

# TWIGWORTH NEWS

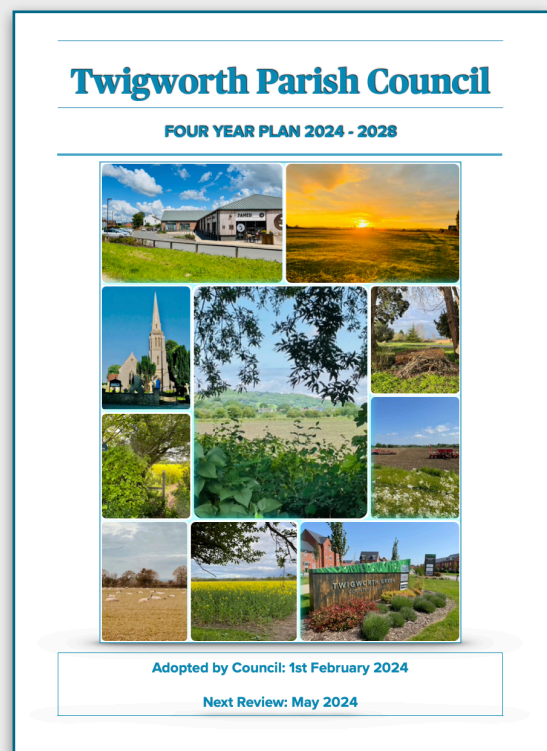
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## Parish Council adopts 4-Year Plan

In February, the Parish Council adopted a 4-Year Plan for the Community.

The 4-Year Plan is a statement of the Twigworth Parish Council's vision for the Parish, its purpose, values, objectives, key priorities and can be summarised as follows:

- ❖ A record of what is important to our community
- ❖ A means of pre-planning actions that are needed to tackle problems or improve well-being for the community
- ❖ To identify which characteristics and features of the Parish need to be preserved
- ❖ To provide guidance to be considered when responding to planning and other consultations from third parties
- ❖ A source of information for service providers to ensure the needs of local people are recognised and where appropriate addressed
- ❖ As an aid for managing change and monitoring progress
- ❖ To provide a focus for community activity
- ❖ To provide residents with a clear understanding of what the Council is trying to achieve and how it intends to deliver this
- ❖ It details what the Parish Council intends to focus on over the next four years, the 4-Year Plan will be used each year to plan activities and set the budget for the coming year.



It is a document that sets out what Twigworth Parish Council itself can achieve, either directly or by trying to increase its influence on the relevant delivery body, such as the Borough or County Councils and partner organisations; it is a statement of intent.

The intention of the 4-Year Plan is to direct the actions of the Twigworth Parish Council until the next round of Parish elections in May 2027.

This 4-Year Plan is a living document and action plans will be added to over the course of the Plan period, the Council will update it regularly, enabling it to track and monitor its progress against the Mission Statement and priorities.

This plan is available to all residents and is published on the Twigworth Parish Council website.

## What have your Councillors been up to?

### Cllr Rick Harris - Chairman



Since the beginning of the year, Cllr Harris has been busy assisting residents deal with the flood issues both in Twigworth and Longford which were created by the January storms Henk, Isha and then again the storms in early February.

He has also been involved in the Ash Die-Back project, taking delivery of young saplings and then arranging their replanting in the community.

Cllr Harris recently had discussions with the developer, Wain Homes at Fallow Fields about the requirement for dog / mixed waste bins and signages there, this is funded by the S106 Agreement and involves Tewkesbury Borough Council who have been requested to deliver these.

Cllr Harris has also been having discussions with the Mid-Counties Co-Op about various suggestions about how they could help support the community through their Local Community Grant, these grants are available throughout the year... this is presently on-going

### Cllr Elaine Watson



Along with the other Parish Councillors, Cllr Watson has been reviewing the new policies that the Parish Council require to have in place for adoption, which is also part of the qualification criteria we need to meet, to be considered for the Local Council Award Scheme.

This work will continue throughout 2024

### Cllr Mike Davies



Nothing to report

### Cllr Graham Bocking



At the end of last year, Cllr Bocking attended the Public Inquiry Planning Appeal of the Chestnut Tree Farm housing development and addressed the Planning Inspectorate putting forward the Parish Council's objections.

We are currently awaiting the outcome of this Inquiry and we will communicate this when we hear the decision.

