

# TWIGWORTH NEWS

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## Twigworth Residents Survey

The Parish Council has been carrying out a Residents Survey, as part of their 4-Year Plan Review and we have been asking for your help in shaping the future of our village community and we just wanted to say a big thank you to all those who have participated.

Twigworth was first attested in 1220, as 'Twigeworth', and is thought to mean 'enclosure made of twigs' and up until about 2020, had a population of about 380 people, but it is now growing fast, with the new housings developments taking shape and even more planned over the next few years, the population will increase considerably, which the present Electoral Roll suggest >580 residents.

We want to make sure that Twigworth is an attractive and safe place for families to live for generations to come but we needed to better understand your views and that of local businesses, on what you deemed important for our village.

The Survey is closing end of July and we shall be analysing the feedback which we have received and we will duly report back to everyone when complete, we will publicise our report on our Website, FaceBook Group Page and of course our Newsletter, The Twigworth News!

Just to give you some quick feedback though, those that took part in the Survey represented about 17% of the total number of residents on the present electoral roll, we have had no response from our local businesses, we would have liked more feedback but understand people are busy, here are some of the things that you said, valued or would like to see in our community.

By far the most popular feedback we received, was that you enjoy the peace and quiet of our location and being part of a rural parish.

Overwhelmingly, you showed that you do not want any more new housing developments, you value the open countryside!

You indicated that you would like to see more facilities in the form of a Doctors Surgery, Pharmacy, Fast Food Outlet and Infant/Primary School!

You are concerned about the traffic speed through our village and would like to see a reduction in the speed limit with safe crossing points.

Many of you are concerned about the on-going sewage and drainage problems that are not being addressed, yet more housing is being permitted.

We have asked, you have responded and we will now make sure that your voices are heard, we shall review the survey in depth, report back and include any changes to our 4-Year Plan where required, this will be our reference going forward. Thank you!



## Twigworth Green - Vistry Feedback

With reference to Twigworth Green, we regularly communicate with the on site Vistry Project Manager and his Site Team, bringing to their attention matters which residents have raised or are concerned about below is their latest response to me which you may be interested in:

"With regards the Children's Play Area, Vistry apologises for the delay, they just wanted to make sure that the equipment had gone through the relevant safety audits and that suitable insurances were in place with their management company before it was formally opened. During the audit process it was identified that the small in-ground trampoline was not really suitable during the winter months due to the raised water table. Vistry will be replacing this with a spring board in due course and are just awaiting acceptance from the council prior to actioning this with their contractors.

Regarding the MUGA and Sports Fields, these will be opened once the sports pavilion is completed (work has started) and the annual maintenance regime is completed, unfortunately Vistry don't anticipate this to be opened for public use until at least summer time 2025. Once again this will be subject to management company handover, etc.

Vistry regularly notify contractors and suppliers of the site rules, including the speed limits. They will issue further communications outlining the need to be extra vigilant during the school holidays.

In addition to this they are currently looking to bring the spine road (Ironbridge Road) up to an adoptable standard, which in turn will introduce raised tables and assist with an overall reduction in speed, this should also help with the complaints of early morning traffic causing excessive noise at a couple of locations along the spine road."

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## Twigworth Football

Thinking ahead to 2025, when the Twigworth Green sports fields and facilities are all completed, a local resident has already declared an interest in creating a Twigworth FC.

If anyone would be interested in supporting this venture, be it for an adult or junior football team or maybe as someone to help run it, please contact us using the form on our website and we will pass your details on.

## Quiz - Whereabouts in Twigworth is this?

*Answer on back page*



## Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting (Extraordinary) will take place on **Thursday 8th August at 7-00pm** at the Down Hatherley Village Hall.

Residents are welcomed to attend any of our Parish Council meetings, please come along and have your say about our community.

## Footpath Safety

In response to concerns over footpath safety from the Church to Mary P's Nursery.

GCC Highways and our Council have got the path clear from Twigworth Green down to Church Farm so far.

Cllr Harris has stated that we are trying hard to get the paths clear all the way down to the day Nursery.



