



Chinnor Parish Council

Annual Reports 2022-2023



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Chinnor Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report by Cllr Maggie Mackenzie

I took over as Chairman from Cllr Robin Williams in January of this year who unfortunately retired due to ill health. I would like to thank Cllr Williams for his years of service to the council and the community.

I would like to thank those councillors that left us this year, Cllrs Deborah Standage, Sharon Edwards, Colin Moore and Gordon Dunnett and thank them for their contribution.

We have welcomed new councillors Jackie Webb, David Cooke, Richard Ball and Julie Boyle. We are fortunate to benefit from their many skills and expertise. Stability has been maintained by Cllrs. Wright, Minter, Ridgely, Young, Williams, Gray, Oliver and Ashdown and myself who have all served for 2 years and some many more.

All Parish Councillors are volunteers and work in the best interests of Chinnor. We work openly, publish agendas, have open meetings and publish minutes on our website. Our meetings are held on Monday evenings at the Community Pavilion.

I would also like to thank our District Councillors, Lynn and Ian and County Councillors Kate and Nigel, for all they do on behalf of Chinnor which is much appreciated.

We raise our annual budget through the precept which we did not increase this year. We strive to continue to make improvements to services within the Parish that we have control of and to make representation to District and County for those that we do not.

Some of this money is given to financially support local organisations in the form of grants.

The Council were also instrumental in implementing the Warm Spaces initiative within Chinnor.

We employ an excellent clerk, Liz Folley, who I am sure many of you will know, I thank her for her hard work and professionalism. We also employ Helen our administrator and 2 groundsmen who all work hard for the village.

We have experienced as a nation this year her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the

Second's Platinum Jubilee which Chinnor celebrated in style. Sadly, we also mourned the loss of our Queen later in the year. We look forward to celebrating

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His Majesty King Charles the third's coronation in May this year when much is planned within the Parish.

The Chinnor Remembrance parade is organised by the Parish Council working closely with the Royal British Legion. It is very well supported with His Majesty's Deputy Lord Lieutenant's attending for the last 2 years. Our thanks to the Chinnor Silver band, The Reverend Barr for conducting the service and the youth organisations, scouts, brownies, cubs, beavers and guides. We also welcome serving members and veterans of HM Forces.

The Parish Council elections will be held on 4th May 2023 where all seats are up for election. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk

CPC Grants Awarded in our community 2022 / 2023

The Parish Council allocated a budget of £20,000 in order for groups providing services to the local residents to apply for funding towards worthy projects.

Financial contributions were made to the following groups:

£116.00	Greening Chinnor
£526.20	Mill Lane Community Garden
£1000.00	Chinnor Tennis Club
£450.00	St Andrews School
£744.90	Chinnor Football Club
£1425.00	Rifle Club
£96.74	Friends of Earth
£1000.00	Chinnor Cricket Club
£1000.00	C&PRR
£500.00	Heritage Group
£1000.00	Chinnor Silver Band
£1,000.00	Citizens Advise Bureau
£3000.00	Chinnor Community Pool
£1012.00	Chinnor Community Pavilion
£734.83	Chiltern Society
£1320.00	Jack & Jill Preschool
£100.00	Friend of Chinnor Library

£1320.20 MLSA

£1000.00 Red Kite Centre

£10000.00 Village Centre

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Planning Committee Report by Cllr Martin Wright

As has happened many times over the past few years, the considerations of the needs for sensible infrastructure improvements to enhance life in Chinnor have been overridden by Government policy and regulations. The Appeal against the Crowell Road development was lost because Government policy favoured housing for the over 55s, even though this was the most unsuitable position in the village. Likewise, the development at Thame Road will be decided not on the basis of the SODC Local Plan policies and Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan policies, but on the number of years land supply in the District. The proposal for development in Oakley Lane has been withdrawn, so may surface again in some form in the future.

Traffic Management has featured this year. Chicanes have been built at the entrances to the village, and a 20-mph speed limit has been installed. Henton was initially missed from this scheme but an extension to Henton is currently out for consultation. A Chicane is also being installed at Emmington, which would seem to be in the Parish of Sydenham, but is, in fact, in Chinnor. Parking continues to be a problem in the village. This is mainly due to the fact that Government policies have restricted the number of parking places to be provided in developments over many years. The concept that people need to get to work, medical facilities, and leisure activities without adequate public transport has not registered in the ivory towers inside the M25.

