

Chiseldon Parish Newsletter Autumn 2024



Christmas Lights Switch-On. Join us for some festive cheer at our annual Christmas Lights Switch-On! Gather with friends and family as we kick off the festive season with sparkling lights, Christmas music and mince pies. The event will take place on **Monday 2nd December at 6pm** on New Road (by the Mays Lane junction). There will be a children's best Christmas jumper competition. Join us after at the Chiseldon House Hotel, who are kindly supplying tea and coffee whilst we hold a charity raffle. All funds raised will be donated to the Prospect Hospice and Brighter Futures. We hope to see you there!

Do you know we have a Facebook page? Join Chiseldon Parish Council Notices for all the latest information about our meetings and events

Remembrance Sunday. The remembrance service will be held on Sunday 10th November at 10:45am in Holy Cross Church. Revd Canon Roger Powell will also be holding a service at 10:55am on Monday 11th November at the War Memorial on New Road and on to the Memorial at the camp afterwards. All are warmly welcomed to join.



New speed device on New Road. The council is pleased to announce the installation of a new speed monitoring device. This device will help reduce speeding, ensuring that our streets remain safe for all residents, including pedestrians and cyclists. By collecting data and encouraging drivers to adhere to speed limits, the device will contribute to making New Road safer for all.

New Benches. We are pleased to announce installation of two new benches is due very soon. One will be located on New Road near the allotments and one on Hodson Road near Home Close. These benches offer a perfect spot to rest or enjoy a chat with friends. This project is part of our commitment to enhancing open spaces.

Neighbourhood Plan. Council began their Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) late in 2021. The plan went through its first public consultation (Regulation 14) earlier in 2024. Feedback from this led to the final Reg 14 draft being completed. This was then sent to SBC for review which is Regulation 15. Reg 15 has recently been approved and we will be meeting with SBC to discuss the next stage (Reg 16).

What CPC and SBC do.

It can be a bit confusing sorting out who does what between the Parish Council and Swindon Borough Council. We are always happy to advise if needs be. Here are some of the responsibilities:

You can read more on our NHP here www.chiseldon-pc.gov.uk/microsites/neighbourhood-plan. A NHP aims to control development and changes within a parish, so they are supportive of local needs and goals. It is not a method of preventing all growth or development.

SBC: Potholes and highways issues, street lighting, planning applications and breaches, road works and road signs, social care, flood issues.

Report an incident of flooding or standing water to SBC. You can report an incident of flooding or standing water if:

- a roadside gully is blocked and causing flooding or standing water
- multiple roadside gullies are blocked and causing flooding or standing water
- the flooding is from surface water or groundwater
- the flooding is from an ordinary watercourse (for example, a minor river which does not come under the Environment Agency, a stream or a ditch)

Search 'blocked gully or standing water' on SBC's website for more information or to report

CPC: Most verge grass cutting, bins and dog bins, cemeteries, Castle View play area, some tree work and hedge work, allotments, speed camera devices, litter picking.

Ward Councillor Surgeries. Have you got a problem you need help with, either concerning SBC or CPC? Come and talk to our Chiseldon Ward & Parish Cllrs to see if we can help. Visit the chapel office on Butts Road on the first Saturday of each month between 11:30-12:30. We look forward to seeing you there!

Grants. We offer annual grants of up to £500, to support voluntary and community organisations that improve the quality of life for our parishioners and work together to build a strong, active and empowered local community. Eligible applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that demonstrate a clear benefit to Chiseldon community, with the council reviewing applications to ensure the funding is allocated to impactful and sustainable ventures. Contact the clerk to find out if your group or organisation is eligible and how to apply.

Marquee Hire. Do you know we have 2 marquees hire? For just £100 per marquee for 24 hour hire, these are perfect for your parties or outdoor events. Not only are you getting a great deal, but the majority of the money raised from your booking will be donated to Wiltshire Air Ambulance. So far we've donated £1,450! By renting our marquees, you're not only ensuring a memorable event, but also contributing to a great cause. Get in touch today to reserve your marquee.

Children & young people activities in the holidays. Over the past year we have made big advances for a small parish with regards to our youth provision. Working with Headstart Skillz we have held free sessions over school holidays for local children. We've utilised the rec hall and grounds to good effect as the area offers a large space for running around and outside activities. During the October 2024 half term we are planning some trial sessions at The Deanery school to try out their extra facilities. This was at no extra cost to the council. Depending on the feedback we receive we may decide to hold further sessions at The Deanery especially during the colder months when their inside facilities may be more suitable.

Hannick Homes planning application for Hodson Road. After their public consultation in June 24, Hannick Homes submitted an outline planning application for up to 42 houses at the land on Hodson Road. After reviewing the application at the Sept Full Council meeting, the Sept planning meeting voted by a majority to object to the application in its current form. Our response can be viewed in full on our website in the "Current Issues" page.



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Defibs. We have 5 defibs located around the parish. Anyone who needs to use the defib should dial 999 and quote the location number shown on the box, they will then get the code to open the box. The defib checks the status of the persons heart and will not shock them if they don't need it. Locations are:

- Cameo Hairdressers, High Street, Chiseldon
- Calley Memorial Hall, Draycott Road, Chiseldon
- The sports pavilion in the middle of rec field - accessed on foot via Hodson Road or by car off Norris Close, Chiseldon
- Phonebox in Badbury, where Horsham Road meets Horseshoe Way.
- Calley Arms in Hodson

There is also a defib on the High Street in Ogbourne St George, by Ogbourne Primary School.

