



Newsletter Spring 2023



Re-Wilding at Ellerlise Road

It was decided at a recent Environment & Community Committee meeting to trial an area within the Parish to re-wild two grass verges at the end of Ellerslie Road.

This project has been led by the council's Maintenance and Amenities Operative working with Councillor Walker, Chairman of the Environment and Community Committee and the PTFA for Sticklepath School.

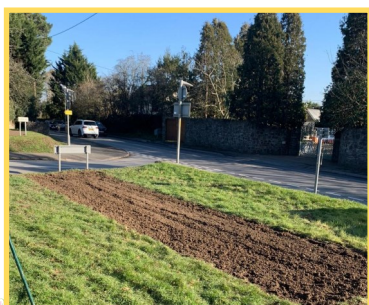


Wildflower areas are important in today's climate as not only do they provide nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinating insects they also provide food, shelter and places to breed. Pollinators then return the

favour by transferring pollen, enabling the wildflowers to develop seeds that produce more flowers.

Having a variety of native plants is not only environmentally important they also have economic benefits through farming and tourism. Protecting our native plants and trees is vital. They are the ecological basis upon which wildlife depends.

The Parish Council hopes that by creating this wildflower area it will help fight climate change by reducing greenhouse gases and give back to the loss of the wildflower meadows in the UK.



Tree Planting

Some additional trees being planted at Queen Elizabeth II Playing field (Tews Lane) by our Maintenance & Amenities Operative.



Update.....

The Parish Council has been working on a project to complete the pavilion at Tews Lane, however, the Parish Council is struggling with the significant rise in build costs and lack of funding available to complete the project. There is currently around £450,000 available through Section 106 funding but with an estimated cost of somewhere between £2k m² and £2.5 m² for materials alone and with a footprint of 329.86 m² on the current approved plans, we are currently looking at a shortfall of between £210,000 and £375,000 for materials alone. The Tews Lane Committee has been investigating options and the feasibility of these options to deliver the project, funding options in the current climate are almost non-existent.

The Parish Council is frustrated that the MUGA at Riverside Park is still not open for public use. The Parish Council agreed to accept the transfer of the facility back in November 2021 the legal process appears to have been held up by the developers for unknown reasons, the Parish Council continues to try and apply pressure to speed the process up and have expressed our wish for the transfer to have taken place and the facility be open for the community by Easter 2023.

The Parish Council has recently appointed a Planning Committee to respond to Planning Applications on behalf of the Parish Council as a Statutory Consultee. Unfortunately, the Committee's job can be quite difficult in trying to balance the overall impact of a development on the parish whilst also being aware of the lack of presence of a five-year land supply.

It is an aspiration of the Parish Council to replace the flag poles in front of St Peter's Church with higher poles and we are currently awaiting a decision from the Planning Authority, as part of this project the War Memorial will also receive a deep clean.

The Parish Council is working with the Devon Air Ambulance to provide a night landing site at Tews Lane, as the area continues to grow, we feel the provision of a designated night landing site is important, but it will be subject to planning permission and funding.

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