

# Charlton Kings Parish Council Newsletter

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## Parish Council Newsletters

Newsletters are posted on Noticeboards within the Parish and made available on the Parish Council Website. If you would be interested in receiving the Parish Council Newsletter by email, please contact the Community Development Officer: [community@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:community@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Charlton Kings Directory



The Charlton Kings Health Connect directory provides a comprehensive 'one-stop-shop' listing of support services and activities in the Charlton Kings area and beyond. A limited number of hard copies have also been distributed to various community hubs across Charlton Kings, including the Parish Council office, library, community cafes, Sixways Clinic, local pharmacies, and churches. You can scan the QR Code to be taken directly to the directory on the Parish Council Website



## 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, 10 Jan 2022 19:00</i>
Community Assets Committee Meeting:	<i>Stanton Hall, Church Piece</i>	<i>Mon, 17 Jan 2022 19:00</i>
Planning Committee Meeting:	<i>Stanton Hall, Church Piece</i>	<i>Mon, 24 Jan 2022 19:00</i>
Full Council Meeting:	<i>Stanton Hall, Church Piece</i>	<i>Mon, 31 Jan 2022 19:00</i>

## Additional dates for your diary

- **Free Online Skills Workshop** - Monday 24th January, 13:00 – 15:00, Charlton Kings Library, Church Street, Cheltenham, GL53 8AR . To book a place, or for more information, please contact: 0800 542 1655 or email [learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:learn@gloucestershire.gov.uk)
- **Sustainability Festival by From the Ground Up** - Sunday 12th February, St Philips & St James' Church, Cheltenham. For more information check out their Facebook Page: From the Ground Up—Cheltenham.
- **Vision 21 Repair Café** - Saturday 19th February, 11.15am—3.00pm, Holy Apostles Church Hall, London Road, Charlton Kings. To get involved with this project please email [office@vision21.org.uk](mailto:office@vision21.org.uk) or call Vision 21 on 01242 224321

### Your Councillors:

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

## Queens' Platinum Jubilee



In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee (70 years of service) having acceded to the throne in February 1952.

An extended Bank Holiday, from Thursday June 2nd - Sunday June 5th will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

## Street Parties

Applying for a road closure to facilitate a street party to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee between June 2nd, 2022 - June 5th, 2022 is simple and easy to do. You will need to apply to Gloucestershire County Council by filling out a Road Closure Request, which their Highways Management team will assess.

Street party organisers are asked to ensure they start planning early and ensure the application for a road closure is submitted to GCC as early as possible, at least 12 weeks ahead of the date of the street party. This would be the start of March 2022!

Please bear in mind that applications are more likely to be accepted if there is a coordinated effort which demonstrates liaison with all residents, businesses which would be impacted and the bus company if your road is on a bus route. This all takes time so start planning early.

The Parish Council does not have any part in deciding which applications will be accepted but we look forward to seeing the community getting involved in the celebrations.

Whilst we are not organising any events during the Bank Holiday weekend as our Summer Fayre is on Saturday 18th June, we are very happy to help with liaison and sign posting important information. We will be adding information to our Platinum Jubilee page on the website over the coming months. A link to the application form provided by GCC is on the Parish Council website: [www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/queens-platinum-jubilee-2022.html](http://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/queens-platinum-jubilee-2022.html)

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## Charlton Kings Christmas Events

We were delighted with the turn out for all four Christmas events in December. I'm sure it already seems like such a long time ago but we must thank everyone who was involved in the Christmas Fayre at Church Piece, the Community Wreath Making Project in the Stanton Hall, The Victorian Christmas at Sixways and the Pop-up Christmas Market at Holy Apostles.

These seasonal events couldn't happen without the support of the local businesses, the local community groups, volunteers who give their time so generously and of course the community who come along and lend such enthusiastic support.

If you would like to get involved in supporting the events which the Parish Council organises, or have any new ideas for events which you would like to see happening in the future, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Community Development Officer at [community@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:community@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## Restoring Cheltenham's Escarpment Grasslands (RCEG) Update

Since our November update, the Steering Group has been working with their National Grid funding partner to agree payment of the 2022 and 2023 annual grants at the start of the financial year, so that they can tender 'winter work' early in the year and secure the services of contractors who will be scrub cutting, mowing, and felling Ash trees that are shading areas of prime limestone grassland. The Parish Council has approved expenditure to purchase a 'cattle crush' to support the new grazier's management of his English White cattle on Charlton Kings Common, and for work to install a new water supply pipe to service the cattle drinking troughs.

