

Charlton Kings Parish Council Newsletter

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Parish Council Newsletters

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E-newsletter Trial



From April 2022, Charlton Kings Parish Council will be trialing a new e-newsletter format and running it in parallel with our existing newsletter for several months.

We will be looking for feedback and if you would like to subscribe and be one of our early testers please scan the QR code.

Committee Meetings

Meetings listed are correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change.

Please check on the website for any updates or confirm by contacting the Community Development Officer.

Planning Committee Meeting:	<i>Stanton Hall, Church Piece</i>	<i>Mon, 04 Apr 2022 19:00</i>
Community Engagement & Wellbeing Committee Meeting:	<i>Stanton Hall, Church Piece</i>	<i>Mon, 11 Apr 2022 19:00</i>
Annual Parish Meeting and Community Open Meeting:	<i>Stanton Hall, Church Piece</i>	<i>Thur, 21 Apr 2022 19:00</i>
Full Council Meeting:	<i>Stanton Hall, Church Piece</i>	<i>Mon, 25 Apr 2022 19:00</i>
Planning Committee Meeting:	<i>Stanton Hall, Church Piece</i>	<i>Thur, 28 Apr 2022 19:00</i>

Additional dates for your diary

- **Grange Field Works** - Monday 28th March onwards. The new path and play equipment is expected to take 8 working days to install subject to weather conditions. Please read the posters and keep an eye on our website and social media for updates.
- **Sustainable Living Workshop on Transport** - Wednesday 6th April, 7.00 - 9.00pm, FRONT Community Hub, 197 London Road, Charlton Kings, GL52 6HU. Tickets are free, please book via Eventbrite on <https://bit.ly/3qN5RMD> or email ckfutures@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Community Open Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting** - Thursday 21st April, 6.30 - 9.00pm, 26 Church Piece, Church Street, Charlton Kings, GL53 8AR. All members of the public are welcome.
- **CK Futures Talk with Mike Bush** - Wednesday 27th April, 7.00 - 8.00pm, Stanton Hall, 26 Church Piece, Church Street, Charlton Kings, GL53 8AR. Tickets are free and can be booked on Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/3wn0My6> or you can email ckfutures@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Parish Council Elections** - Thursday 5th May

Annual Parish Meeting and Community Open Meeting—Thursday 21st April

All CK residents are welcome to join us on Thursday 21st April at the Stanton Hall for the Annual Parish Meeting and Community Open Meeting. Doors will open at 6.30pm ready to start at 7.00pm.

The Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Rob Williams will be there to welcome you and feedback on what has been happening at the Parish Council over the last 12 months.

There is a long slot for residents to speak to the meeting and ask questions and then after a break with snacks and drinks you can move around the room and talk to different Councillors about the various work and projects that are currently happening.

We are really keen to involve more volunteers in various projects and the Councillors leading on the different projects will be on hand to speak to you and explain where help is needed and what roles are available. This event is suitable for all ages and everyone is welcome to speak. We look forward to seeing you there.

Update on A40 speed restriction survey

We recently asked residents to take a few minutes to complete a short survey regarding a proposal for a permanent 40 mph speed restriction from Charlton Kings Hotel to Dowdeswell reservoir.

We are keen to represent the views of the local community and are pleased to report that we have received 390 responses to the survey.

85% were in favour and 15% were not in favour of reducing the speed limit to 40mph between Charlton Kings Hotel and Dowdeswell Reservoir.

The survey is one part of an evidence gathering process as public support is one of the criteria for obtaining a TRO. This is not a short process and nor is it guaranteed that a TRO will be granted however we are very grateful to everyone who took the time to complete the survey.

We have noted both the numerical data and the comments received and are sympathetic to the desire to improve the experience of those living and travelling along the A40 and particularly for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders. However, we must remind residents that we are not the decision maker in this process.

We will provide a further update when more information becomes available after meetings with Gloucestershire Highways and the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) team.

Update on the Grange Field Works

Work commenced on Grange Field on Monday 28th March and we anticipate completion within 8 working days subject to weather conditions.

