

TWIGWORTH NEWS



Merry Christmas Everyone!



The Twigworth Parish Council would like to wish all residents and their families a Very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year



Chairman's Christmas Message

The November rains paused for a few hours on Saturday 8th November for our Remembrance ceremony in St Matthew's churchyard. Our vicar, Joe Knight, led the prayers and reflections on the huge sacrifice that these young men made to help our community live safely, and to enjoy a freedom that today we take for granted.



They are a great inspiration to us in our much more humble and mundane role as parish councillors, as we continue to press the authorities on your behalf, and hold them to scrutiny where needed. And we cannot do that without your help and support.

As Christmas draws near, I invite you to reflect on what inspires you, on what we can do better to support you, and what you can do yourself to make our historic village a kinder, safer place to live.

And last but not least, we wish you a thoroughly happy Christmas, and the very best for 2026!

Cllr George Sharpley

Chairman Twigworth Parish Council



New Parish Councillor

Following the recent resignation of Elaine Watson from the the Parish Council, arrangements were made for an election, however, no candidates came forward, so the the Parish Council looked to fill the vacancy by Co-Option.

So we would like to welcome back a previous Councillor and Chairman, Rick Harris, who is also a Longford Parish Councillor, as our new member of the council and Vice-Chair!



We have lost an Elf in this Newsletter



*Can you help find our lost
Elf he has an important
job to do with the
presents?*



Editor's Christmas Message



As we come to the end of another year and the festive season starts to get into full swing, I'm sure that you will all be looking forward to relaxing and spending some quality time with your family and friends over the holiday period.

While Christmas can be a very special time of year for many of us, it can also be a lonely one for others, so please take a bit of time to check in on friends and neighbours who may not have family around at this time of year.

We should also remember, with gratitude, everyone who will be working over this holiday period, particularly those in our emergency services and hospitals, our sincerest wishes to them for a peaceful and happy festive period.

Twigworth is continuing to develop into a much larger community than just a few years ago, there is more housing planned with developments at Chestnut Tree Farm (80 homes), Land to East of Sandhurst Lane (170 homes) and Brook Lane (160 homes)

Vistry are now in the final phase of completing the housing development at Twigworth Green along with the much awaited Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) Facility and Sports Fields, which will please our local sports enthusiasts and provide a much needed home for our very own Twigworth Green FC!

The MUGA will hopefully provide a facility where the community can come together socially.

This year we were able to purchase and install our new noticeboard, centrally sited outside the Mid Counties Co-Op and Twigworth Green residents were finally able to celebrate their Bus Shelter with a bang, after it was installed on 5 November! There are still many challenges that face Twigworth but rest assured, the Parish Council and its Councillors will work diligently to deliver on the things that are of concern to our community.

Finally, on behalf of Twigworth Parish Council, I would like to wish all residents and their families, a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Cllr. John Redfern

Twigworth Parish Council



Know your Councillors!

The Parish Council consists of 5 volunteer councillors who are democratically elected by local vote or "co-opted" every 4 years.

To be honest, we don't receive much feedback, our meetings are poorly attended and we only receive occasional emails, so we would love to hear your views about how you think our Parish Councillors are doing!

We get involved in all sorts of community issues and we try and do our best to assist and achieve a successful outcome for everyone.



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Parish Council agrees Precept for 2026-27

Each year, Twigworth Parish Council carries out a review of their budgetary (precept) requirements for the following year and then submit to Tewkesbury Borough Council for inclusion in the following tax year's Council Tax bill.

At the November Parish Council meeting, the Council approved its budget and precept requirements for 26/27 in the sum of £36000.

The Council considered future expansion of the Parish and the role of the Council in supporting the community.

The Council continues to develop policies and practices to meet professional standards of local Councils, including developing the role of the Clerk and Financial Officer to advise the Council on its policies and to ensure that the practices agreed are lawful and carried out safely and to the best standards, this will include upgrades to its website and email domains.

There is a strong desire for the Parish Council to secure and improve facilities for all the residents of Twigworth.

Whilst setting a prudent budget which will allow the Parish Council to achieve the targets and actions over a 4 year period, the Council is also looking at securing grants and funding from other sources.

