

# CHINNOR VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2018

Chinnor is celebrating it's local unsung heroes. Do you know someone who lives or works in Chinnor who has achieved something great? If so you need to tell us about them

Nominations are welcome in the following categories:

**Achievement in the arts | Sporting achievement  
Volunteer of the year | Honorary award  
Lifetime achievement | Community Award**



**Nominate in person at: Chinnor Community Pavilion**

Download a nomination form from: [www.chinnorparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.chinnorparishcouncil.org.uk)

Nominations open on 26<sup>th</sup> March

All nominations to be returned to CPC by 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Winners will be presented with their awards on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018 in a gala event in the Chinnor marquee

**Nominate Now!**

*Who is your local hero?*



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## Annual Reports

### 2017-2018



## Chinnor Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report by Cllr Robin Williams

Once again, as you are all aware, we have been through yet another demanding year given the amount of Planning Applications submitted and approved. Many of these were opposed by Chinnor Parish Council, as well as SODC, but were then overruled by Appeals.

All that said we welcome our new residents and trust they find Chinnor suits their expectations.

Our Neighbourhood Plan has now been adopted and has had an effect on recent planning applications although the plan must now go through a review process so as to strengthen it. A great deal of work and commitment by Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee went into the preparation of the original plan some of whom are now involved in the review. My sincere thanks go to all the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee members – past and present - for their sterling efforts. Thank you!

Our Emergency Plan has been updated. It is now in shape to address any potential emergency scenario for which I thank all those involved in its preparation.

Chinnor Parish Council offer small grants twice a year for local groups to apply for so please look out for the application dates on the Councils web site and Facebook page along with details in the Pump and newsletters.

This year we are introducing a Volunteer Award Scheme (Chinnor Awards Night in the Marquee Whites Field on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018) for which your nominations are asked for .... Please pick up a nomination form today.

**Nominations close on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018.**

Last but not least I offer my sincere thanks to all Councillors for their commitment and support over the last year with special thanks to Liz, our Clerk / RFO and Jo the assistant Clerk, they are based in the CPC office and deal with all of the day to day Parish Council matters and of course our two Groundsmen Lee and Trevor who, over the last year, have done a terrific job on the up keep of the Parish public areas.



## Chinnor Village Hall Registered Charity No 304285



Chinnor Village Hall has been providing Community Services, to the parish and surrounds, since 1939. From that time many facility upgrades and property enhancements have occurred resulting in a modern day venue suitable for a wide range and varied indoor activities ranging from indoor sports, children and adult parties as well as stage performances and shows. The Hall, as a charity, is run by a group of dedicated volunteers with all monies raised for the day to day running is through hire rental and fund raising events.

If you are seeking an economic and modern venue for your function or activities please call 07981 920426 or visit our website <http://www.chinnorvillagehall.com> for more information. Alternatively email your enquiry to [cvh2003@hotmail.com](mailto:cvh2003@hotmail.com) You can follow us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Chinnor-VillageHall/223492701104862>

## **Planning Committee Report by Cllr Martin Wright**

The past year has been one of continuing work to try to limit the extent of development in Chinnor. This endeavour has been assisted by SODC, but it has often been difficult to get final closure on many sites due to delays in the appeal system.

At the moment there are two major appeals in the system. The first is by Persimmon for the land behind Greenwood Avenue, between the Taylor Wimpey and Bellway site. The second site is the Cala Development behind Oakley, opposite the Bellway site, unlike the Bellway site, Cala are pushing out the edge of the village towards Crowell. At the appeals for these two sites, the Inspectors said that this site should remain as open space but how this will stand up at Appeal we can only wait and see. Both appeals are being strongly fought by SODC and CPC.

There is a very confused situation along Lower Icknield Way – it seems that infill along the north side is generally approved, but on the south side it is being refused and that appeals are being dismissed. Also being refused is the proposed development behind Doveleat.

CPC have been examining Reserved Matters applications in some details for the major developments in the village, to ensure that the quality of the developments is as high as possible. SODC has been supporting these efforts.

CPC continues to support the Neighbourhood Plan and the latest SODC Local Plan to make sure that all possible defences for future developments are maintained.

On a lighter note an analysis of applications seems to indicate that soon all houses in the village will have equestrian facilities!

## **Go Active Gold**

Go Active Gold - Confirmed New Activities taking place for the over 60's in Chinnor....

