

Charlton Kings Parish Council Newsletter

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Parish Council Newsletters

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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. [ck-parish-council-directory-issue-14-july-2021.pdf \(charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

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 Oct 2021 19:00</i>
Allotments Committee Meeting:	<i>Stanton Hall, Church Piece</i>	<i>Mon, 11 Oct 2021 19:00</i>
Planning Committee Meeting:	<i>Stanton Hall, Church Piece</i>	<i>Mon, 18 Oct 2021 19:00</i>
Full Council Meeting:	<i>Stanton Hall, Church Piece</i>	<i>Mon, 25 Oct 2021 19:00</i>

Additional dates for your diary

- **CK Futures Talk** - Come and meet Eoin McQuone, the Founder and Chief Climate Coach of “Go Climate Positive” on Wednesday 27th October, 7.00pm - 8.00pm, Stanton Hall (more on this event below)
- **Community Open Meeting** - “Supporting our young people in Charlton Kings” on Thursday 18th November, 6.45pm - 9.00pm (more on this event on page 2)
- **A CKPC Event** - Charlton Kings Christmas Fayre on Friday 3rd December, 3.00pm - 6.00pm
- **A CKPC Event in partnership with local businesses** - A Victorian Christmas at Sixways on Friday 10th December, 6.00pm onwards.

Your Councillors:

Cllr Rob Williams (Chair), Cllr Paul Cockwill, 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 Andrew Lansley, Cllr Duncan Munro, Cllr Pat Palmer, Cllr Felicity Parnham, Cllr Rob Reid and Cllr Ros Smith

CK Futures Talk - Wednesday 27th October

Are you a small business owner taking steps to respond to the climate emergency or do you perhaps want to know what to do to get started? Come and meet Eoin McQuone, the Founder and Chief Climate Coach of "Go Climate Positive", a carbon certification programme for SMEs based in Cheltenham. He will explain how smaller businesses can get a grip on their carbon footprint. He will share some ideas on what can be done to reduce the carbon footprint of your business and steps you can take to start preparing for climate change and the changes that are coming as we transition to a low-carbon economy.

Eoin will talk about what is affordable, accessible and will make a difference. And how businesses can demonstrate their commitment to making a difference to their increasingly eco-conscious customers (whether they are consumers or other businesses).

Community Open Meeting - Thursday 18th November

Families and young people have had a tough time over the last 18 months, due to the impact of home schooling and anxieties about the future. Join us on the 18th November in the Stanton Hall for information on how we are engaging with young people in Charlton Kings post-pandemic, and share with us your ideas and opinions about what more needs to be done.

Come and hear about the outreach work being done locally by 'Inspire to Aspire', a professional organisation providing street-based youth work funded by the Parish Council and its partners to support young people to reach their potential; get information on the results of a youth survey developed with Balcarras School; listen to the voices of young people telling us not only what they need from us as adults to help them thrive but also some of the community projects they are involved in, including the international EcoExchange programme. Come early to meet your friends, neighbours, and local Councillors! Refreshments available from 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Christmas in Charlton Kings - Friday 3rd December and Friday 10th December

We are delighted that there will be not one but two Christmas events organized in partnership with CKPC this December. As is traditional we will have our Christmas at Church Piece but this year we are happy to be supporting the local businesses on Sixways with a Victorian themed late night shopping evening too. More details will follow in due course. For now put the dates in your diary!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Where should we plant an oak tree in celebration?

In 2022 the nation will celebrate the Queen's 70th Anniversary as monarch, the first time any British monarch has reached this historic milestone. To mark the event, The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire is offering Town Councils, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings two English Oak Trees. Charlton Kings Parish Council has applied to participate in the scheme as part of a programme of Parish-wide activities and events to celebrate the Jubilee.

Newcourt Green has been identified as a suitable location but finalising its decision, the Council is offering the opportunity for residents to suggest suitable alternative locations, which will enhance the Parish for future generations as well as mark the event.

If you have a suggestion about where to locate a tree, either on Parish or public ground or on the corner of farmland or private property within the Parish; or if your School would like to participate in planting and looking after a tree, please contact the Community Development Officer, Anna Macfadzean.

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Updates on recent events—Autumn Fayre 2021



The attendance at our Autumn Fayre on Saturday 18th September was record breaking and we must thank everyone who came along to enjoy the afternoon and all of the parish councillors and staff who worked hard to make the occasion such a success. The weather was kind to us, and everything came together very well on the day.

We were pleased to welcome the Mayoress of Cheltenham, Mrs Jo Harvey, and the Mayor's Consort, Miss Jessica Diamond to perform the opening ceremony and the Mayor, Cllr Steve Harvey was able to join us later to draw the raffle and mingle with the crowd towards the end of the afternoon.

