

Cherhill Parish Council

Newsletter – October 2020

Hello Everyone...

This is our first newsletter for a while as the PC has decided to publish newsletters only when there is a need rather than follow a seasonal schedule. This is also the last one to be distributed by hand to every home. We are used to getting our updates online these days and it's certainly a simpler, greener and more flexible option that allows the PC to communicate important information quickly. One of the biggest benefits will be the ability to include links to useful and important information on other sites which you will then be able to access with just a click.

IMPORTANT: Please make sure we have your email address to send you future copies of our newsletter. Visit www.cherhill.org/newsletter or send an email to newsletter@cherhill.org.

Of course, we recognise that there are members of our community who can't get online or who need a printed copy and they will still be able to receive one. Call 01249-812443 (Cherhill) or 01672-539149 (Yatesbury), leave your name and address, and we'll make sure you continue to get a printed copy.

COVID

There's so much information and advice available at the moment, and it's changing regularly, so it seems pointless to repeat it here. But you can access the latest national advice at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> and for local information go to

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus>

NHS Covid 19 App

Everybody is encouraged to download the App and use it to check into venues using the QR codes which are now widely displayed. If you haven't already got the App go to <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/> for details of how to get it.

Would you like to be a councillor?

The Parish Council represents Cherhill and Yatesbury with 5 councillors for Cherhill and 2 for Yatesbury. At the moment there is a vacancy for a parish councillor to represent Cherhill. Anybody can apply and there are no qualification or experience requirements, all you need is to be over 18, a resident of Cherhill, and interested in your local community. We would particularly welcome more female representation to improve the balance and make sure your views are heard. There's just one evening meeting each month and if you'd like to know more just ring one of the councillors for a chat – contact details are overleaf.

Yatesbury Notice Board

The smart new noticeboard is now in place and if you want to gain access to post a message the key is kept on top of the frame.

Recycling Centre Access

Because of Covid restrictions Wiltshire's recycling centres can only be accessed by appointment. The only way to book an

appointment is to go online to <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres-book> You'll need the registration of the vehicle you'll be using. If you can't go online to make a booking it's suggested that you ask a friend or family member to do it for you as Wiltshire Council don't have the resources to take telephone bookings. Don't forget to take some form of ID along as the facility is only available to Wiltshire residents.

MyWilts app

This is now the 'go-to' method of getting things done locally. It's used to report everything - potholes, fly-tipping, missed bin collections etc, anything that requires a Wiltshire Council response. In fact, if you ring to report a problem the call handler will just use the app to record your problem. Once you've reported a problem you can then track the response. The app is available for both iPhone and Android through the app stores, just search for MyWilts. You can also use it online at <https://my.wiltshire.gov.uk/>

Odd Jobs

The Parish Steward visits our villages about once a month to carry out routine maintenance tasks. To find out more, and to suggest a job to be done, go to <https://cherhill.org/pc/parish-steward>

This Wiltshire Council service isn't really enough to maintain our villages to the standard we'd like to see and so last year the Parish Council increased the precept

(that's the amount you pay in your Council Tax to support the PC) with the aim of doing our own maintenance work. We are now compiling a list of local contractors who could undertake routine jobs like mowing, trimming, clearing vegetation and other groundwork services. If you'd like to apply to join the list please contact the Parish Clerk

Useful Contacts

Police Non-Emergency Number – Call 101
Medical help (non-emergency) – Call 111
Environmental Health: 01249 706555
Hills Hotline: 07789 690735 to report odours etc.

Wiltshire Council help line: 0300 456 0100
All Parish Councillors can be contacted directly by email using:
firstname.surname@cherhill.org

Yatesbury Councillors

Martin Purslow - 01672 539149
J.R. Auvray - 07798 645 796

Cherhill Councillors

John Cavanagh (Chair) - 07976 851756
Simon Tomlinson (Vice Chair) - 01249 811763

David Grafton - 01249 815190

Nick White - 01249 322087

Cherhill Parish Clerk

Paula Purslow - 07384 595528

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(Please note that the Parish Clerk works part-time and there may be a delay in responding to your query)

Wiltshire Councillor

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Everybody is welcome to attend Parish Council meetings although these are currently being held online owing to the current Covid restrictions. For information on how to 'attend' a meeting contact the Parish Clerk (details above) or visit the Parish website www.cherhill.org