



Thursday 8th May - VE 80 Day

On behalf of all residents, Twigworth Parish Council will be raising the VE 80 Day flag at 9am, at the Church of St Matthew, to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day on Thursday 8th May, 2025, to honour this historic milestone.

How was VE Day celebrated locally in 1945?

On VE Day, May 8, 1945, Tewkesbury, like towns across the UK, celebrated the end of the war in Europe with street parties, dancing, and singing, with the added presence of the US G-25 camp's soldiers who participated in local celebrations.

Here's a look at how the local areas would have celebrated VE Day:

- Street Parties and Celebrations:**
 People took to the streets to celebrate the end of the war, with communities organising street parties, dancing, and singing.
- G-25 Camp's Role:**
 The G-25 camp, a major US supply base for Operation Overlord, was located in Tewkesbury (Ashchurch) and its soldiers were actively involved in local celebrations.
- Dances and Music:**
 G.I.s invited local people to dances where people could experience Coke, big bands, and homey tea.
- Generosity from Soldiers:**
 American soldiers, despite cautions from their officers, found ways to be generous to their hosts, providing gifts and parties for children, and even staging shows at the Sabrina Cinema to raise money for British prisoners of war.
- General Atmosphere of Relief and Joy:**
 VE Day marked the end of a long and difficult war, bringing a sense of relief and joy to people across the country.
- Bunting and Flags:**
 Red, white, and blue bunting was hung in people's homes and in the streets to mark the occasion



VE Day 80 Proclamation

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez

Eighty years ago today the United Kingdom and its allies from around the globe celebrated VE Day – the end of the war in Europe.

Today as we come together to commemorate what came to be known as VE Day our thoughts turn to thanksgiving and remembrance of those millions that gave so much to achieve the freedom we all enjoy today.

We remember those we lost, those who were wounded or scarred, those whose lives were forever changed by war. Nobody was immune from the impact of that terrible conflict.

Let us pause to remember their sacrifice.

We reflect too upon the words of our late and glorious Queen, Elizabeth – "Never Give Up, Never Despair".

And so we offer thanksgiving for the selflessness of those who gave up so much in order that future generations should enjoy the blessings of freedom, democracy and peace.



God Save the King



County & Borough Council Elections

On **Thursday 1st May, 2025**, Twigworth electors will have an opportunity to cast their vote on the ballot papers, for the election of:

- **Councillor for the Highnam Division** (which includes Twigworth), on the Gloucestershire County Council
- **Councillor for the Innsworth Ward** (which includes Twigworth), on the Tewkesbury Borough Council

Voting in person on Thursday 1 May 2025

If you are registered and eligible to vote, you can vote in person at the polling station, a polling card should have been sent to you, telling you where your polling station is located and what photographic ID you can use to vote.

You can only vote at the polling station location on your card.

When you arrive at the polling station, give your name and address to the election staff on duty inside the polling station and show them your ID.

You will then be given a ballot paper containing a list of the people seeking election and how many candidates you can vote for.

Go to one of the polling booths and mark your ballot paper(s) in secrecy. Fold your completed ballot paper(s) and place it/them in the ballot box.

Please note that you do not need to take your poll card with you to the polling station to be able to vote.

Voter ID

If you vote in person at a polling station, you will be required to show an accepted form of photographic identification to polling station staff before being issued with a ballot paper.

You can find a list of the accepted forms identification here.

If your photographic identification document has expired, it will still be accepted as long as the photograph is still a good likeness of you.

If you do not already have any of the accepted forms of photographic identification, you will be able to apply either online, in person or by post, for a Voter Authority Certificate.



NOTICE OF POLL AND SITUATION OF POLLING STATIONS

Gloucestershire County Council Election of a Councillor Highnam County Division

1. A poll for the election of a County Councillor for Highnam County Division will be held on Thursday 1 May 2025, between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 pm.
2. The number of County Councillors to be elected is **one**.
3. The names, addresses and descriptions of the Candidates validly nominated for election and the names of those persons signing each Candidate's nomination paper are as follows:

Name of Candidate	Address of Candidate *	Description of Candidate (if any)	Name of Proposer	Name of Second
BOOKING Graham John	21 Gray Close, Innsworth, GL3 1EE	Reform UK	Hiradhan Rai	Rojina Rai
BRISTOW Jonathan Richard	(address in Tewkesbury)	Green Party	Allison J Hignett	Edward C Hignett
HANDS Sarah Jane	8 Arms Close, Churchdown, Glos, GL3 2HY	Liberal Democrats	Richard Harris	Jane Oxley
LAPINGTON Anne	(address in Forest of Dean)	Labour Party	Trudy A Symonds	Jenni C F Symonds
MCLAIN Paul Dermot	Daffodil Cottage, Overhurst, Gloucester, GL19 4BX	The Conservative Party Candidate	Mark J Williams	Jill K Smith

* If a candidate has requested not to make their home address public, the relevant area in which their home address is situated is provided.