What you can hire from us: The Parish Council have 2 spaces available for hire - the Recreation Hall off Norris Close and the Chapel office. We have the equipment in our Rec hall for table tennis. Please contact the Clerk to make arrangements for hire. Email clerk@chiseldon-pc.gov.uk



We also own the allotments on New Road. Whilst these are currently fully let, we run a waiting list. Please contact Nina to add your details to the list. You should be a resident of the Parish. Email nina.hempstock@chiseldon-pc.gov.uk

Allotment improvements. We've recently upgraded the allotment fencing on our New Road site to prevent animal access. A new gate was also installed at the current open entrance near the road. We hope this helps to make the site secure from rabbits and deer.



Scouts and Guides. We have some thriving local scouts and guides groups for children between the ages of 6-18 years. New members are warmly welcomed and the clubs provide a great opportunity to have fun and make new friends. For Beavers/Cubs/Scouts contact: Chris Rawlings on: (01793) 740047 or for Rainbows/Brownies/Guides contact: chiseldongirlguiding@outlook.com

Chiseldon Tennis Club. We run a range of sessions for ages 4-18 for juniors and adults. This includes, tots tennis, mini tennis, cardio/fitness and adult beginner/ intermediate sessions. The days and times of the sessions, costs vary depending on whether you are a member, a non-member and the length of the term.

Wednesday: 3.45-4.30pm 10 & under, 4.30-5.15pm 11 plus, 6.15-7pm Adult cardio tennis £5 for members £7 for non-members (pay weekly).

Friday: 9.15-10.15am cardio tennis £8 for members £10 for non-members, 4-4.45pm 11 & under, 5.45-6.45pm Adult beginners/improvers.

Saturday: 9-9.45am 10 & under, 9.45-10.30am 11 plus, 10.30-11.30am teens

All 45 minute junior sessions cost £5.50 for members and £7 for non-members per group, for an hour it is £6 and £8. Junior group tennis is a pay per term basis rather than weekly!

Adult sessions are £7 for members and £8 for non-members for the hour also on a per term basis. Lauren also offers 1:1 or 1:2 private lessons from 30 minutes to an hour for both members and non-members. We also run holiday camps for juniors during the school breaks! Please get in touch with Head Coach Lauren for more information on any of our sessions. 07931307269 or laurenprince92@outlook.com

We are also offering half price tennis membership from October to March 2025... Please see website for details. clubspark.lta.org.uk/ChiseldonTennisClub

Chiseldon Football Club. CFC currently runs teams at multiple age groups. They play and train at Chiseldon Recreation Ground, Norris Close, Chiseldon, SN4 0LP. For more info about training times or joining up visit www.chiseldonfc.co.uk or you can message them on Facebook: [Facebook.com/ChiseldonFootballClub](https://www.facebook.com/ChiseldonFootballClub)

New Councillors still wanted. Whilst we have recently co-opted Matt Hinton, Joanne Stevens, Stephen Turley and Anthony Howlett to the council, we still have space for a further 2 Cllrs. The role does require some commitment each month to read information and attend meetings which are held in the evenings. Council decisions are made on a majority vote basis so be prepared to debate and vote on outcomes. There is some legal criteria to be met so please contact the Clerk if you would like to know more.

We also welcome the public becoming more involved in the council. Maybe you have a specific skill set that would be useful, or just have a general interest in local matters. Come along to a meeting and see where you can participate.

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Breathe Nature Forest School. Enables children to develop through exploring nature in and around the local surroundings. For more info visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BreatheNatureForestSchool/>

Chiseldon Neighbourhood Watch. Are you interested in community safety? Would you like to help make our parish area a stronger and safer place to live? Perhaps you should join our local NHW team. Visit our website: www.ourwatch.org.uk or contact Paul Sunners, the co-ordinator of our local Chiseldon parish NHW scheme via email: paul.sunners@btinternet.com

Washpool Area Restoration Project (WARP). Come for a walk and discover our lovely washpool in Chiseldon, with access and parking at Strouds Hill. New volunteers are always warmly welcomed to help us maintain the site. We also have 'Friends of Washpool', for anyone who wants to support without volunteering, annual subscriptions are available. Funds generated by Friends of Washpool pay for small projects such as plants, seeds and items for the sheep. For more info, email: washpool@gmail.com

The Chiseldon Gardening & Countryside Club. New members are most welcome. For more information contact Tony Henderson (Chair): tphenderson@yahoo.co.uk; 01672 841444 or Richard Matthews (Secretary): matthewsrichard27@yahoo.com; 01793 740022. You don't have to be a gardening expert to belong: most of our members just enjoy their gardens and see the evening as a social event, as well as learning more about gardening and the countryside along with sharing ideas and information. Our aim is to have topics and slants that are not covered on television, in magazines, or on the internet. Additionally, we arrange private garden visits, often to gardens not open to the general public. The club hold meetings at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the Church Hall.

Chiseldon Local History Group. If you enjoy history, particularly local history, why not join Chiseldon Local History Group? Come to one of our meetings in the Church Hall at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except August and December). For our programme of speakers see our website: www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk Annual membership is £20, visitors to meetings £5. Our museum in the Old Chapel, Butts Road, Chiseldon will open again in Spring 2025. Contact email: info@chiseldonlhg.org.uk