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## Grange Field Update



For many years the Grange Field Working Party has felt that the natural features of Grange Field would be greatly improved by extending the Beech hedge on the MUGA into the western edge of Grange Field.

In November last year, a working party of councillors planted 40 metres of new Hornbeam hedging. Hornbeam is good for wildlife, as it retains its attractive leaves in winter providing good roosting sites, as well as nesting opportunities in spring. Hornbeam is also more tolerant of extreme weather conditions than Beech, but even so, about half the plants died as a result of the drought periods in summer 2020 and it is these that our councillor working party recently replaced.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this kind of work in the future please contact the Community Development Officer on [community@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:community@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk) and we will be in touch when we need help in the future.

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## Kings Hall Update



The Parish Council recognises the importance of the Kings Hall building to the local community as a facility for the delivery of youth work and other activities that enrich Charlton Kings.

We have given long and serious consideration to the possibility of taking responsibility for the refurbishment of the Kings Hall. In the light of a professional condition survey report and detailed discussions about further levels of financial, staff and councillor commitments, it was reluctantly decided at a recent Full Council meeting to step away from this major commitment.

We have been in discussion about the way forward for a number of years with Cheltenham Borough Council which owns the building, and also the trustees of the Charlton Kings Youth and Community Centre charity, which currently leases it from Cheltenham Borough Council.

The purpose of our engagement with the Borough Council and the trustees has been to try and identify how the Kings Hall facility might be improved for the benefit of the local community and to clarify the Parish Council's role in relation to the building. We will continue to engage with our partners regarding efforts to maintain and enhance this community asset, built by our community, for future generations.

If you would like more information on the Kings Hall, including how to hire the hall from the trustees, you can scan the QR Code above using your phone camera. If you are not able to use the QR code and need assistance you can email the Clerk on [clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## CK Health Connect Update

CK Health Connect is excited to be linked into a county wide initiative, Gloucestershire Digital Divides programme, set up by a number of key voluntary organisations (Forest Voluntary Action Forum, Gloucestershire VCS Alliance, Age UK Gloucestershire, Barnwood Trust). The steering group also has a representative from Gloucestershire County Council and an independent chair (Baroness Rennie Fritchie). The aim is to find a way forward to ensure that everyone in the county is digitally connected and able to participate more fully in the online world.

The Parish Council is supporting this initiative by providing information on the community-based Digital Inclusion work we are co-ordinating here in Charlton Kings and providing feedback on themes and issues arising out of the recent workshops held with our senior citizens.

Phase 1 of the Digital Divides programme will focus on mapping areas in the county likely to experience digital exclusion and to better understand the negative impacts of this on Gloucestershire citizens, whether as a result of not having access to equipment, or not having the skills or confidence in using technology. More information: <https://www.digitaldivides.co.uk>

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## Vision 21 Repair Café - Saturday 19th February

The Regeneration Repair Cafe is a collaboration between the University of Gloucestershire, Vision 21, St Andrew's Church and the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Team. People are invited to bring in their broken small electrical items, textiles, knives and tools for sharpening. By sitting with the volunteers as they carry out the repairs, you can pick up valuable skills which will mean less and less items being discarded as 'unfixable'.

We are delighted that the Repair Café is partnering with CK Futures and visiting Charlton Kings in February so that locals won't have far to travel to get help with items which aren't working or need a little TLC.

They have vacancies for volunteer repairers and helpers. Items that need repair vary from clothes, small electrical items, furniture, brick-a-brac and electronics. To get involved with this project please email [office@vision21.org.uk](mailto:office@vision21.org.uk) or call Vision 21 on 01242 224321

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## Affordable meeting spaces for hire

The Parish Council has newly-decorated and affordable meeting spaces, with kitchen facilities and an accessible toilet, in the Stanton Suite in Church Piece, Charlton Kings, which are available for hire to community groups and to individuals. Further information is available on our website at <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/halls-for-hire.html>. If you have any questions or would like to make a booking, please contact us by email on [admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk), by telephone on 01242 250087 or by visiting the Parish Office.

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