Both Thames Water and OCC Highways seem unable to produce information on their future plans to make improvements to, in the case of Thames Water, the supply of clean water and the treatment of sewage, and in the case of OCC Highways, the state of the roads and footways in the village.

Areas that have shown action since last year are the progress in the adoption of the roads in the new developments and the installation of the railway fence at Old Kiln Lakes.

The only area of good news is that revision of the Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan is well under way. This will ensure that it retains its highest value for the next two years+.

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Amenities Committee Report by Cllr Sue Ashdown

The Parish Council has managed to tackle a number of the outstanding projects this year.

The Jubilee Gardens at the bottom of the Avenue has been redesigned and is now looking very smart.

The MUGA has been completely refurbished making it a much nicer place for outdoor court games to be played by everyone.

The Pound Garden which sits in front of the Village Centre and is dedicated as the Royal British Legion Garden of Remembrance has undergone a major refurbishment using funding from Cils, which is money gained from local housing developments. Planting will commence in the spring making this a lovely area for all to enjoy.

Self-closing gates have been fitted to the three road entrances of Conigre Playing fields safeguarding children and animals from running into the road. A new gate arrangement has been fitted to Hill Road Playing fields and Whites Field.

We have been endeavouring to fulfil our Environment Policy commitments. Lots of additional trees have been planted all over the Village - Whites field, Conigre Playing fields, Hill Road Playing fields, the green at Van Diemens and yes other places as well.

Our office staff have joined in by implementing greener options wherever possible.

We have also set aside grass verges and park land as wild flower areas helping the bee's, insects and small mammals to do better.

Future projects. Whites field Pavilion is on the list for refurbishment –it is going to be upgraded soon with changing facilities and hall facilities for everyone to be proud of.

We are in the process of designing an Art Trail. This will be a circular trail around the village with pieces of heritage art and sign posts each displaying a QR code which will give factual information and guide you to the next place of interest.

Chinnor Heritage group have agreed to help with this project. Hopefully this will be up and running in about a year

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Chinnor Community Awards 2023

We are pleased to be running the Chinnor Community Awards this year the categories you can nominate within can be found below.

The awards are for people that live within the parish of Chinnor and not for Parish Councillors or the Volunteer Award Select Committee.

Please return all completed forms to the Parish Council Offices by **30th June 2023**.

The award winners will be announced in the marquee at a gala event on **23rd August 2023**.

Achievement in the arts

An award in the following: Music, Art, Drama

This award can be for someone of any age and for anyone who contributes to the above Arts – from the star of the show to the person behind the scenes.

Sporting Achievement

This award can be for someone of any age and any sporting achievements.

An individual player or sporting team or even someone who goes above and beyond to support their team from the side-lines.

Volunteer of the Year

An individual of any age or organisation within the Chinnor Parish who has given their time or expertise to help others.

Volunteer Group of the Year

A Group or organisation within the Chinnor Parish boundary who have given their time or expertise to help others.

Lifetime Achievement

An individual who has given a lot of time and effort to our community over a number of years and has tirelessly worked for the good of our parish.

Community Support

A great neighbour or friend, someone that works behind the scenes or a special

person that always helps out others in times of need.

Service with a Smile

An individual of any age or organisation within the Chinnor Parish who goes the extra mile and are always happy to help.

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The Kings Coronation Chinnor Celebrates

We have arranged for a Marquee to be placed on the Playing field next to the Pavilion for the Bank holiday weekend 5th to 8th May to help Chinnor celebrate, events will include a tribute night, family fun day and Dog show.

A full list of the events being held will be available on our Website, Facebook page and in our Newsletter very soon.

August Bank Holiday Weekend

We will also have the traditional Marquee on Whites Field over the August Bank holiday with all the favourites Quiz, Tribute night, Beer Festival, Church Service and Flower Show as well as the return of Chinnor Community Awards

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WHERE YOU LIVE AND ARE
PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR
COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU**

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**Deadline for applications:
Friday 4th April 2023**