



Ash Dieback Project - We need your support again!

In June 2020 Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Highways launched the Ash Dieback Project to start to tackle the effects of the disease within the county.

The disease also known as Chalara is caused by a fungus which affects the vascular system of Ash trees and can kill young specimens very rapidly; older trees can resist for longer but are likely to shed limbs, become unstable and are extremely likely to die.

During the three years, GCC Highways managed to remove **12,640** infected Ash Trees which posed a danger to highway users. With an aim of replanting at least two trees for every diseased tree felled.



During the last three planting season a total of **40,597** trees were planted by March 2023, either by our Ash Dieback team or through providing young trees to Parish Councils.

The replanting season runs between November and March, GCC encouraging local parish councils to use their local knowledge and expertise to assist us in identifying suitable areas within their community where replanting can be undertaken.

If practical the GCC would be looking at planting in groups of mixed native whips (young tree seedlings 2-3 years old) rather than larger specimen trees, but GCC can consider all requests.

Within the capacity of the Ash Dieback Project, there are currently have two options available;

1. Submit areas to be considered for replanting on highways land by the Ash Dieback Team.
2. Submit a request for whips / trees to be donated to the parish council, to plant themselves within the community.

These can be projects such as planting Hedgerows, Wildlife Corridors, Orchards, filling in corners of fields or even supporting a local community planting project such as sensory garden, forest schools and much more.

If you would like to support this project, for trees to be planted during November 2024 to March 2025, please submit a request via contact form on our Parish Council website. www.twigworthparishcouncil.com

Please note, that although the trees are free of charge, the Parish Council does not have the resources to plant the trees, we are however, willing to coordinate the request and delivery of the trees.

St Matthews Church War Memorial - Remembrance



Arrangements are being made for the Remembrance Day ceremony which will take place at St Matthews Church, War Memorial on **Saturday 9th November 2024**.

The Reverend Joe Knight will lead the small service of remembrance, supported by members of the Royal British Legion, Gloucester Branch and Twigworth Parish Council members and hopefully local residents.

All local residents, including armed service members, are invited attend, meet at **10:45 for 11:00 hrs.**

Wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial by representatives of the Royal British Legion and Twigworth Parish Council.



Planning Application - 24/00695/FUL Tewkesbury Road

Full planning application has been submitted for the erection of 6 dwellings and associated vehicular access, landscaping and other associated infrastructure at Twigworth Fields.

The Parish Council Councillors have commented on this planning application and by delegated powers, the Clerk will respond to Tewkesbury Borough Council.

Members of the Public and Applicants can view planning applications on the Tewkesbury Borough Council Planning portal and submit response with their comments.

Parish Councillor - Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council for a Councillor, if anyone is interested, please contact our Clerk, arrangements can be made to "co-opt" a new member, now that the date has expired for formal election.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Thursday 7th November** 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.

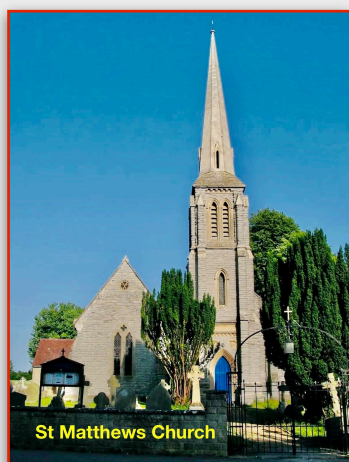
Fallow Fields - Play Area



The Play Area at Fallow Fields is now available for the children to use!

Twigworth now has two Play Areas with another planned at Twigworth Green with Phase 3.

Church of St Matthew - Under Offer!



Sadly, St Matthews church has been closed for a couple of years now, as on Sunday December 15th 2019 Bishop Robert and the Benefice clergy presided over a service at St Matthews to mark its closure, it is still currently on the market to be sold by the Church Commissioners.

The property is connected to mains electricity only, there is no connection to mains water or drainage, it was closed due to the building being in a bad state of repair. That said, on the Alder King Property Consultants website, the church is being shown as “Under Offer”

It would be lovely to see the church building being brought back into use again!

The Local Centre Unit - Under Offer!

For over the last two years, the Twigworth Green Local Centre has displayed an “Under Offer” notice above a doorway but there have been no signs of any business actually moving in!

The Local Centre has 3 Units that are available, which benefit from E Use Class (commercial, business and service) including retail, financial & professional services, restaurant, office indoor sports, medical and nursery uses.

Residents have said overwhelmingly, that they would be keen to see other businesses there, such as a Pharmacy, Hair Salon, Fast Food Outlet.

The Local Centre is already a very busy hub and car parking can at times be an issue, this could be become a problem if not addressed by the Developers.

There is some late news about Unit 2 - see back page!



Tewkesbury Borough Council - Cyber Attack Incident

On 4th September, it was discovered that the TBC had been the target of a cyber incident.