### Cllr John Redfern



Cllr Redfern has been assisting the residents of Twigworth Green in resolving the many issues that have been raised about the development, including Bovis, Linden and Bloor homes, as well as Two Rivers Housing, this has been well received and supported by them all, there is now a monthly update shared with everyone and posted on our website.

Following requests to Tewkesbury Borough Council about the much publicised dog waste problem around Twigworth, there are now three additional waste bins on Twigworth Green, more will be installed, including at Fallow Fields and elsewhere as new footpaths are opened up.

There are also encouraging signs that this dog waste problem is improving but there are still those who choose to ignore their responsibilities, they will be caught in time!

The outstanding issue of the Royal Mail Post Box for Twigworth Green continues, there is now an on-line petition with over 150 signatures which we hope will convince the Royal Mail to reconsider their decision, there has also been a Gloucestershire Live news article about this.

The publication of this Newsletter and the Website are also administered by Cllr Redfern.

## Has your property been affected by failed sewerage drains?

Following the recent winter storms, the worsening surface-water threats to our properties and the past failure of sewerage pumping stations, Twigworth Parish Council are seeking to understand the extent to which this continues to affect the residents of Twigworth.



We would like to improve the sewerage systems within our area, and to achieve this we are asking for feedback from residents.

So if you have been unfortunate enough to have experienced a sewage problem at your property i.e flooding sewage, slow flush away, backing up or smells, please let us know by visiting the Twigworth Parish Council website and complete the on-line Survey form and provide feedback to us.

Please note that your information will be treated anonymously and your personal details will not be published.

## Disposal of Dog Waste

Following the addition of three new dog waste bins at Twigworth Green, there has been a marked improvement in the correct disposal of waste by dog owners - **Thank you!**

Disappointedly, there are still those who choose not to comply and there are one or two areas where this is a problem, which is being monitored.

Now that we have more bins, we need to “up” the frequency of servicing them and if they are full, please take your dogs waste home and dispose of it in your Green Bin.

## Construction Traffic - Safety

There have been many reports from residents of construction traffic speeding on Ironbridge Road, with some drivers of vehicles deciding not to circle the roundabout and also drivers on their mobile phones.

Ironbridge Road is a busy road, with buses, cars, lorries and pedestrians, the road surface is poor with temporary ramps, it has loose manhole covers and other raised ironworks.

These safety concerns have been brought to the attention of Vistry for action to be taken before we have a serious accident.

## Phobia Quiz - it's fearless!

*Answers on back page*

1. What is Ailurophobia?
2. What is Acrophobia?
3. What is Gynophobia?
4. What is Mysophobia?
5. What is Pogonophobia?
6. What is Sinophobia?

## Have your say!

The new housing developments of Twigworth Green and Fallow Fields are changing the shape of our village but is it all for the best and is it how you imagined?

What would you like to see or change?

If you have any concerns or thoughts that you would like to share with us, please contact us by email: [twigworthparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:twigworthparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## Twigworth to Innsworth Footpath - Cllr Sarah Hands

Following an Innsworth Parish Council report by Cllr Hands on various issues, there was an article about the footpath from Innsworth to Twigworth, which many residents and dog walkers from Twigworth Green regularly use... it reads...

"The public right of way is not officially open all the way through to Twigworth, despite this people have been removing fences and other safety measures to get through!

As with the road, this side of the development is a working site and fences are there for everyone's safety. The area by the fishing lake and balancing pond is open for walking.

This area when finished is going to be a really lovely haven for nature so I look forward to that being completed!



There has been an increase in people damaging and removing the life rings around the balancing pond.

With the water being high at the moment due to recent rains, it is even more important that life rings are available.

If anyone sees any anti social behaviour in the area, please do report it".



## Bus Service No. 71 - Great News!

Stagecoach Bus Services have announced that in partnership with the new housing developers at Twigworth, route 71 will now run up to every 30 minutes between Gloucester, Twigworth, Tewkesbury and Northway.

Service No.71 will also have a new timetable from 3 March 2024, see our website.

This means that that there will be earlier and later buses, as well as a Sunday service!

## Breaking News!

**Appeal Ref: APP/G1630/W/23/3326538 Land at Chestnut Tree Farm, Twigworth**

The appeal is allowed and outline planning permission is granted for the erection of up to 85 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS).

## Next Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday 7th March @ 19:00 - 21:00**



*This meeting is open to the public if you wish to attend and hear what's going on in and around*

- Answers to Quiz**
1. Fear of Cats
  2. Fear of Heights
  3. Fear of Women
  4. Fear of Germs
  5. Fear of Beards
  6. Fear of Chinese People