



TARVIN TIMES

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

As residents may be aware, the Co-op Local Community Fund supports projects across the UK. The King George V Playing Field is a registered charity (charity number 1083973) and this time last year it was selected as a local cause by the Co-op so that members could help raise funds through the scheme to buy a "Happy to Chat" bench for the field.

We are pleased to be able to report that the sum of £1,735.20 has been raised and will be transferred across to the Parish Council ('PC') during the next few days. This will enable us to buy and install the bench, which will have a sign reading 'Sit here if you don't mind someone stopping to say hello'. It is designed to help combat loneliness and encourage community interaction.

A big thank you to all who have supported the cause, it is very much appreciated.



LOCAL VOLUNTEER GROUP

Cheshire West and Chester Council ('CWaC') have launched an initiative aimed at encouraging interested residents to form local volunteer work parties who will undertake small maintenance work which would otherwise go unattended to due to budget constraints. The PC is aware of the school of thought that this should not be necessary as we all contribute to CWaC through Council Tax. However, activities such as removing obscuring vegetation along a highway or public right of way, litter picking, keeping road signs legible, general tree trimming (CWaC owned trees only) and tidying footpaths are ways that can help maintain the attractive environment in which we are fortunate to live. Indeed, several of our residents have been busy running a pilot scheme during the last few months. Their first outing was to 'side' the shared user path alongside the A54 road between 73 Bye Pass Road and Barrow Lane. Their second outing was to spend time siding, hedging, and litter picking on the shared user path alongside the A51 in the Chester direction from the first bus stop near the A51/A54 roundabout. Their most recent work was to remove the undergrowth and litter which was covering much of the shared user path alongside Bye Pass Road from just below and opposite the Coop towards Barrow Lane.

If you are interested in getting involved in this initiative within Tarvin Parish, please provide your details to the Parish Clerk and we will be in touch with a view to launching it in the Spring.

RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Duncan Howorth has resigned as a Councillor since the publication of the last newsletter. We thank Duncan for his contribution whilst acting as a Councillor.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The above note means that there is a vacancy for a Councillor. If you are interested in how your Parish is looked after and how it develops then why not consider becoming a Councillor?

The position is voluntary and takes up as much time as you are prepared to give.

The minimum commitment is at least to attend the monthly Parish Council meeting held on a Monday evening

(normally the fourth Monday in the month). Councillors represent the views and concerns of the residents of the Parish to the Parish Council and, through it, to the Borough Council.

You must be over 18 and qualify under one of the provisions of Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1972 below:

1. Be on the Electoral Register for the Parish, or
2. Have owned or rented land in the Parish for 12 months, or
3. Have worked in the Parish for 12 months, or
4. Have lived in the Parish or within 3 miles thereof during the whole of the 12 months preceding appointment.

If you have views on what goes on or should be happening within our Parish and think that you would enjoy being a Councillor and wish to put yourself forward for co-option onto the Council, please let the Parish Clerk know. He will then provide you with a form to be completed and returned along with a letter of application which should explain why you are interested in applying and any relevant experience you think you can bring to the role of Parish Councillor and providing some information regarding yourself. Applications received will be considered at the first Parish Council meeting held after they are received.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREES

The PC will once more be erecting Christmas trees around the village centre ready for the festive season. They will be in place in advance of the Christmas Market which is planned for Saturday 7th December. Our thanks once again go out to Mr James Wright, who is supplying the tree to be erected in front of the Methodist church on High Street as well as the use of his JCB 'cherry picker' to help install the trees.

The trees will then remain in place into the New Year to bring a bit of Christmas cheer to the High Street and Church Street.



EDITORS NEEDED FOR TARVIN ONLINE

Tarvin Online is our village online magazine run by a small group of volunteer editors.

Like you, they care about Tarvin parish and enjoy sharing information about events and matters of interest to residents. They aim to promote local businesses and social groups, increase visibility of village events, services and organisations, and help people to connect with the community we all care about.

They aim to put stories online every day, sometimes using material they research, but ideally they edit copy sent in by residents or local interest groups and publish this into articles and social media posts on their website and Facebook pages. The more voices represented, the better.

The editorial team are in urgent need of new editors to join our small team. Experience in social media or journalism would be a bonus but is not required. With a little support from the team, training and practice, editing articles and posting on the website and social media channels is quick and relatively simple. You don't even have to live in Tarvin! Many of our readers no longer live here but still like to stay in touch. For new residents, it's a great way to get to know about the village.

There are a few team meetings each year and a WhatsApp group is used to help coordinate editing. If you are interested to learn more about becoming a volunteer for Tarvin Online please contact Tim Bates on 07825 587390 or Fi Miles on 07810 321085.

BENCH IN OSCROFT

The bench in Oscroft (located next to the telephone box) and kindly donated to the village in memory of John and Beryl Wright is looking slightly worse for wear and could do with sanding down and re-staining in the spring. If you or somebody that you know would like to volunteer to undertake this work, then please let the Parish Clerk know so that a date for the work to be undertaken can be agreed.

NOTICEBOARD IN THE HIGH STREET

The noticeboard is also in need of some minor maintenance in the spring, mainly varnishing. Please let the Parish Clerk know if you would like to volunteer to undertake this work.

OVERGROWN HEDGES

The PC regularly receives complaints about overhanging hedges and trees and this year there have been significantly more complaints than usual. Overgrown hedges make 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.



HOLLY TREE ALONGSIDE THE VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL

The PC received permission from CWaC to remove the large overgrown holly tree to the right of the War Memorial on Church Street during September and the tree was removed on 12th October. We are very grateful to the local resident who arranged for the tree to be removed at no cost to the Council.

The removal of the tree highlighted a considerable amount of minor maintenance work that needed to be done to tidy the area. The St Andrews "Z Team" have made a start on this and were hoping to complete most of the work before Remembrance Sunday. The Z team contribution is very much appreciated by the PC.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next full Council Meetings will be held on Mondays 25th November, 16th December, 27th January and 24th 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.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

Please note that the Parish Clerk has the following new e-mail address:
clerk@tarvinparishcouncil.gov.uk

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Margaret Williams (07917 356445)	Cllr. Neil Poole (740153)	Cllr. Arnie Sheppard (740759)
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