4. The situation of Polling Stations and the description of persons entitled to vote thereat are as follows:

Situation of Polling Station	Station Number	Ranges of electoral register numbers of persons entitled to vote thereat
Ashleworth Memorial Hall, Nup End, Ashleworth	18	ALW-1 to ALW-484
Charcley Village Hall, Charcley	19	CHY-1 to CHY-92
Down Hatherley Village Hall, Down Hatherley Lane, Down Hatherley, Gloucester	20	DHY-1 to DHY-369
Forthampton Village Hall, School Lane, Forthampton	21	FTM-1 to FTM-125
Parish Room, Highnam Community Centre, Newent Road, Highnam	22	HGM-1 to HGM-1643
Triley Village Hall, Ledbury Road, Triley	23	HSF-1 to HSF-100
Triley Village Hall, Ledbury Road, Triley	23	TRL-1 to TRL-355
Innsworth Community Hall, Rookery Road, Innsworth	24	INS-1 to INS-1869
Longford Village Hall, Longford Lane, Longford	25	LNG-1 to LNG-1568
Maisemore Village Hall, Church Road, Maisemore	26	MSM-1 to MSM-451
The Harney Centre, Main Road, Minsterworth	27	MST-1 to MST-366
Sandhurst Village Hall, Sandhurst Lane, Sandhurst	28	SND-1 to SND-367
Twigworth Green Sales Centre, Tewkesbury Road, Twigworth	29	TWG-1 to TWG-1006

5. This poll will be taken together with the election of a Borough Councillor for the Innsworth Ward (polling stations 24, 25 and 29 only).

Dated Wednesday 23 April 2025

Alistair Cunningham
Deputy Returning Officer

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NOTICE OF POLL AND SITUATION OF POLLING STATIONS

Tewkesbury Borough Council Election of a Councillor Innsworth Ward

1. A poll for the election of a Borough Councillor for Innsworth Ward will be held on Thursday 1 May 2025, between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 pm.
2. The number of Borough Councillors to be elected is **one**.
3. The names, addresses and descriptions of the Candidates validly nominated for election and the names of those persons signing each Candidate's nomination paper are as follows:

Name of Candidate	Address of Candidate *	Description of Candidate (if any)	Name of Proposer	Name of Second
BOOKING Graham John	21 Gray Close, Innsworth, GL3 1EE	Reform UK	Kathleen M Booking	Luke A Pitman
BRISTOW Jonathan Richard	(address in Tewkesbury)	Green Party	Angela Ransley	Paul Ransley
DAVIES Veronica	(address in Tewkesbury)	The Labour Party Candidate	Robert C Davies	Claire F Davies
RAI Rojina Pradhan	10 Jackson Crescent, Innsworth, Gloucester, GL3 1BY	Liberal Democrats	Sirish Rai	Hiradhan Rai

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Twigworth Green - Road Safety

Kill Your Speed - Before YOU Kill!

Now that **Ironbridge Road and Apley Road** are at last getting their road surfaces made good, they are thankfully, becoming much smoother for vehicles and their passengers, that said, the final layer of tarmac and block paving has yet to be completed, this will take place over the coming months.

Due to these smoother surfaces, there has been a rise in reports of motorists... residents' included... speeding on these roads... this is an accident waiting to happen with pedestrians, cyclists, small children playing and animals around.

The development roads are still the responsibility of the developers until such time they are adopted by Gloucestershire County Council Highways.

Any official traffic speed sign will require a Traffic Regulation Order but it is our understanding, that this will be for a **20mph limit** throughout the development roads, however this is still some way off.

This is not going to get resolved by installing speed humps either, the one thing that can help reduce speed immediately and cost nothing, is for the speeding drivers to take individual responsibility when driving their vehicles.... be it on the development or elsewhere!



Unfortunately, there will be those who think that this doesn't apply to them.... we appeal to everyone to drive responsibly.

There are **10mph** signs which have been erected for construction traffic but they too seem oblivious to construction traffic drivers... the only traffic that seems to adhere to that speed is the road sweeper!

We don't have to wait for speed signs for motorists to drive slowly

PLEASE DRIVE RESPONSIBLY AND REDUCE YOUR SPEED NOW!