## Twigworth Word Search - Know your Village!

Word Search is a game that consists of a square grid of letters. The aim of the game is to find and highlight all the words hidden in the puzzle. Words can be placed diagonally, horizontally, vertically, or backwards. You will find all hidden words in the list below the grid.

There will be one word in the list which is left... what is it?

R	J	S	E	N	A	J	B	E	G	Y	S
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C	E	S	T	N	Y	M	C	H	A	H	O
F	Y	E	L	P	P	I	T	I	M	Y	R
S	O	N	E	D	N	I	L	P	Y	R	T

What is the missing word?

Bovis	Hatherley	Gurney	Linden	Matthews
Twigworth	Bloor	Parish	Council	Twigeworth
Residents	Councillor	Church	Tipple	Janes

## Twigworth News - One Community



We have received some comments lately about the news we publish, that it is always about Twigworth Green and not Fallow Fields, Orchard Park or Twigworth in general....

The fact that a lot of our published stories are about Twigworth Green, is quite simply, that it is a new development of up to 725 homes and now forms by far the largest part of our village, so there is great deal to report on and keep residents informed of.

Twigworth News is more than happy to publish any newsworthy articles from any part of our community... be it Fallow Fields, Orchard Park or Tewkesbury in general, however, since the Twigworth News was relaunched in 2023, we have not received any articles for publication but we are always happy to do so.

Perhaps we have some young aspiring news reporters who would like to share their stories?

## County Councillor Paul McClain - County Report

Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) activities are being rolled out over the Summer Holiday - for families who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

This summer, using grant funding, GCC is once again able to extend fun, enriching holiday activities to all children and young people through its Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

Both the HAF and HAP summer programmes are running across four weeks during the school holidays and families are encouraged to check their local district HAF webpage to see what's happening near them. Activity booking opened at midday on Monday 1 July.

Once again, there are lots of great options to choose from including drama and science workshops, sports and games, art and crafts, music and dance, indoor and outdoor activities, as well as the ever-popular ticketed attractions. More information about the programme is available at: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf)

If they haven't done so already, families are encouraged to:

- Register for the Children's Activities Booking System (CABS) now to make sure they can view the activities which will be available in their district, and select their choices
- Follow their district lead on social media to see what is happening in their area

Families who require additional support to choose, book or attend HAF activities, can receive support from six [HAF Community Connectors](#), one for each district of Gloucestershire.

We have now had the outturn from 2023/24 budget which has had an underspend of £10 million. This is partly made up of £4.41 million of additional electricity income generated by Javelin Park. From this £4.41 million we are putting an extra £2 million into Highways projects, these are:

- £500k to maintain 8 Find and Fix gangs throughout the year
- £500k for refreshing lining across the network
- £300k to fund Cheltenham Spa access ramp
- £200k for further vegetation (grass and tree) cutting gangs to improve safety on the network
- £200k towards maintaining footways in our town centres
- £100k increase to the schools safety programme
- £100k to refresh zebra and other crossings across the network
- £100k to deliver the Merrywalks bus station resurfacing

There will also be an allocation of £2.41 million to address some financial risks arising within the current year's budget including, but not limited to, the cost of children's placements, additional expenditure required to support the forthcoming CQC inspection and the introduction of the Procurement Act. The remaining £5.59 million will be put into general reserves.

## County Councillor Paul McClain - County Report /cont.

The ZEBRA 2 joint bid (with operators) to DfT for up to 58 electric buses has been 100% successful.

It means just £1.5 million from GCC has released £6 million from DfT and will now release a further £22 million from operators (£29.5 million in total).

This is amazing news for Gloucestershire and will mean that 20% of the County's bus fleet will be electric zero emission by 2026.

Our three new Robin services are now all up and running. Tewkesbury's started on 3<sup>rd</sup> June; South Cotswolds on 10<sup>th</sup> June, and Berkeley Vale on 17<sup>th</sup> June. We've had some good early feedback from satisfied residents.

