

CHEVELEY PARISH COUNCIL – SPRING NEWSLETTER 2025



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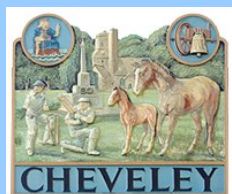


UPCOMING EVENTS

**Annual Parish Meeting
& McCalmont Cup and
Young Volunteer
Award**

At 7.00pm on

9th June 2025



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Welcome to our Spring 2025 Newsletter with information on recent achievements and news from around our Parish and from Cheveley Parish Council.

Much has taken place over the past year, so here is a summary of progress and approved future plans in our unique community to bring you right up to date.



The Parish Hall continues to be busy with both daytime and evening bookings increasing in the Jubilee and Garden Rooms. The gates at the High Street entrance have been refurbished and a new hedge planted around the oil tank. Please note the location of the defibrillator to the left of the doors.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who help keep the hall running especially Phil Nutt for managing the bookings.

To enquire and book your event or activity at the Parish Hall please go to www.cheveley-pc.gov.uk/cheveley-parish-hall

The Recreation Ground, Children's Playground and Sports Pavilion

- The CCTV cameras located at the entrance to the Recreation Ground covering the car park and around the Pavilion have proved a useful investment in recently providing firm evidence for the Police of an attempted break in at the Pavilion. The perpetrator is now in Police custody pending prosecution.
- The travellers that entered the recreation ground illegally in July 2024 were evicted by bailiffs within 36 hours of arriving. Cheveley Parish Council thanks the many volunteers who came to clear up the rubbish and waste they left behind which was scattered everywhere.
- Following this, a new security gate with a restricted height bar and pedestrian gate was installed to prevent unwanted vehicles driving onto the field.
- The new footpath from the car park to the children's playground has been completed which was funded using Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds.



The Recreation Ground, Children's Playground and Sports Pavilion continued....

- The Parish Council has agreed to make the Sports Pavilion more accessible so it is compliant with legislation. It is hoped work will begin soon to convert the existing outside toilets into one accessible facility and create a new accessible entrance into the Pavilion at the rear.
- Diseased and dead trees have been removed, and the newly planted trees have been pruned to encourage growth.
- A thornless native hedging has been planted around the existing car park fence to render a more rural appearance and make the area safer for children and dogs. This was funded by the ECDC Pride of Place initiative.
- The football goalposts have been repainted and repositioned to allow the ground to recover.
- The 'Hogsback' climbing wall in the playground has been repaired and is now back in use.
- Repairs to the historic wall, running parallel to the High Street at the Recreation Ground will continue and be completed this year. This has involved 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 playground so as not to cause alarm to both parents and their young children – thank you.

Supporting the local community

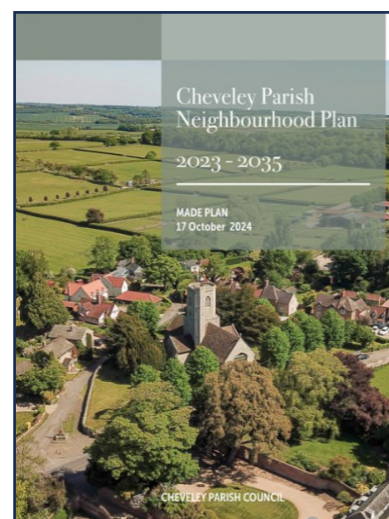
In support of the local community, in December the Parish Council contributed to the purchase of the Christmas Tree at St Mary's Church Cheveley. The Parish Council also paid for an annual licence allowing food vans to operate from the Parish Hall car park at community events and other occasions.

Cheveley Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council are extremely pleased that following a successful referendum on 12 September 2024, the Cheveley Neighbourhood Plan was formally adopted by East Cambridgeshire District Council on 17 October 2024.

The Neighbourhood Plan provides extra guidance for the planning authority when it comes to development within our Parish. It aims to preserve the unique character of the area, protect our heritage assets and encourage sustainable development. This is really good news as we will have more influence over future planning decisions. For more information, please go to:

<https://eastcambs.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-guidance/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-0>



Cheveley Parish Council Revised Web Site, including Future Local Events

A revised website is under discussion to make it easier to search and find relevant information on local knowledge, organisations and events with contact details. A calendar booking facility will be added to enable reservations and/or bookings for the Parish Hall and Pavilion be completed online. Updates to the history of Cheveley, a map, local walks and services will be added as future updates.

