



## Bus Shelters for Twigworth!

Good news for some of the long suffering bus passengers of Twigworth!

Following an enquiry by Cllr Redfern to the Gloucestershire County Council about the status of the S106 deliverables for the Twigworth Green development, the County Council advised that the Bus Stop contribution had been approved for the two new bus shelters at/opposite Oakwood Hotel on the A38 and that they were keen to progress this project before the end of this financial year.

Twigworth Parish Council were able to arrange an Extraordinary Meeting in August and the Council agreed to adopt the new shelters and have advised the GCC of this decision (See draft minutes Page 6).

So at long last, bus passengers who have had to wait for their buses in all weathers and cope with the traffic spray right next to the A38, their ordeal will soon be coming to an end!

However, the wheels of local government turn very slowly, so it will still be some time before we actually see them installed, there is long delivery and groundworks will have to be prepared for their installation, nevertheless, this is good news for passengers.

Cllr Redfern has also been following up on the Bus Shelter for Twigworth Green, this is by far the most used Bus Stop in Twigworth but the Bus Shelter is still some way off and the Parish Council have been pushing the Tewkesbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council for some time on this, we will continue to report progress on this on this.

The reason for this delay, is that the provision for the Bus Shelter, is covered by a S106 Agreement, which is a legal agreement between the GCC and the Developer, about measures that the Developer must take to reduce their impact on the community.



## Parish Councillor Resigns

Councillor Rick Harris and Chairman of the Twigworth Parish Council has resigned.



Rick served as a Councillor member since 2021 and contributed immensely to our community, his knowledge and experience will be greatly missed at a time when our community is going through major changes at pace.

On behalf of the community, Twigworth Parish Council, would like to thank Rick for his service and wish him well for the future.

This now leaves the Parish Council with only 4 Councillors, further details on the due process will be provided as and when available.

## Take pride in our Neighbourhood

Just recently there has been a spate of littering across the Community which is concerning.

We have had the occasional sweet papers, household litter on bin days but now... Nitrous Oxide canisters and other drug paraphernalia... we are not happy!



We have also received reports that alleged drug dealing has been observed by residents in plain sight; this has been reported to the Police, who are investigating.

We cannot manage the addiction that some people have for drugs but we do not want see any evidence of it on our development ... it is not welcomed... we have lots of children now playing out and about.



There has also been discarded crutches... did you know, that nearly four in every five (78%) aids such as walking sticks, wheelchairs and crutches were never brought back by NHS hospital patients.

Even our bus stop is not immune to littering, with discarded drinks cans and food wrappers!



Please also check around your properties, remove any litter or debris which may have found its way onto to your doorstep; check also to make sure that your utility meter cabinets doors are closed securely, please also ensure that your Waste Bins are returned to your back garden, or the side of your house or bin store, not left at the front of your property, creating an eyesore for everyone!



## Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Thursday 5th September** 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.

## Barley Drive/Ironbridge Road

We are aware of resident concerns about a potential road safety issue at the junction of Barley Drive and Ironbridge Road.

There have been many reports of drivers pulling out of Barley Drive onto Ironbridge Road, thinking they have right way!

On behalf of residents, Cllr Redfern has requested that Vistry investigate with a view of painting white "GIVE WAY" road markings at this junction?

There are similar issues at the Sales Office roundabout and other junctions throughout the development.

Legally, there is no speed reduction limit (40mph) from A38 into Ironbridge Road., this hopefully will change when the roads are adopted.

We agree that common sense should prevail but it seems that it is lacking everywhere on our roads today!

## How are we doing?

It would be great if residents could take a few minutes to let us know how we are doing?

Parish Councillors are your local voice and we are here to serve you, we don't get paid, we do it because we want the best for our community, so any feedback would be welcome.

You can contact us by using the form on our website ... thank you!

## A38 Roundabout Safety!

When approaching the A38 Twigworth Green Roundabout, drivers who are turning right, have been experiencing near misses, from vehicles travelling at speed and going straight on.

There are lane markings on the approach to this roundabout but no lane markings on the roundabout itself, some drivers try and cut the apex with cars turning right and there have been some very close near misses. Cllr Redfern contacted the Gloucestershire County Council Highways about this and they are now investigating the situation, we will report their findings as soon as we hear anything.



## Parish Council Noticeboard



Our new village notice board is completed thanks to Parish Council funding and with the grateful help of Cllr Harris and a small volunteer working party from Orchard Park.

As reported in our last newsletter, this was an obsolete Information Board for lorry drivers near the A38 Lay-by - now put to good use!

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.

## Twigworth Green Roads - Word Search

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 road in the list which is left... what is it?

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PORTHILL

APLEY

COMFREY

DOLWEN

CARRINGTON

SORREL

HALFREN

WEAVER

PURTON

KALE

IRONBRIDGE

LEIGHTON

HALFPENNY

## Defibrillator now ready in case of Emergencies!

More good news for the residents of Twigworth, there is now a Defibrillator located at Janes Pantry, Twigworth Local Centre unit, this has been made possible by a project led by Cllr Redfern, who was able to secure a fully funded grant from the GCC Build Back Better scheme, sponsored and approved by our County Cllr Paul McClain and also involved a local business partner.



With the kind permission of Mr Neville Morse MD, Janes Pantry and Robert Hitchins Co, the Defibrillator has been mounted to the wall at the front of Janes Pantry; this Defibrillator will be available to the public, 24/7, for any cardiac emergencies that may arise and is registered on the National Register.

Access to the Defibrillator is available by dialling 999 and an access code will be then be provided for the DefibSafe to gain access; anyone can use the Defibrillator and no training is required...you just switch it on and follow the instructions...hopefully a life will be saved!

