CHEVELEY PARISH COUNCIL - SPRING NEWSLETTER 2024



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Parish Meeting & McCalmont Cup and Young Volunteer Award

23rd May 2024 7pm Cheveley Parish Hall



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Welcome to our Spring 2024 Newsletter giving highlights from around our Parish and from Cheveley Parish Council.

Much has taken place over the past year, so here is a summary of achievements and events from our unique community to bring you right up to date.



The Parish Hall

Acoustic panels have been installed at the Parish Hall to reduce the echo experienced in both the Jubilee and Garden Rooms which made it hard to hear what was being said at various gatherings. This has proved most successful with the sound quality now being much improved for the benefit of all users. To enquire and book your event or activity at the Parish Hall please go to <u>www.cheveley-</u> pc.gov.uk/cheveley-parish-hall

The Recreation Ground and Sports Pavilion

- Upgrades and repairs to the playground equipment have been completed so that it is safe, fit for purpose and compliant with current Health & Safety rules.
- Five new trees have been planted in addition to the ten planted to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 2022
- The Sports Pavilion has been repainted and there are plans to provide a footpath from the car park to the entrance of the pavilion and children's play area and to review disabled access for the pavilion.



Volunteers planting the trees to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

The Recreation Ground and Sports Pavilion continued....

- An additional CCTV camera located at the entrance to the Recreation Ground covering the car parking area and entrance/exit access has been installed and is working. The objective is to try and prevent antisocial behaviour or vandalism to the ground and Pavilion and to ensure the safety of all Recreation Ground users and those of the playground as well.
- The football goalposts will be painted and repaired in the coming months.
- Repairs to the historic wall, running parallel to the High Street at the Recreation Ground, will start soon and will involve replacing the capping on the top of the wall to prevent further erosion and damage from frost and bad weather.
- May we also remind all dog walkers using the Recreation Ground to keep their dogs under strict control and away from the children's play area so as not to cause alarm to both parents and their young children – thank you.

Cheveley Cemetery and War Memorial

Repairs to and cleaning of the war memorial are now complete. This important memorial is now Grade II Listed. There is a news item on the BBC which may be of interest to some residents. It can be found at www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-67377110





The planting of daffodil bulbs and renovation of the wildflower meadow at the cemetery, along with weekly maintenance has resulted in councillors receiving positive feedback on the peacefulness and biodiversity of the area.

Bus Shelter

A cleanup and painting of the bus shelter adjacent to The Red Lion public house and restaurant in Cheveley has been undertaken this year by the Parish Council.

Cheveley Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council are extremely pleased to announce that the Parish of Cheveley Neighbourhood Plan has been sent to East Cambs District Council for review. The next step being a referendum later this year to ratify it.

This is really good news for Cheveley as we will have more influence/control over future planning for Cheveley. Please go to <u>www.cheveley-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan</u> for more information.

Planning and the Building of New Houses

Construction work has started on 22 mixed new dwellings by the developer, Denbury Homes, at the old MoD site in Oak Lane in Cheveley, it having stood derelict for many years. Occupation of these new houses is expected later this year.

If you have been affected by muddy roads and ongoing disruption from this construction site then please contact the developer on 0808 1753623 or go to <u>www.farrierswalk-cheveley.co.uk</u> It is the developer's responsibility to keep roads and pavements clean, during the construction phase of the development.

Road Safety

Speeding continues to be a concern across the Parish. Over the past five years the Parish Council has led the installation of traffic calming measures on Newmarket Road in Cheveley and Ashley Road in Newmarket. We have also purchased two new movable speed signs which are regularly moved across the parish to encourage vehicles to slow down and renewed the gates at the Cheveley sign on Newmarket Road.

If you have concerns about speeding and would like to join the Community Speedwatch Team, then please contact the Parish Clerk. Data collected by this team can help the police prioritise where to conduct speed checks.





If you need to report any potholes, then please go to <u>www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk</u> as it is Cambridgeshire County Council who are responsible for these repairs. The Parish Council also continue to raise the issue with them.

The Parish Council will be running a consultation on further road safety improvements in the Spring / Summer. Please check our website for further details.

Future Events

A list of events and activities organised by local clubs and organisations now have a dedicated page on the parish council's website for easy reference as to what is happening on a weekly basis for all in our Parish including when the Farmers Market and Church Fete are scheduled.

This facility went live on 1st March 2024 so please go to <u>www.cheveley-pc.gov.uk/whats-on/</u> for further information or contact our Parish Clerk, Mrs Sally Hughes on <u>clerk@cheveley-</u> <u>pc.gov.uk</u> to add your forthcoming events.

There are Parish Council Notice Boards containing information at the following locations:-

- In South Ward (Cheveley Village) The Parish Hall, Cheveley Post Office/local stores and Broomstick Corner.
- In North Ward (Newmarket Fringe) At the bottom of Centre Drive where it meets the Ashley Road and at Meadow Lane in Duchess Park.

Your Volunteer Parish Councillors:

Cllr James Hadlow (Chair)

Cllr Rob Treanor (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Sallie Thomas

Cllr Brent Noble

Cllr Sheila Marvin

Cllr Richard Jackson

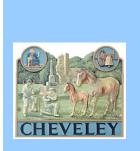
Cllr Sue Willows

Cllr Jane Gibson

For more information Please contact the Parish Clerk Mrs Sally Hughes

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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting, to which all residents are invited, will take place on Thursday 23rd May at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. You are all most welcome to attend to find out what has been happening in our Parish.

Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm, with the meeting starting at 7.30pm prompt. Verbal or written reports are invited from local groups and organisations.

McCalmont Cup and Young Volunteer Award

At the Annual Parish Meeting the McCalmont Cup, awarded to "an individual who has given exceptional service to the Parish" plus the Young Volunteers Award will be presented.

Nominations for either one or both these awards are welcome together with a short supporting explanation. Nominations should be sent via email to the Parish Clerk on <u>clerk@cheveley-pc.gov.uk</u> by no later than **1**st **May 2024**.

Last year's winner of the McCalmont Cup was Tracy Grimster for the great work that she does with Little Angels. Congratulations Tracy.





And the Young Volunteers Award went to Sophie and Lena for their great work litter picking in Oak Lane. This is something they do every Christmas time.

And Finally

It is important to note that all the activities above have taken place without any increase to the Cheveley Parish precept part of the Council Tax for over 11 years!

For other information and activities taking place in the Parish please go to <u>www.cheveley-pc.gov.uk</u>

Please be aware that all the Parish Councillors are willing and enthusiastic volunteers who give their time freely to try and make our local community a better and more pleasant place to live for all residents of all ages.

We have vacancies for Councillors, so if you would like more information on how to join the council then please contact our Parish Clerk or any of our Councillors.

Remember, you can always start by attending one of our meetings held in the Parish Hall on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7.30pm.

Your Local Community Needs You !