The Civic Party also met one of the mosaicists who worked on the restoration of the beautiful rill in Church Piece. Since the Mayor's Consort had been one of the village children in the class who designed the original, it was a very happy coincidence!

Stall holders filled the perimeter of Grange Field, both charitable and business and all declared a most successful result from the occasion. Some of the stalls were with us for the first time, and we already have applications filled out in advance for pitches next year.

The entertainments included Cheltenham Silver Band, music from Brian Black, a much-anticipated, breath-taking falconry display from Michael Davie Falconry, Scarrotts Funfair and children's entertainer David Lloyd. Some of the stalls were offering enticing food options from home-made cakes to candy floss and our local cafe Moosh and the Smart Fish Bar did a roaring trade, together with the pop-up bar from the Merryfellow Inn.

The Parish Council had our own gazebo, where Councillors working on CK Health Connect and CK Futures were able to engage in many absorbing conversations and listen to suggestions from members of the public. Residents were very interested in the range of work which the Council undertakes throughout the year and the Community Allotment table attracted several new volunteers! It is hoped that this produce from our own allotments feature can be expanded in future years as the Autumn Fayre seemed to be very well accepted by the public in general as a good time to celebrate together in a healthy outdoor environment.

Updates on recent events—Allotment Awards 2021



The Parish Council was delighted to be able to hold its annual allotments awards event 2021 on the 11th September, having had to cancel the previous year's event due to Covid. Winners and their guests were invited to attend the celebration in the Stanton Hall.

Councillor Rob Williams led the proceedings and the awards were presented by the Chair of the Allotments Committee, Councillor Pat Palmer. This year again saw a very high standard across all the sites and we had many winners across all of the allotment sites and categories. Congratulations to John Brooks who won the Ted Jarrett Memorial Rose Bowl for the best allotment in Charlton Kings. Councillor Williams will be retiring from the Council next year and we would like to thank him for the many hours he has devoted to supporting the allotment holders in Charlton Kings.

CK Health Connect Update

In April of this year we launched a short online and paper copy Health & Well-Being survey, so that as a Council we can better understand the collective experience and needs of the Charlton Kings wider community as we move out of lockdown.

Over 200 people responded to the survey and we set to work on the summary analysis of these responses, which you can take a look at [CK Health Connect Survey Supporting our Community to successfully transition out of Covid-19 restrictions \(charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk) The responses highlight some of the challenges and shared experience of our parishioners over the last 18 months, including the impact of school closures on families and young people, digital exclusion and feelings of isolation and anxiety at not being able to meet up with others.

The good news however is that a number of parishioners told us that it is the strong community spirit and volunteer supports across Charlton Kings that helped to sustain them throughout the pandemic.

This research will allow us to go forward with our partner organisations to focus on the needs of our youth and our senior citizens over the coming year.

Restoring Cheltenham's Escarpment Grasslands (RCEG) Update



We are pleased to be able to report that the first year's grant of £66,000 has been received from National Grid. Work has started from Ravensgate Common to the Devil's Chimney, on the first projects in our three-year programme of work to restore landscapes, improve biodiversity, rebuild important industrial archaeological structures and dry stone walls, and improve public access.



Walling has commenced on Leckhampton Hill, a badly eroded section of the Cotswold Way on Charlton Kings Common is being stoned, and the 'Robomower' has made great strides in removing gorse and Tor Grass thatch and scrub on Ravensgate Common. Surveys have been made of necessary safety felling of diseased Ash trees and other tree work, and this will be

carried out over the winter.

A major technological breakthrough has created the opportunity to manage grazing cattle without the need for physical fencing and some equipment has been purchased for use by the new grazier on Charlton Kings Common.

A full article will appear in a later edition of the Newsletter to describe this important innovation.

Grange Field Updates

Drainage: Following discussions with local residents concerned about the level of surface water in times of heavy rain the Parish Council has commissioned a survey by Cotswold Drains to try and ascertain the state of the current drainage system around the Grange Field and Church Piece junction. The survey work has been carried out but the report has yet to be received. We will update the community in due course.

Grange Field Development Project: The Parish Council at the Full Council meeting on 27th September has approved a revised project proposal which reflects the outcomes of extensive engagement and consultation with local residents. An all weather path will lead from the MUGA area to the ATC car park and then across to the path at Buckles Close. Improvements are also proposed to the tarmac area adjacent to the MUGA to give more activity opportunities such as a tennis court markings, table tennis table, hopscotch. On the nearby grass area, natural wood stepping stones and a balance equipment will be provided for younger children.

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