The Council are working towards securing community assets such as, additional waste bins, better highway signage, safer speed limits and working with other agencies and local Councils to review the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Parish Council feel it is important to establish a community identity for Twigworth and are committed to developing means of community engagement to ensure that the views and opinions of all the residents will be listened to.



Twigworth News - Free

Did you know that you can receive your own copy of the **TWIGWORTH NEWS** for **FREE** every month?

As part of our Community Engagement Policy, the Council publishes this monthly newsletter, which is also published on our website and social media.

If you visit our website, you can subscribe for **FREE** and make sure that you never miss a copy of the Twigworth Newsletter, just enter your email address below and we will send you a personal copy!



Twigworth Remembrance - Saturday 8th November

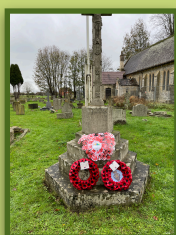
Wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by Cllr George Sharpley, Chairman of Twigworth Parish Council and Mark Pavely, of the Gloucester Branch Royal British Legion.

The ceremony was led by Rev Joe Knight of the Seven Towers Benefice and supported by Mark Paveley RBL

A very special thank you to all the children and staff at the Mary Ps Nursery for their lovely poppy tribute.

Thank you to everyone in our community who attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Church of St Matthew.

Special thanks to Rev'd Joe Knight, Mark Cavely, Gloucester Branch of the Royal British Legion Twigworth Parish Councillors and residents.



We Will Remember Them



ASB injunction secured against local woman from Twigworth

A woman from Twigworth has been issued an antisocial behaviour injunction, on 6 November, by Gloucester and Cheltenham County Court, the injunction was secured against Nicole Newton, age 31, of 13 Halfpenny Close, Twigworth, by Tewkesbury Borough Council Officers who work within the Solace partnership collaborated with Ms Newton's landlord, Bromford Flagship Housing.

The injunction, which is now live, was served to Miss Newton on Tuesday, 11 November, following reports of ongoing issues, the court has imposed strict conditions, including a ban on:

- Conduct causing nuisance or annoyance to anyone living, visiting, or working within Halfpenny Close, Twigworth, and the surrounding area
- Use or threats of violence towards any person in the area
- Shouting, swearing, abusive language, or insulting gestures
- Noise audible outside the property between 11pm and 7am
- Direct or indirect contact with named individuals.

A power of arrest applies to the first three conditions.

Any breach of the order will require a witness statement and could lead to further enforcement action, including the housing provider seeking possession of the property.

Any breaches of the injunction can be reported to the Police, Tewkesbury Borough Council or Bromford Flagship Housing.

Councillor Alex Hegenbarth, Lead Member for Community and Housing, said:

“Residents have the right to feel safe and secure in their homes. This injunction sends a clear message that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.

We will continue to work closely with our partners and the individual involved to ensure the best possible outcome for the community.”

For more information on the council's work to tackle antisocial behaviour, visit: tewkesbury.gov.uk/anti-social-behaviour-asb



Bus Shelters & Waste Bins

After much waiting, Twigworth now have some bus shelters that will help keep residents protected while waiting for their buses and some comfort for those with mobility restrictions.

We haven't forgotten ... two of the new Bus Shelters ... will get litter bins (as shown) ... we just ask for a little patience again!



The Roses Theatre Tewkesbury

Sat 29 Nov 2025 - Sat 3 Jan 2026



Gloucester Cathedral - Carols On The Hour



Carols on the Hour

Saturday, December 6
from 11:00 to 15:30

30-minute
performances on the
hour by different
choirs

Including the
Cathedral Junior Choir and the Cathedral
Choristers.

