



# TARVIN TIMES

**TARVIN TIMES** - The Newsletter of Tarvin Parish Council  
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## **VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Parish Council (PC) will once more be erecting Christmas trees around the village ready for the festive season. Our thanks once again go out to Mr James Wright, who is supplying the tree to be erected in front of the Methodist church as well as the use of his JCB 'cherry picker' to help install the trees.



## **CO-OP LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND – KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD**

The Co-op Local Community Fund supports projects across the UK. Every time a Co-op member buys selected Co-op branded products and services, 2p for every pound spent goes to the member and the same amount is also given to a selected community organisation/local cause.

We are pleased to share that the King George V Playing Field has recently been selected as a community organisation/local cause that can be supported by Co-op members. The funding period runs for one year and will close on 19th October 2024.

Every cause has their own dedicated page on the Co-op website and app. The King George V Playing Field is a registered charity (charity number: 1083973) and is raising funds through the scheme to buy a "Happy to Chat" bench. The bench will have a sign which reads 'Sit here if you don't mind someone stopping to say hello'. It is designed to help combat loneliness and encourage community interaction. You can find more information about the project on the Co-op website: [membership.coop.co.uk/causes/85350](https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/85350).

If you are a Co-op member you can now choose to support the King George V Playing Field project through your membership. We thank you in advance for your support!

## **NEW BENCH**

Whilst on the subject of benches, a big thank you to Sanctuary Housing for providing a new bench at the junction of Hockenhull Avenue and Tarpoley Road to replace the damaged one.

## **TARVIN CHRISTMAS MARKET CANCELLATION AND APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 2024:**

As many residents will be aware, it is unfortunately not possible to hold the Christmas Market in Tarvin in 2023. Three key members of the committee retired this year leaving too few committee members to organise the event. Despite advertising for volunteers with flyers, posters and appeals on Tarvin Online and various Tarvin Facebook Groups, only two people volunteered. Neither of these volunteers were able to take on the roles of Secretary, Chairperson or Stalls administrator.

If the Tarvin Christmas Market event is to go ahead in future, these roles need to be filled. The roles can be shared and the more people who volunteer, the easier these tasks will be. The committee is planning to set up a Tarvin Christmas Market Website which will make future markets easier to manage and we already have a well-practiced project plan and calendar in place with templates of all the documents needed, it simply needs willing volunteers to commit their energy and time to do the various jobs that make it possible.

Please let us know at [info@tarvinchristmasmarket.org](mailto:info@tarvinchristmasmarket.org) if you are willing and able to offer your time and make it possible to hold a Tarvin Christmas Market in 2024.

## **SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER**

The Christmas Market is not going ahead but there is plenty being planned for families on Saturday 2nd December:

### **THE TARVIN CHRISTMAS “OH NO IT’S NOT A PANTO” FAMILY FILM**

This year, despite the huge effort on behalf of the community centre, we were unable to secure a pantomime, so rather than miss out on the joy and excitement of the community coming together at this special time, we decided to put on a classic Christmas Film for all ages. We look forward to seeing you all there – Christmas jumpers/accessories are encouraged! The film starts at 2.30pm (Doors & Bar 2.00pm)

Tickets £3 Children, £5 Adults - Available from the Post Office, online or on the door (subject to availability).

Planning is already underway for next year’s panto – “Oh Yes, It Is!”

### **METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVENT**

Mid-day to 4pm - and will include Father Christmas, a variety of exciting Christmas stalls with great ideas for Christmas presents. Hot drinks and mince pies, burgers, hot dogs, and Sue’s famous spiced Non-Alcoholic Mulled Punch.

Further details will be published on Tarvinonline and Facebook nearer the day.

## TRAVELLERS' SITE PLANNING APPLICATION – TARPORLEY ROAD.

The long-running saga of the planning application for a travellers' site on Tarporley Road continues. The revised application, which was submitted in September 2021, has now been refused permission by the Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) planning team. The applicant is appealing this decision to HM Planning Inspectorate, with the appeal due to be heard in January 2024. You can access a full history of the applications and appeal on the CWaC website under 'Planning & Building Control', 'See or Comment on Planning Applications' using reference 21/03690/FUL.

## VILLAGE CAR PARKING

A regular item for discussion at PC meetings is the lack of a car park in Tarvin and the difficulties of parking generally in the centre of the village. The Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan considered the matter when it was being developed in 2018 and identified an aspiration that Garden Field, off Church Street, might be used as an off-street car park at some future point. At the time the owners of the field indicated that the field was not for sale or lease. The PC recently contacted the owners of the field again to see if their position had changed but was informed that the previously held position was still the case. As things stand, there are no other obvious alternatives, but the PC will keep the matter under review.



## OVERGROWN HEDGES

The PC regularly receives complaints about overhanging hedges and trees and this year is no exception. This makes life particularly difficult for pedestrians. Please check the hedges and trees on your property and ensure that they have not encroached onto the footway. If they have, please arrange to have them cut back.

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Cheshire Police are relaunching Community Speed Watch. This is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police force to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit and contacted, initially with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour. Repeat offenders receive a visit from the local police force. Beyond these friendly gestures, prosecution is likely to follow.

If you are interested in the scheme and becoming trained to assist, please contact PCSO James Hannath. Mobile whilst on duty 07989 674201 or e-mail [james.hannath@cheshire.police.uk](mailto:james.hannath@cheshire.police.uk).



## **CLEAN UP DAY**

Poor weather hampered the Tarvin clean-up on 21st October, but the main streets were covered. Ten Oscroft residents turned out on 28th October which had meant that litter was retrieved from the three roads leading out of the village as well as around the village green.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 27th November, 18th December, 22nd January and 26th February. All will commence at 7.15pm and will be held in the Edna Rose room at the Community Centre.

Everyone is welcome to attend Council meetings – there is an open forum at the beginning of every meeting, for you to have your say on any subject relevant to the Parish.

You don't have to stay for the whole meeting. Feel free to come/go as is convenient to you.

## **YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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