to developing means of community engagement to ensure that the views and opinions of all the residents will be listened to.

## Planning Applications

### Latest Planning Applications

**23/01178/FUL** | Erection of an open sided canopy to the rear of the existing garden centre | **Norton Garden Centre**  
**Tewkesbury Road Twigworth - Out for comment**

**23/01066/LBC** | The Construction of a three-storey extension to an existing hotel to create 53 additional hotel bedrooms (Use Class C1) with associated additional car-parking and landscaping | **Premier Travel Inn**  
**Tewkesbury Road Twigworth - Application - Refused**

**23/00178/CONDIS** | Application for approval of details subject to condition 3 (Samples) & 4 (Landscaping Details) of the planning application ref number 23/01007/FUL. | **The Manor House Tewkesbury Road Twigworth - Awaiting Decision**

### 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.*

## Out and About

### Snowdrops at

### Painswick Rococo Garden

**Saturday 20 Jan - Thursday 29 Feb**



### PRoW Signposts Damaged

Following damage and missing signs to three PRoW Signposts in Sandhurst Lane, these were reported through the Gloucestershire County Council Highways on-line reporting tool.

We are pleased to report that all of these signposts have now all been repaired.



### Answers to Quiz

1. China - in 200 BC
2. Great Wall of China (can be seen from space)
3. Chinese (China has 1/3 of the world population)
4. Leonardo Da Vinci
5. Mexico City
6. 40 Million