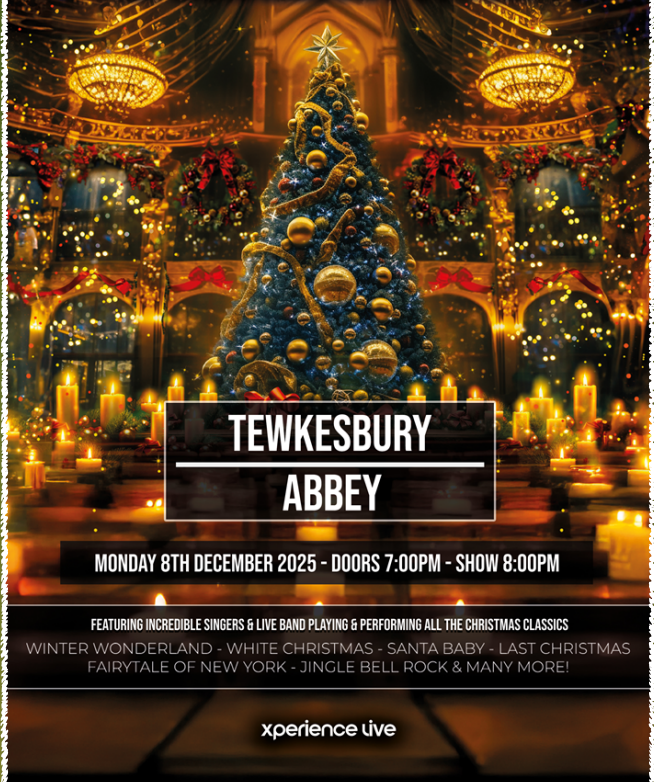
The event is family-friendly and does not
require booking, though donations are
welcome to support the Cathedral

Cheltenham Ice Rink

Indoor Ice Skating at the Imperial Gardens

Friday 21 November - Sunday 4 January

CHRISTMAS THE CANDLELIGHT CONCERT



**TEWKESBURY
ABBEY**

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025 - DOORS 7:00PM - SHOW 8:00PM

FEATURING INCREDIBLE SINGERS & LIVE BAND PLAYING & PERFORMING ALL THE CHRISTMAS CLASSICS
WINTER WONDERLAND - WHITE CHRISTMAS - SANTA BABY - LAST CHRISTMAS
FAIRYTALE OF NEW YORK - JINGLE BELL ROCK & MANY MORE!

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ROBIN HOOD AND HIS merry men

Everyman Theatre Cheltenham
Fri 28th Nov - Sun 11th Jan

Christmas Day Swim

Cheltenham Lido
Christmas Day
Swim 2025



For just £5 and join
in the ultimate
festive plunge

Visit website for more details

Christmas at Over Farm Countryside Adventure

Countryside Adventure invites families to join a mischievous festive adventure like no other. Although Father Christmas won't be visiting the farm this year, a few cheeky elves have taken over to spread their own brand of holiday fun with Elfcapades!



Follow the elves' mystery trail around the farm, meeting friendly animals and taking part in playful challenges as you work to unscramble the secret festive word. Those clever enough to solve the puzzle will be rewarded with a visit to the elves' workshop, where each child will receive a very special present.

Visitors can enjoy plenty of family-friendly activities throughout the day, including:

- Photo opportunities
- Animal trail
- Duck racing
- Jumping pillows
- Mini golf
- Foot golf
- Free marshmallows for everyone!

Celebrate the season with laughter, excitement and a touch of elfish mischief on the farm this Christmas.
6, 7, 13 & 14, 20 -23 December

New Year Resolutions - 2026

The Parish Councillors will continue to

- ♦ represent the residents of Twigworth to the best of our abilities
- ♦ hold the Tewkesbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Councils to account on the delivery of the S106 Agreements much needed infrastructures eg. School, Multi Use Games Area, Children's Play Areas, Bus Shelter, Dog Waste and General Litter bins on the new developments
- ♦ lobby for a speed reduction on the A38 through our village from 40mph to 30mph
- ♦ lobby for other road safety improvements along the A38
- ♦ lobby for a speed limit of 20mph on all new residential roads
- ♦ continue delivering on our 4-Year Plan
- ♦ raise concerns on behalf of residents with the new housing developers
- ♦ support victims of Anti-Social Behaviour

Gloucester Quays Christmas Markets & Ice Skating



The Gloucester Quays Christmas Market 2025 will run every weekend from November 8 to December 21, 2025.

The market will feature over 120 stalls with crafts, gifts, and food, located throughout the Quays and historic docks.

An outdoor ice rink will also be available from November 20, 2025, and entry to the market is free.



Next Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 8th January 2026

19:00 - 21:00



This meeting is open to the public if you wish to hear what's going on in and around Twigworth or to raise any issues or ideas.

