



Newsletter – April 2022

Parish Council

Meetings are normally held on the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the Shurdington Community Centre and residents are welcome to attend.

The council has decided in January 2022 not to increase its parish portion from your council tax bill for the current tax year (2022/23). This decision was based on the high rise of everyday living costs and the Council's healthy reserve funds.

Parish Council funds are used to pay for cutting grass on the village green and other locations within the village, to support local community organisations grant funding requests, the Taxi Voucher Scheme, to contribute to other organisations' expenses such as maintenance of the Churchyard, and for various items such as notices, litter bins, dog bins and bus shelters.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event

Shurdington's Platinum Jubilee celebrations will take place between 1pm and 6pm on 4th June 2022 on the Village Green.

Parishioners are encouraged to bring and share their own picnics to enjoy with the rest of the community, and free sandwiches, cakes, savoury pastries and hot and cold drinks will be available. Entertainment will be provided by the Glevum Big Band and a number of other local artists; and children's activities – including a craft table and face painting – will be available throughout.

We hope you'll be able to come and enjoy an afternoon celebrating this once-in-a-generation jubilee.

Tree Planting in Shurdington

The Parish Council are intent on playing our part in tackling the climate crisis by taking local action. In recent Parish Council meetings the idea of increased planting of trees and shrubbery over several phases were discussed. This discussion became a plan that was presented to the Annual Assembly and was voted on unanimously by our community.

The first phase of our effort will be to engage with local gardening contractors and landscaping specialists to produce a detailed plan for new planting both on and around the village green area. This plan will also include an ongoing schedule of maintenance to ensure that any new planting in the village is managed correctly for many years ahead. Once finalised the Parish Council will select the appropriate costed proposal and will expect to begin phase 1 of planting around early Autumn time.

Follow on options for new planting around the village will begin once the success of phase 1 has been assessed.

Grant Funding Award

At our meeting in April it was agreed to award two grants to the 15th Cheltenham (Shurdington) Scout Group. The first grant of £1,056 towards rental costs for the hire of the Community Centre; the second a grant of £500 towards two scouts attending the Scout Jamboree in Korea in 2023.

For more details on how to apply for grant funding please visit our website www.shurdingtonparishcouncil.co.uk/?services=522 or email the Parish Clerk.

Community Speedwatch Group

In conjunction with Gloucestershire Police and with the support of Shurdington Parish Council, a group of volunteers are conducting monitoring of vehicle speeds in the village.

This Community Speedwatch group formed in response to the widespread levels of concerns that have been expressed about the excessive speeds of vehicles in our community.

If you have any questions, or are interesting in volunteering to take part then please contact either the Parish Council shurdingtonpc@gmail.com or the speedwatch team at shurdingtonspeedcheck@gmail.com

For more speedwatch information and statistics please visit:

<https://sites.google.com/view/shurdingtonspeedwatch/>

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Some print copies will be available in public buildings and shops within the village.

Parish Council Website & Facebook

The website has been updated and made easier to find information. The website address is www.shurdingtonpc.co.uk and the site carries information on various topics, copies of Minutes and other parish council documents. It includes a new “A to Z” of local council and services information with links to other sites such as Tewkesbury Borough Council, Shurdington Village, and Police.

The Facebook page is @shurdingtonpc and is regularly updated by Cllr George Porter.

Taxi Voucher Scheme

Shurdington Parish Council operate a taxi voucher scheme for residents of the parish who find it difficult to use public transport services. This could be because of medical conditions, mobility problems or the distance to the nearest bus stop.

The scheme continues to be well used by some residents of the parish but recently we have seen a reduction of the number of vouchers being used due to the pandemic.

For more details of how to join the scheme please contact Cllr Clare Stewart or the Parish Clerk.

Farm Lane Allotments

A new Allotment Committee manage the allotment site at Farm Lane, Shurdington on behalf of Shurdington Parish Council. The email address for the new committee is shurdingtonallotments@gmail.com

At the current time there is only a small waiting list for potential new tenants. If you are interested in becoming a tenant please contact the Parish Clerk who can provide more details.

Local Contact Information

Useful Telephone Numbers

Care Direct	0800 444 000
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Electricity faults	0800 328 111
Emmaus	01452 413095
Furniture Recycling	01452 331333
Gas faults	0800 111 999
Gloucestershire Highways	08000 514514
NHS (Out of Hours)	08454 220220
NHS Direct	111
Police (non-emergency)	101
Street Light faults	08000 514514
Tewkesbury Borough	01684 295010
Water faults	0800 783 4444

Village Organisations

Church Hall hire	01242 701127
Churchwarden	01242 862598
Friendship Club	01242 863991
Gardening Society	07792 269353
Sports Club	01242 862826
Mothers' Union	01242 862467
Three in One (Editor)	01242 862518
Pre-School	07867 813627
Scout Group	07770 480272

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