Your Councillors:

Cllr Rob Williams (Chair), Cllr Paul Cockwill, Cllr Raj Gandhi, Cllr Ian Gosling, Cllr Russell Grimshaw, Cllr Penny Hall, Cllr Alan Hawkins, Cllr Clive Hodges, Cllr Ned Holt, Cllr Janet Honeywill, Cllr Lynda Johnson, Cllr Duncan Munro, Cllr Pat Palmer, Cllr Felicity Parnham and Cllr Rob Reid

Monthly Police Point restarts on Church Piece



The Police are one of the partners of the Parish Council and share our aims of making Charlton Kings a safe place to live and work. The Police will be using the Conference Room as a Police Point from 11am – 12pm, one day a month.

The Police Point provides a drop-in opportunity for anyone to come and speak to the Police with questions or concerns. The aim of the Police Point is to improve access to the Police and maintain the two-way communication with the Community. These conversations will assist local Police in identifying potential crime and disorder problems in the Parish and setting area priorities, as well as forwarding information to other services where necessary. This is not meant to replace a Police Station but is a tool that facilitates a face-to-face contact for people who want to speak to a local Police Officer.

The Police Point will be open from 11am – 12pm on the following dates subject to Police Officer availability:

- ⇒ Friday 25th March
- ⇒ Monday 25th April
- ⇒ Wednesday 18th May
- ⇒ Tuesday 28th June
- ⇒ Thursday 28th July

Partnership with CK Business Connect



CK Business Connect

Our website has a number of new pages under the Community tab which support local projects and partner organisations. One of our partner organisations is Charlton Kings Business Connect, with whom we have recently agreed a package of support to help them achieve their aims for developing the network over the coming year.

Charlton Kings Business Connect is a well-established, local business network which offers support and advice free of charge. The network organises monthly talks from experts about things that matter during their Thirsty Thursday events and informal chats over coffee once a month at their Welcome Wednesday mornings. These monthly events are the perfect opportunity for new businesses to go along and say hello. They also have an established WhatsApp group which enables members to keep in touch and ask advice and have been a huge support to local small businesses, particularly over the last 2 years.

We are delighted to be supporting Charlton Kings Business Connect to help their volunteers continue to provide support to small businesses in the local area. You can find their webpage on the Charlton Kings Parish Council website here: <https://bit.ly/3DoryY7>

Community Grant applications reopen on April 1st 2022



Charlton Kings Parish Council sets aside a sum of money each year to support community projects and applications for grants may be submitted anytime between April and November. Grant applications reopen on Friday 1st April and our website has forms and guidance to assist in making an application. You can find the Grants webpage here: <https://bit.ly/3NvqEO5> or you can scan the QR code.

CK Futures Update - CK Futures Talks



For our March CK Futures talk we welcomed Karen Watson, Environmental Partnerships Manager at Cheltenham Borough Council to talk to local residents about plans for soft plastics recycling as well as answering residents questions about recycling and myth busting some common misconceptions. We really enjoyed listening to Karen's talk and look forward to hearing more about Cheltenham Borough Council's plans for soft plastic recycling in due course!

In April we are looking forward to welcoming Master Composter Mike Bush to talk to us about all aspects of successful composting with knowledge that can be applied to both garden and allotment composting. It will definitely be one to remember with the title: Composting, worm poo and comfrey tea! All of the CK Futures talks are recorded and put onto our YouTube channel so if you aren't able to see them on the day you can always catch up afterwards.



To find out about upcoming talks you can scan the QR code or visit the website page here: <https://bit.ly/3wJgScf>

CK Health Connect Update—Youth Survey Report

In 2021, we used online questionnaires to engage with both adult residents and our young people, to find out how they have experienced lockdown and what supports they feel they need more of in the future, to improve their health and well-being.

The responses from our young people focused very much on their personal feelings and reported that what matters most to them in maintaining their health and wellbeing is “being with friends and family”, “being listened to”, “support and validation”, “safety and security”, and participating in outdoor sporting activities. One poignant comment stated simply “Thanks for asking”. Concerns were also expressed about managing school homework, and access to mental health supports.

At a well-attended Community Open meeting in November 2021, we shared our preliminary research findings from the youth survey with the community, and with representatives from some of our partner organisations, including local schools, churches, medical practices, political representatives, and the police. The research findings and recommendations for further action have now been expanded on in a more detailed report, commissioned by the Parish Council and compiled by local resident and Educational Psychologist Emily Vincent.

To take forward the recommendations, we will be circulating the report to relevant organisations for their consideration, and we will be giving feedback to our young people, teachers and parents in partnership with local schools. You can read the full report on our Wellbeing Survey Page at: <https://bit.ly/3JNUYBt>

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