TBC have been working closely with the National Cyber Security Centre and Counter Fraud Agency, with an investigation continuing, regular updates are being made on social media. The priority has been to continue to deliver essential frontline services - especially to the most vulnerable residents, and steps have been taken, to restore affected systems as they become available.

Many services are unavailable or slower than usual and phone lines are expected to be very busy. We ask residents and businesses to only make contact if absolutely necessary - TBC thank everyone for their patience while these issues are resolved.

If anyone does need to contact TBC, they can phone 01684 295010.

Twigworth Green Road Safety

Residents of Twigworth Green have been raising a number of road safety issues about vehicle and pedestrian safety on the development roads, with many homes now occupied and construction still continuing, road safety concerns are increasing.

What are the issues?

A38 Tewkesbury Road/Ironbridge Bridge roundabout

There have been several reports from resident drivers, that when driving from Gloucester and then indicating to turn right at the A38 Tewkesbury Road/Ironbridge Road roundabout, they are “cut up” by vehicles going straight on towards Tewkesbury! (As reported in September issue)

A38 Traffic Speed onto Twigworth Green

There are concerns from pedestrians too about the traffic speed turning into Twigworth Green at the A38 Tewkesbury Road/Ironbridge Bridge roundabout; traffic coming from the A38 has a 40mph speed limit and yet there are no speed reduction signs for traffic entering the Twigworth Green development; in effect the 40mph remains the maximum speed limit on the development roads.

The view of many residents is that there should be 20mph maximum speed limit signs which should be sited at the entrance to Twigworth Green, Ironbridge Road

Ironbridge Road/Barley Drive Hazard

There have also been reports of “near misses” from resident drivers entering Ironbridge Road from the A38 Roundabout, when traffic has started to exit from Barley Drive at the Local Centre



Resident drivers have had to take evasive actions to avoid a crash.

This is due to vehicles approaching from the A38 have their indicators signalling left, and having exited a 40mph zone, the vehicles are still travelling at speed.

In the meanwhile, the vehicles waiting to exit Barley Drive into Ironbridge Road, mistakenly believe that these vehicles are signalling to turn left into Barley Drive and then start to pull out... when actually their intention is to drive straight on, with the vehicle indicators only being cancelled after the wheels have straightened.

Ironbridge Road/Apley Road - Sales Office Roundabout

Residents have reported a “blind spot” for pedestrians using the footpath crossing at the roundabout junction of Ironbridge Road and Apley Road; the hedgerows do not allow pedestrians to see oncoming traffic from Ironbridge Road turning left into Apley Road

This is particularly hazardous when electric vehicles are approaching quietly at speed; it is suggested that the hedgerow be cut back to allow pedestrians a clearer view of approaching traffic.

Cllr Redfern has reported these road safety concerns to Gloucestershire County Council Highways, Vistry and the Twigworth Green Management Company (Gateway); feedback about these issues, will be shared as and when we have a reply.



Pride in our Community - Please show some respect!

Despite all the work that has been carried out installing new dog waste bins throughout the development and the regular campaigns which have been carried out by the Parish Council Website/ Newsletter and FaceBook Group page, there are still those dog owners who think it acceptable to leave this mess at the bin when full.

Having said that and this is no excuse, this is a very popular dog walking route at all times of the year, I am sure that you would agree, it is clearly not fair on the contractors who service the bins, to have to face this every week and not to mention the neighbours who live close by.

There are clearly one or two serial offenders when it comes to dog faeces not being picked up and binned at Twigworth Green, they need to be reminded, if caught offending, they risk £100 Fixed Penalty fine or up £1000 if prosecuted and taken to Court.

Cllr Redfern has again requested Vistry/Gateway, look at installing a second dog waste bin or larger one, on the footpath which leads to the Hatherley Brook (location as in photo).

Would all dog owners please be vigilant, if a dog owner is observed failing to collect, bag and dispose of dog waste correctly, please report a description of the offender and dog, it will be followed up.



Application for a Premises Licence - Licensing Act 2003

Wine Valley, Unit 2 – Twigworth Court Business Centre,
Tewkesbury Road, Twigworth, Gloucester GL2 9PJ

Notice is hereby given that VS WINE LIMITED has applied to Tewkesbury Borough Council for a premises licence as follows:

1) Opening hours and on and off sales of alcohol 07:00 to 23:00
Monday to Sunday.

Full details of the council website are at: <https://tewkesbury.gov.uk/.../gambling/premiseslicences>

The application can be inspected at: Licensing Department, Tewkesbury Borough Council, Council Offices, Gloucester Rd, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 5TT.

Tel: 01684 272271 or email: licensing@tewkesbury.gov.uk

Any person wishing to submit relevant representations to this application must give notice in writing to the address shown above by 11th October 2024.

It is an offence liable on conviction to an unlimited fine under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with this application.