Double Yellow Lines

Following the GCC Highways Traffic Regulation Order around Twigworth Green, double yellow lines and junction markings have now been applied to Apley Road.



Cars Parking on Pavements

There are still some residents parking their cars on pavements, causing pedestrians to step onto the road, this is not only inconsiderate but totally unsafe for pedestrians, when there is ample road and driveway parking.

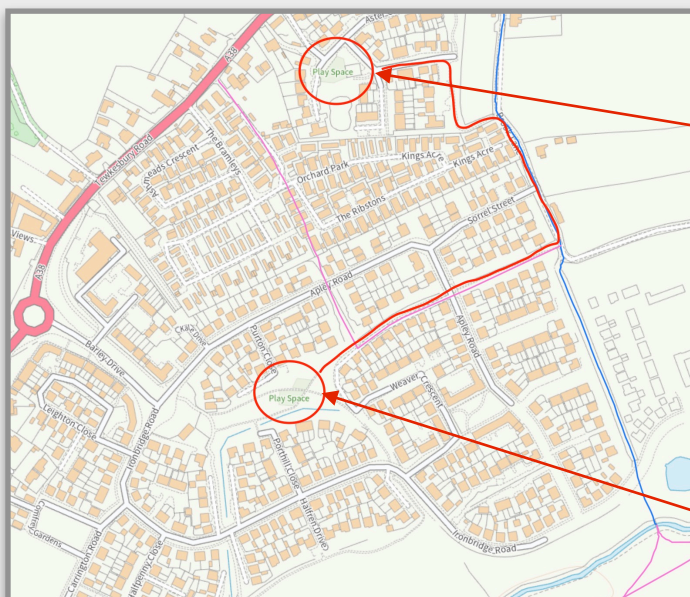


Please park responsibly!

Children's Play Areas

There are currently two Children Play Spaces in Twigworth, one at **FALLOW FIELDS** and the other at **TWIGWORTH GREEN**.

Both are accessible to each other and both have different play equipment, they are only a short distance apart and are connected by the network of footpaths around the new developments, these footpaths are indicated by the red line in diagram.



Fallow Fields



Fallow Fields



Twigworth Green

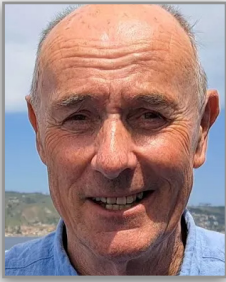


There will be a further Play Area installed at **Twigworth Green**, it will have different play equipment to the other areas, when the final phase of construction is completed towards the end of 2025.



Twigworth Green

Enjoy but Play Safely!



FLOODWATCH with George Sharpley

Chairman of Twigworth Parish Council

Flooding and sewerage in this area are inextricably linked. The development of hundreds of new houses in the past few years has only piled pressure on an already dilapidated sewerage network.

A decade ago, three councils combined to create the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) to identify sites for much-needed housing. Tewkesbury Borough, Gloucester City and Cheltenham Borough joined up and pointed to the vale north of Gloucester as a prime development area. You can easily see why. The land is flat, close to Gloucester, with good access to the motorway and other main routes. South Gloucester had already been extended, so why not northwards too?

What stopped it previously was wariness over flooding. Mike Dawson, Tewkesbury's CEO, who also headed up the JCS project, agreed with his colleagues that Twigworth was an ideal site for major development. The flooding issue he would later famously disregard as a 'bump in the road'.

However, Mr Dawson needed Tewkesbury's Councillors to vote for Twigworth's inclusion, and on 25th October 2016 they rejected his proposal. Undeterred, he immediately set about reversing their decision. A new vote was planned for 31 January 2017. In the meantime he arranged for a full-day presentation on flood risk in an attempt to change Councillors' minds.

Twigworth Parish Council asked Mr Dawson if an unpaid advisor could also address this presentation, Professor Ian Cluckie, who was a retired hydrologist of world renown. Despite Professor Cluckie's credentials and expertise, Mr Dawson refused to allow him to speak. Councillors voted again and the decision was reversed: Twigworth was included in the JCS project.



NEXT ISSUE: **What are the flood risks around Twigworth?**

A38 Tewkesbury Road - 40mph & 50mph Speed Limits

Gloucestershire County Council is proposing to introduce a 40mph speed limit along part of the A38 Tewkesbury Road, Down Hatherley/Norton; and to reduce the extent of the existing 50mph speed limit to align with the proposed extent of 40mph speed limit.