A list of events and activities organised by local clubs and organisations will have a dedicated section on the Parish Council's website for easy reference as to what is happening on a weekly basis for all in our Parish. Please do continue to inform us of what's happening in your club or group and it will be added to the website.

Planning and the Building of New Houses

Construction work is almost complete on the 22 mixed new dwellings by the developer, Denbury Homes, at the old MoD site in Oak Lane. For marketing purposes, the development has been called Farriers Walk however, the new close will be called “Flowers Green” after one of the first occupants of the original MoD bungalows which were previously there. Occupation of these new houses is expected later this year.

Road Safety and the Local Highways Improvement (LHI) Bid

Road safety and speed prevention is the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council highways department and the Police.

However, we are committed to help deal with speeding concerns across the Parish. One tool the Parish Council has available is to make a proposal via the Local Highways Improvement (LHI) scheme, managed by Cambridgeshire County Council. Based on recent feedback and the results of our parish-wide survey, we have submitted a funding bid focused on traffic calming on Park Road.



This includes:

- Reducing the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph near the village entrance to slow vehicles down before they enter the village.
- Adding “village gates” to make it very clear you are entering a residential area.
- Improving road markings to enhance compliance with the 30mph zone.

We are also working with County Councillor Alan Sharp to explore additional measures, such as the possibility of chicanes near the school to maintain compliance within the 30mph zone.

If approved, work could start within the next year.

In addition, we’ve successfully lobbied for the repainting of white lines at the Park Road junctions, which is now complete. The yellow zig-zag road markings outside the school will also be repainted during the Easter break.

To further support these efforts, we encourage residents to join the Speedwatch team to help monitor speeding in the Parish. Training will be provided, and the data collected will help us present evidence to the County Council and Police. We’d also like to thank the volunteers who regularly move the mobile speed signs, which provide valuable data and to those residents who have added 30mph signs to their wheelie bins which are visible during collection times. Please be careful not to obstruct narrow pavements in doing so - thank you.

For more information, visit www.cheveley-pc.gov.uk/speed-sign-data.

If you’re interested in volunteering for Speedwatch, please contact our Clerk, Mrs. Sally Hughes, at 07483 107014 or email clerk@cheveley-pc.gov.uk.

Potholes and Other Highways Issues

Potholes and other highways issues can be reported directly to Cambridgeshire County Council’s Highways team at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk as they hold the budget and are responsible for highway repairs. The Parish Council will also continue to report any issues as we become aware of them.

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

- In South Ward (Cheveley Village) - The Parish Hall, Cheveley Post Office/stores & 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 Elected Parish Councillors:

Cllr James Hadlow
(Chair)

Cllr Rob Treanor
(Vice-Chair)

Cllr Sallie Thomas

Cllr Brent Noble

Cllr Sheila Marvin

Cllr Richard Jackson

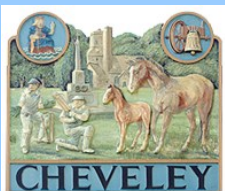
Cllr Sue Willows

Cllr Jane Gibson

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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting, to which all residents are invited, will take place on **9th June 25 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 – Nominations Needed

The McCalmont Cup is awarded to “an individual who has given exceptional service to the Parish” and will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting along with the Young Volunteers Award

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 clerk@cheveley-pc.gov.uk by no later than **1st May 2025**.



Last year's winner of the McCalmont Cup was Claire Matthews. Claire has run the 1st Cheveley Brownies for over 20 years and despite moving to Norfolk, returns to Cheveley each week to run the group.

There were no nominations for the Young Volunteer Award in 2024. Let's do better this year!

Defibrillator and CPR Training

The East of England Ambulance Service will be running a free Defibrillator and CPR session at the Parish Hall on **Thursday 15th May** from 6.45pm to 8pm.

Refreshments provided. **All welcome, no need to book.**

Our defibrillator is located outside the main entrance to the Parish Hall.



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 12 years!

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

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!