## Twigworth Green Development - Archaeology

During 2020, Oxford Archaeology carried out an excavation immediately to the south of the village of Twigworth in Gloucestershire; the fieldwork was commissioned by RPS Group (formerly CgMs Heritage) on behalf of Bovis Homes Western.

Three main phases of activity were encountered. These dated to the middle-late Iron Age, the early Roman period (mid-/late 1st century AD) and the middle Roman period (2nd century AD).

Two pits containing late Neolithic/Beaker pottery represented some of the earliest activity on the site; at least 12 roundhouse gullies were revealed, together with a small square enclosure; these contained middle to late Iron Age pottery. The Iron Age settlement was replaced during the early Roman period by two large square enclosures associated with trackways and wells or waterholes.

These were replaced in turn during the 2nd century AD by two further enclosures. In addition, four inhumation burials were found, one of which cut into a roundhouse gully. No evidence for activity dating after the 2nd century was found, apart from ridge-and-furrow cultivation, likely to be of medieval or early post-medieval date.

A large quantity of finds was collected, particularly Roman pottery and animal bone, together with personal items such as brooches and several querns and millstones. It is probable that the evidence dating to the Iron Age related to a domestic settlement.

In contrast, the Roman-period activity had more of an agricultural focus. Well-preserved plant and insect remains were recovered from the wells or waterholes. These have the potential to provide considerable insight into the local landscape and economy during the Iron Age and Roman period.

This assessment presents the preliminary findings of the fieldwork, specifies what further post-excavation recording and analysis are required, and assesses the potential of the results to address research questions and contribute to a better understanding of the region's Iron Age and Roman-period landscape.

(Full report can be viewed on TBC Planning by referencing 24/00122/CONDIS)

## Twigworth Green - Gateway Management Company

For residents who live at Twigworth Green, the work to maintain the landscaped and common areas, would have been attended to by the local council some years ago but now, new developments such ours in Twigworth Green and Fallow Fields are being looked after by Management Companies.

For the Twigworth Green residents, there was a "Welcome Meeting" held by Gateway Management at the end of July and was well attended by residents, some great questions were asked by those who attended.

Prior to the meeting, Cllr Redfern (as a resident) had submitted a list of questions to Gateway on behalf of residents who had approached him, these were all answered on the evening.

Gateway have now provided a report of the meeting along with other information, which addressed many of the issues and concerns, residents in Phase 1 and 2 should have received a copy of this.

The handover between Vistry and Gateway occurred back in May, we have to assume that some formal handover took place, but there are many issues and concerns, about the state of some areas of the landscaping finishing, such as, dead, dying or damaged trees, and poorly laid grassed areas.

For all Bovis, Linden and Bloor home owners or, Bromford, Two Rivers Housing and other tenants, it is in everyones interest that this gets off to a good start, as it will be everyone's responsibility as a member of the TG Management Company - we shall all paying for this service!

If anyone has any concerns about the level of service being delivered, please make sure that you raise your concerns with Gateway in the first instance... remember, this is our contractor, who is carrying out work on our behalf, the residents are paying them...!

## Word Search -Answer

### IRONBRIDGE

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## Residents Survey

As promised, the results of our Residents On-Line survey are available on our website for everyone to see.

The Council will now review this in detail and amend our policies going forward, in particular the 4-Year Plan

## Twigworth Parish Council

### Website - QR Code



**Draft minutes**  
**MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON 8th August 2024**  
**IN THE DOWN HATHERLEY VILLAGE HALL**  
<https://twigworthparishcouncil.wordpress.com>

**Welcome and introductions**

Attendance recorded as Parish Councillors, Elaine Watson, Rick Harris, Mike Davies, Graham Bocking & 1 Member of the public

Apologies received, recorded and accepted from Parish Councillor John Redfern  
 County Councillor Paul McLain, Borough Councillor Ockelton, & Borough Councillor Hands did not attend

Declaration of Interest for matters on the agenda were invited - none

Member of the Public was invited to speak to the Council & then he was invited to observe the remainder of the meeting

Sports centre – astro turf/community centre update – will be referred to TBC by Councillor Harris and will feedback to member of the public

Public session closed at 19.09

Council considered request from GCC approved design of 2 bus shelters by hotel on A38 and agreed adoption of the 2 specified bus shelters (additional to 4 year plan y1 targets)

In accordance with Financial regulations, the Council considered

- a) Budget requirements – RFO recommended that Council agree a maintenance budget for a) repair and b) general maintenance and that any costs incurred prior to April 2025 will need to be vired from other reserves
- b) RFO recommended that Council agree a replacement budget within the allocated reserves (pending and allowing for any insurance sums) in the 2025/26 budget setting process
- c) RFO recommended that Council agree that an increase in insurance premium will be included in 2025/26 budget (provisional sum of £75 per bus shelter)
- d) Council considered if they wish to place these 2 bus shelters on the asset register if/ when the ownership passes to TPC
- e) Council considered a risk assessment in ownership of these 2 specified bus shelters- damage, visibility, replacement
- f) Council agreed that as specified in the Financial regulations, the placing of any orders/purchase agreements should be communicated by the Clerk
- g) Council agreed delegation to Clerk to communicate with GCC- noting any further decisions must be made by Council

Council agreed that these decisions apply to the 2 specified bus shelters only

Council agreed the decisions taken in item 6 will apply to any request from GCC/ Developer relating to a bus shelter on Twigworth Green (included in 4 year plan :y1 target 36) and agreed to grant the Clerk/RFO delegated authority to agree to adoption as the design has previously been agreed by Council

Date of next meeting confirmed as meetings commence at 7pm 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Close of meeting 19.24