The scheme is being proposed primarily to improve road safety and amenity for all highway users, including pedestrians and cyclists on a section of the A38 Tewkesbury Road, where there is currently a 50mph speed limit.

There have been 10 collisions along this section of carriageway between January 2019 to January 2025. Of these, one was classed as 'slight' and nine were 'serious'. This has been flagged up on the Gloucestershire "Hotspot List" as a location that requires intervention. The proposed changes seek to reduce the number and severity of collisions that have occurred here. The proposal aligns with the Department for Transport (DfT) "Setting Local Speed Limits" guidance for a 40mph speed limit given that there are numerous accesses, pedestrian crossing points and facilities on this section of carriageway.

PUBLIC NOTICE GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (40 & 50 MPH SPEED LIMITS) (A38 TEWKESBURY ROAD) (VARIOUS PARISHES) (TEWKESBURY BOROUGH) ORDER 2025

Notice is hereby given that Gloucestershire County Council in exercise of its enabling powers under Section 84 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 proposes:

1. To introduce the 40mph speed limit detailed in Schedule 1 below; and
2. To reduce the extent of the existing 50mph speed limit as detailed in Schedule 2 below to align with the proposed extent of 40mph speed limit.

Schedule 1 - 40mph Speed Limit to be Introduced

Road Name & Number	Description
Tewkesbury Road (A38)	From a point approximately 96 metres north-east of the centreline of its junction with Down Hatherley Lane (C81) to a point approximately 92 metres north-east of the centreline of its north-eastern junction with Wainode Lane (C77)
Wainode Lane (C77)	From its junction with Tewkesbury Road (A38) for a distance of approximately 83 metres in a south-westerly direction.

Schedule 2 - 50mph Speed Limit to be Introduced

Road Name & Number	Description
Tewkesbury Road (A38)	From a point approximately 92 metres north-east of the centreline of its north-eastern junction with Wainode Lane (C77) to a point approximately 375 metres south-west of its junction with The Wharf Lane (40442)

The lengths of roads fall within the Parishes of Twigworth, Down Hatherley, Norton & Leigh within the Tewkesbury Borough in the County of Gloucestershire.

A copy of the draft Order together with the relevant plan and statement of reasons may be viewed at The Map Room, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TG or online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/tros.

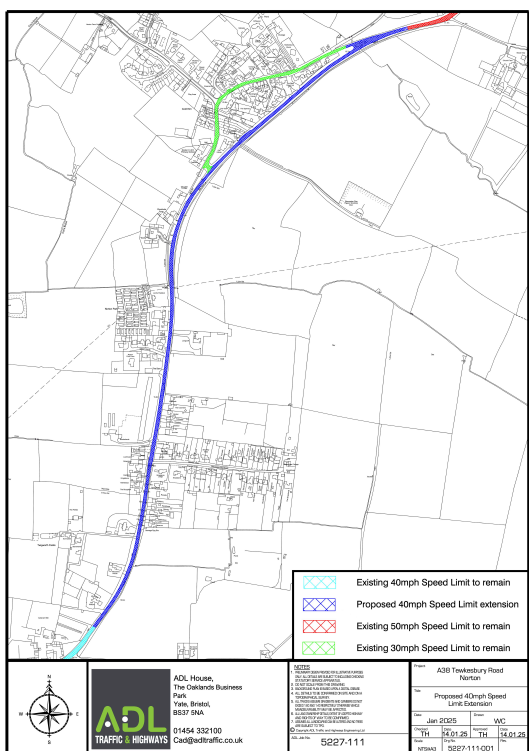
Any objections or representations to the proposal together with the grounds on which they are made must be sent in writing to ADL Traffic & Highways Ltd, ADL House, Oaklands Business Park, Armstrong Way, Yate, BS37 9NA or emailed to info@adltraffic.co.uk no later than noon on 5th May 2025. (Please quote reference 5227/108/JB/84700). Representations of support will also be received during this period.

Any comments that you make concerning this proposal cannot be treated as confidential. For further details about how we deal with your comments and your personal details, please go to <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/tros>.

Dated 10th April 2025


for Assistant Director of Legal Services

5227/111/84700/JB



The 85th percentile vehicle speed data gathered during the assessment was above the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) guideline intervention level for a 40mph speed limit of 46mph. However, this is at a location that is currently signed as a 50mph speed limit and is within the ACPO guideline intervention level for the 50mph Speed Limit. Consequently, it is likely that speeds will reduce to a more acceptable level with the combination of the speed limit reduction and implementation of additional engineering measures.

The parts of the existing 50mph speed limit which are to remain as part of this scheme, will be remade as an administration exercise as part of this proposal.