### **Activity: Nordic Walking**

Starts: 11/04/18

When: Wednesday

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Price: Free (6 weeks)

Where: Meet Outside Chinnor Pavilion

### **Activity: Senior Circuits**

Starts: 22/03/18

When: Thursdays

Time: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Price: £5

Where: Chinnor Pavilion

### **Activity: Pickleball**

Starts: 26/02/18

When: Mondays

Time: 13:00 PM – 14:30 PM

Price: £2

Where: Chinnor Village Hall

### **Activity: Yoga (Seated as an option)**

When: Thursday's

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Price: £5

Where: Chinnor Pavilion / Chinnor Church Hall

## **If you would like to register your interest**

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## Environment Committee Report by Cllr Sue Ashdown

So many things to report this year.

The refurbishment of the Conigre play area has been finished. The mound upon which the old Fort use to sit, has been reduced and new more up to date play equipment introduced. This equipment is bright and exciting, and encourages children to play physically and with imagination. We have also introduced teenage play equipment to encourage them to stretch physical strengths. A new perimeter fence has replaced the old tired one making the play area bright and welcoming for all age groups. Also a new tarmac pathway has made the approach much safer.

A completely new play area at the Old Kiln Lakes, has been opened. Art work by the Artisan John Merrill, in the form of Giant bobbins were sited in this area. These bobbins represent the traditional Chinnor crafts of lace making and 'bodgers' craftsmen who made chair legs from local woods, during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. These serve dual purpose as they allow the children to climb on them as well as for Mums and Dads to sit on whilst supervising their children's play.

A new football pitch has also been completed in this area but as yet the car park area and changing rooms have not been built, hopefully this will not be too long in coming.

Conversations with Greening Chinnor have become very interesting. They are hoping to introduce 'Incredible Edibles' this involves planters being placed in community areas for members of the public to plant, look after and harvest produce. More information will be made available soon. A Community Orchard, is also being investigated.

Litter is always a challenge. Regular Litter Picks are organised by Greening Chinnor and are generally supported well by the community but please volunteer – we do need your help. The more people help from Kiln Lakes to Mill Lane to Henton the tidier our village will be.

Our Marquee will once again be available to the community for local groups to raise funds for their members. This facility is available to all Chinnor Groups and creates a terrific community spirit.

## Oxfordshire County Council report by C/Cllr Jeannette Matelot

Since being elected in May 2017 as your County Councillor I have been out and about getting to know the concerns and people of Chinnor. There was a baptism of fire when I saw on a local Facebook group that parents had received letters stating that the new intake for Icknield School would not be using the school bus service due to it being at full capacity. At least one of the parents had a child already at Icknield who had a seat on the bus but he would have to transport his younger daughter to school. An impossible situation. I engaged with the bus company and the County Supported Transport Manager and it was finally agreed to replace the bus with a double-decker bus. I am now monitoring the situation as the bus service to Icknield could cease completely at the end of this academic year.

I have held a number of drop-ins at the Village Centre and held meetings at the Wee Book Shop with residents. I find the main concerns in Chinnor are about traffic, speeding, highway conditions, especially caused by the new development work, and blocked drains and gulleys. This is mirrored across the other villages I serve and probably the whole County. I now regularly have Highways officers out to look at residents' complaints and I believe the situation is improving where feasible. As a rookie councillor, I have discovered that we have a Roads Assessment Team who can I approach when developers are not sticking to their Construction management plans and also reports on FixMy Street are categorised, Category 1 being repair within 24 hours and Category 2 within 24 days.

To end on a happy note. This year we were given a Councillor Community Grant of £5000 to be spent on services which are no longer supplied by County.

We awarded £2,400 to the Red Kite Childrens' Centre which I visited with Cllr Sue Ashdown, invited by Leader Amy Spicer. The Parish Council were awarded £2,025 to purchase speed watch.

**Jeannette Matelot**

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## Chinnor Neighbourhood Plan

Why Chinnor needs to undertake a Site Allocation review:

In the closing stages of the preparation of Chinnor's Neighbourhood Plan (CNP) - a Ministerial Statement called for Neighbourhood Plans to contain nominated development sites to strengthen the Plan.

The CNP did not allocate sites because two preferred sites (CHI 7 and CHI 8) plus one reserved site (CHI 20) had already been granted planning permission. Rather than delay the CNP it was decided to proceed without allocating sites and then review the Plan after its adoption to meet this requirement. It was understood that such a review would be a proportional task requiring an amendment/update and not the production of an entirely new plan. Several positive meetings with SODC, Chinnor Parish Council and the Steering Group have recently taken place and work has now commenced on the preparation of the Site Allocation requirement.