As referenced in previous reports the new discretionary fund for Homes for Ukraine to continue to provide support Ukrainian refugees fleeing from war has now been signed off and is in place.

Work well advanced to procure a new care provider for five care homes where care is delivered by Gloucestershire Care Partnership. GCC own the estate for The Combs (FoD), Rodley House (FoD), Henlow Court (Stroud), Grevill House (Chelt,) and Paternoster (Cots).

No change at this time for Staff and residents.

Market Position Statement (MPS) for Adult Social Care Services 2024.

With consultation and data the evidence is that the growth in the older population and in particular the older age groups within the older population, means that the demand for ASC will grow rapidly in the next 10 years.

Adults of working age with social care needs are not growing significantly in number. However the demand for bed-based nursing and dementia care shows a significant increase and will out strip supply if we do not address the shortfall.

Over the same period the working age population will relatively static, which has an impact on Social care workforce as there will be a need for more but with a limited growth in supply.

GCC have now installed 200 EV chargers across the county towards a target of 1,000.

We recently had a Western Gateway sub-national Transport Body visit to the A417 missing link to review progress with National Highways. Construction is cracking on at pace with major works for preparation completed, including a lot of archaeology, the subject of recent press coverage and an exhibit in Gloucester.

<https://cotswoldarchaeology.co.uk/a417-missing-link-unveils-gloucestershires-hidden-treasures/>

Approved funding for the continued development of plans for the J9/A46 M5 junction improvements and a Mass Rapid Transit scheme. Still several years away so no short term changes.

J10 continues its development, including seeking commitments from landowners and developers towards the costs of the scheme, the great majority of which will be covered by central government funding via Homes England. Landholders will see substantial uplifts in the value of their land as a result of the delivery of the scheme.



## New - Parish Noticeboard

Some of you may have observed an obsolete Information Board for lorry drivers near the A38 Lay-by shown in the photos.



The Parish Council approached the GCC Highways and requested if it wasn't being used, could the Twigworth Parish have use it to display information for local residents and they approved.

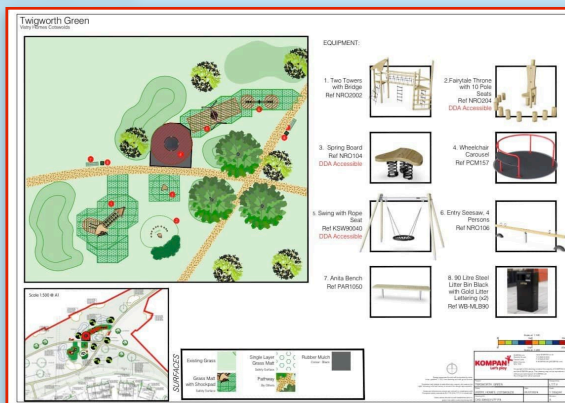
The Noticeboard will now be refurbished.

If you have any suggestions of what you like see or use the board for, maybe upcoming events or items for sale - please let us know.

## Planning Applications

### Planning Application Ref. 24/00018/MNA Twigworth Green – Play Area

Slight amendment to play area equipment specification – item no. 3 (Trampoline) substituted with Spring Board - **TBC Permitted**



## STOP PRESS - A38 Bus Shelters at Oakwood Hotel

Following Parish Council enquiries, we have some excellent news for Stagecoach Bus Passengers at Twigworth, regarding two long awaited Bus Shelters which are to be located on either side of the main road near the Oakwood Hotel...GCC are in a position to place the order for delivery in November, subject to Parish Council approval.

## Word Search - Answer

Twigworth

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## Scruffs - Its the Dogs!

We have a lot of dogs at Twigworth, with many different breeds but which is the best looking dog?

Send us your photo with a little story and the name of your dog and we will feature an article of your dog in our next issue.

Send your photo and story by Sunday 11th August to:  
[cllrrredfern.twigworthpc@gmail.com](mailto:cllrrredfern.twigworthpc@gmail.com)

## Quiz Answer

The Pillar of the Dog Waste Bin at Sales Office