More information can be found on the Gloucestershire County Council website





Cllr John W Redfern - Annual Report 2025

This is now my second year as a Parish Councillor, it has been another very busy year, particularly with Twigworth Green issues, which at times, have been quite challenging and sometimes rewarding!

Much of my work on the council has continued in my role as Community Lead, which mainly involves the administration of the Parish Council Website, Facebook Social Media Page and our Newsletter.

The Parish Council Newsletter, "Twigworth News" has continued to be published monthly, with the sharing of news and information for our ever growing community, either directly to subscribers (which is free), or via our website and social media platforms, I hope that residents have found it interesting.

Following a proposal I put forward last year, for our council to apply for recognition under the Local Council Award Scheme, Foundation Level; we were unfortunately unable to meet the strict criteria required for this; nevertheless, a lot of good work was completed by council in preparing for this, with the creation and adoption of new council policies and statements.

My other main focus of the year has been supporting the community of Twigworth Green with the many different issues that have arisen and required my attention, such as:

- Continuing the dialogue with Vistry, Gateway and Tewkesbury Borough Council about the ongoing issues of Dog Waste Bins and Signage throughout the development; we now 6 additional bins compared to the start of 2023!
- Creating a regular dialogue with the developers and others, in matters concerning the general development, these matters are tracked with the Twigworth Green Residents Observation File which is shared with the developers, others and posted on our website
- Raising issues about the S106 deliverables, with the Developers (Vistry), Tewkesbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council, such as the need for a Bus Shelter, Children Play Area equipment, A38 Footpaths
- Creating a dialogue with Gateway Management and their Sub-Contractor, Tony Benger Landscapes, in matters concerning the grounds maintenance, in particular saplings, hedgerows and waste litter
- Installation of a Defibrillator at Janes Pantry at the Local Centre, after being successful in the award of £2500 from the GCC Build Back Better Scheme; this was put use within weeks of the installation!
- Supporting residents and assisting external bodies, TBC, Police and Housing Associations, in dealing with specific Anti-Social Behaviour incidents
- Organising the annual Armistice Remembrance at St Matthews, involving Seven Towers Benefice (Rev Joe French), Royal British Legion, Armed Services, Council members and with special support from our Piper, Tam Coleman - truly a moving ceremony.

There is still much to deliver for the residents of Twigworth and together with other Councillors, we shall be working tirelessly on this, I would urge residents to contact us if they require assistance on any matter - the Council are here to help you and be your voice.

My thanks to other Councillors, our Council Clerk and residents for their help and support over the last year.

Local Planning Applications

25/00258/CLP | Homelea Cottage Tewkesbury Road

Application for proposed Outbuilding, under "lawful development"

23/00605/APP | Land Off Brook Lane Twigworth, Down Hatherley

Application for the approval of reserved matters pursuant of outline 21/00976/OUT for residential development (up to 160 dwellings) and associated works including demolition, infrastructure, open space and landscaping with vehicular access from the A38

Local Issues - Under Review

The following issues have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council and are currently being investigated:

- ◆ Awaiting Vistry to install the Twigworth Green Bus Shelter
- ◆ Litter issues around the bus stop and across the development - awaiting response from Vistry for litter bins
- ◆ Residents parking on pavements
- ◆ Electric bikes being ridden at speed on footpaths at Twigworth Green
- ◆ Awaiting response from Vistry on dead saplings and state of hedgerows

Parish Council Assembly & Annual General Meeting

The next meeting will be held on

Thursday 8th May

Twigworth Parish Council will be holding both its Parish Council Assembly and Annual General Meeting and at the Down Hatherley Village Hall.

Parish Assembly Meeting

From 19:00 - 20:00

The Annual Parish Assembly is an opportunity for members of the public to learn what activities the Parish Council have carried out during the year.

It is also an opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues with the Parish Council.

Annual General Meeting

From 20:00 - 2100

This is a more formal meeting, where members are still welcomed to attend but not speak.

The business is formal and existing Councillors have the opportunity to elect members to the offices of Council.

Orchard Park - Footpath

The footpath (ETW6) through Orchard Park from the A38 to Apley Road, remains temporarily closed while construction work continues. The Footpath Closure Notice was extended to 13 April 2025 or until construction is completed... we will advise when it re-opens.



This will provide quick access to the A38 Bus Stop and Royal Mail Post Boxes for Twigworth Green residents.

Your Parish Councillors



L-R: Cllr. Graham Bocking; Cllr. John Redfern (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. Elaine Watson and Cllr. George Sharpley (Chairman)