We hope to get the review adopted at the earliest opportunity to gain the maximum control



## South Oxfordshire District Council Report by D/Cllr Lynn Lloyd and Ian White

### **The Year for The District Council – 2017-18**

Councillor Lynn Lloyd as Cabinet Member has been responsible for:

- Go Active Gold which won Sports Development Project of the Year at the Oxfordshire Sports Awards and is coming to Chinnor
  - Overseen refurbishment of the pool and Changing Areas at Thame Leisure Centre
  - Overseen the Housing Team who have helped stop 1,100 families from becoming homeless and made a real reduction in homelessness against the national trend
  - Overseen the launch of the new SODC Community Lottery
  - Overseen the refurbishment of the Entrance and Café at Cornerstone
- Councillor Ian White has:

- Oversaw the General Election Count and several Neighbourhood Plan Referenda as Chair of the Local Governance And Electoral Issues Committee
- Represented SODC on the Police And Crime Commissioner's Panel
- Maintained scrutiny of District Council activities through the Scrutiny Committee.
- Lynn attends The Chilterns Conservation Board as a board member and is involved with their planning committee.

We have both been active in the development and promotion of Chinnor's NDP, helping the Parish Council with Planning Applications both at Parish and District levels, supported successful Planning Appeal rejections, helping residents with planning issues.

Through the Councillors' Grant Scheme we have made awards totalling £10,000 to the Chinnor Youth Football Club and the Village Centre.

This is a small summary and more detail is available in the Chinnor Pump.

## Finance and General Purposes Committee Report by Cllr Neil Flint

This year has been another exciting one for the council. We continue to invest in local initiatives and events that support the community and bring us together. We have many clubs supporting all ages and fantastic facilities that can accommodate any request.

This year has seen continued utilisation of the new pavilion, as well as strong commitment to the Village Hall, Whites Field Pavilion by the youth club and Chinnor Youth Football Club.

I'm sure you will all join me in thanking all those involved in making this year's Christmas lights and event round the tree a success. It is thanks to your support and investment in the events which help bring us together at such special times.

This year also proved another successful year for the August Marquee on Whites Field with a range of quiz evenings, the flower and produce show and beer festival (to name a few). All of which generated much needed income to these invaluable organisations at the heart of our community.

The Council continues to strive to ensure your money is spent diligently and with appropriate scrutiny. We have actively spent this year assessing our spend and sought opportunities to reduce this where we can. This can often be a challenge as I'm sure all personally experience in everyday life, particularly for us with the expansion of the village where our services come under greater demand. We take our role seriously as a custodian of a number of village facilities – without which a number of groups and clubs would have nowhere to offer their services. We have spent this year reviewing these sites to identify areas for improvement that ensure you continue to have access to good premises. We will move our attention now to developing a programme of work that will see improvements (where required) to these, to ensure they last as long as possible and continue to be an asset for the community.

As well as these initiatives, we have also invested in the improvement of local infrastructure and improving public safety, such as the replacement of the footpath and fencing between the playground and football pitch in the interests of public safety. Following instances of criminal activity, we have invested in CCTV equipment to better protect our facilities and the community. We also continue to work closely with Thames Valley Police and have funded our PCSO to improve prevention and awareness within the community.

Please take the opportunity to join us at one of our finance meetings (usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month) to learn more and discuss your thoughts with us during the public question time.

## CPC Grants Awarded 2018

Once again the Parish Council allocated £10,000 in order for local groups to apply for funding towards worthy projects.

The Grants Awarded 2017/ 2018 were:

Chinnor Football Club – Fencing	1,993.98
Chinnor Youth Football Club – Equipment	500.00
Mill Lane School – seating and cushions for Library	500.00
St Andrews School – road safety project	1,000.00
Ladybirds pre-school – sandpit	389.99
Community First Responders – smart phones	576.00
Greening Chinnor – new trees	128.00
Red Kite Centre - Local sessions	1,666.50
Chinnor Silver Band – new instruments	825.00
Village Centre - maintenance to conservatory windows	412.50
Village Centre - Key board for day care groups	412.50
Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust – Great War Centenary exhibit	412.50
C&PR – Steam train trips for the local schools	600.00*
Chinnor Churches Go Wild – Equipment Hire Costs	400.00*
Home-Start Southern – Support a Volunteer if necessary	300.00*

\*Funds committed but not yet used.

In addition to the Parish Grants the Council continues to financially support the Village Hall by paying £11,251.28pa which is the repayment for the loan that was used to refurbish the facility. Along with the Community Minibus based at the Village Centre which receives £1,500 towards annual maintenance costs.

Support is ongoing for the invaluable work that the Good Neighbours Scheme provides to our residents mainly by the provision of their phone line and admin sundries.

The Council also takes responsibility for the provision of the Youth Club which is held at White's Field.