



December 2024



NEWSLETTER

Chairman's Update

Christmas time in Tisbury! The tree is up and the lights are on thanks to a team of volunteers.

Thank you!

Despite Storm Darragh we had a great Tis the Season (organized by Jerry Mason and his volunteers) with the New Vic (run by volunteers) packed out with stalls and festive punters. I didn't see Santa's Grotto but I hear it was a triumphant extravaganza (run by volunteers).

It's winter but the square is looking great with the newly stocked planters (thanks to Rosie Buck and a team of volunteers). During the week I went and filmed a TAG rehearsal, full of energy and fun (run by volunteers). Then there is Tisbus and Link ferrying people about (run by volunteers) ... and Focus... I think you get the message.

We are very lucky in Tisbury to have so many people giving their time for free, so many that I can't list them all. But we need more! If you're thinking 'how can I join in and do something for the community?', let us know. There is work to be done.

Now, if you really want to get involved how about joining the Parish Council? People say to me it must be so tedious and time consuming. No... honestly! It's interesting and rewarding. You get to find out stuff about the area, help the community and sometimes shape what will happen in the village. Please get in touch if you are interested and have a look on Page 4.

Volunteers are great but I just want to thank another group of people - The Co-op!

Not the brand but our own shop in Tisbury. The people who work there do a great job. During Covid (do you remember?) they were a lifeline for us all. And they'll be there for us at Christmas. I said to one of the managers how much I loved the Co-op and he looked a bit bemused. He said people mostly complain. So I ask you; next time you're in the Co-op, give them a big 'Thanks!' Merry Christmas Tisbury! Simon Davison

All set for Spring



In late November Councillor Rosie Buck and members of Tisbury Gardening Club cleared the planters in The Square and replanted them with winter bedding and new spring bulbs including daffodils and various tulips ready for another fabulous spring display. Many thanks to all involved.



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King George V Recreation Ground Reburishment

The Council's playground working group has been investigating the installation of replacement goal ends for the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). In November the MUGA surface was cleaned and rejuvenated and quotes sought for the goal ends. Due to their cost, the Council has applied to the National Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme which provides funding for community projects and hopes to have an outcome in April on whether funding has been awarded, with the aim of completing the work next summer.

In the meantime, work has been completed to replace and paint the junior swings with the installation of an inclusive swing.

The wetpour surfacing has also been cleaned in several areas with more painting and cleaning planned for next year.



Public Toilets Refurbishment

Following the installation of the accessible ramp earlier this year, and a rain garden created and planted up in May, work to the refurbishment of the public toilets has continued apace. All new guttering has been installed and the new downpipes directed into the newly installed storm water troughs to channel the roof water into the rain garden. This will slow the 'flow' in times of excessive rain or a flood event.

With Councillor Rosie Buck's tireless commitment leading councillors, officers and, again, members of Tisbury Gardening Club, the troughs are planted up and water butts in place which means the 'rain garden' project is now complete, apart from leaflets and an interpretation board installed on site, explaining how people can recreate it in their own gardens. Work to replace the windows and electrics and internal furniture will continue next year.



New - Explore Wiltshire App

Guides to Wiltshire's key landmarks, historic sites and cultural and arts venues

This new App includes Tisbury and enables you to find the sights nearest to you and discover the stories behind them. You can follow a themed trail or look at historic photos, listen to audio or watch video content to see how Wiltshire has changed over time. Each place has a special audio introduction from TV's Time Team Phil Harding with his personal take on the county and its places he loves.

Community Speed Watch Scheme (CSW)



Earlier this year, the Council was advised that the CSW could not continue without a further speed survey being carried out. This has been commissioned through Wiltshire Council. Once completed, it is hoped the scheme, with its enthusiastic volunteers, will be able to recommence the monitoring of vehicles in Hindon Lane and elsewhere in the parish.

Implementation of 20 mph Speed Limit

Wiltshire Council's contractor, Milestone, has now installed most of the scheme. Further roundels are anticipated for installation on Station Road and further 'SLOW' signs on the road on Chicks Grove Road beyond Court Street Bridge and before the end of the 30 mph limit.

Wiltshire Towns Programme

Wiltshire Council has awarded the Council £10,000 over the next 2 years to facilitate the building and maintenance of a website which promotes Tisbury as a location for independent businesses and a destination for tourists. A link will be maintained on the Parish Council's own website but the website will be run separately from the Parish Council.

Tisbury has a vibrant High Street and evidence from the shops has shown that there is a need for promoting the High Street both locally and to a wider audience. The proposed website will be a practical solution for the business community and nearby attractions to promote themselves and bring footfall to the village.

By comparison, other sites which promote businesses and tourism are successful elsewhere and can be found at the following links:

<https://discovermalmesbury.life/>

<https://www.discoverfrome.co.uk/>

Cranborne Chase National Landscape 'Access for All' Funding Award

In response to the National Landscape's invitation to apply for capital funding in relation to creating greater access for residents and visitors, the Council has been awarded funding to purchase and install 4 benches - by the rain garden and public toilets in Nadder Close and Guy's Patch, in the Community Orchard and the Jubilee Meadow, 2 accessible picnic benches - in the Community Orchard and the King George V Recreation Ground. These will be installed by the end of March on the condition, agreed by the Council, that it will maintain them thereafter.

For Nadder Close and Guy's Patch



For the Community Orchard and Jubilee Meadow



Tisbury Community Orchard

The Council was successful in its bid for funding from the Coronation Heritage Fund. This will enable 4 new Apple trees and an Elm tree to be planted both to enhance and replace some of the less healthy trees. It also funded a community noticeboard to be installed with a map of the orchard and a sign for the gate.

New MyWilts App - Report It!

The MyWiltsApp has been upgraded and improved. Once downloaded, it's a quick and easy way to report issues like potholes, highway issues, graffiti, fly-tipping and street lighting. It only takes a few minutes to register. You can also send photos and keep track of your reports which will tell you when the work has been completed.

Your Tisbury Parish Councillors

Chairman: Simon Davison

Vice Chairman: Gerry Murray

Supported by: Richard Beattie, Rosie Buck, Felicity Corp, Liz Coyle-Camp, Nick Errington and Jerry Mason.

Parish Clerk: Bev Cornish

Wiltshire Councillor: Councillor Dick Budden

Contact: richard.budden@wiltshire.gov.uk

The Council currently has 3 vacancies.

The Parish Council's Tree Warden is Andrew Graham who advises on all works to trees in the conservation area and also works to those with Tree Preservation Orders.

Local Town & Parish Council Elections on 1st May 2025

Becoming a Parish Councillor

Would you like to do something positive to help your community? Becoming a Parish Councillor gives you a great opportunity to get involved and influence issues which directly affect Tisbury and the surrounding area.

You need to be 18 years old or over to stand for election or co-option as a councillor, be either a British, Commonwealth or an EU citizen, be on the electoral register and have lived or worked in the parish for a year.

Come along to a Parish Council Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Reading Room to find out more or contact Bev Cornish, the Parish Clerk for more information on 01747 260088.

There are four months left of the current term of the Council, so if you don't want to wait until May and would like to give it a try, you can apply to be co-opted and take up one of the 3 vacancies.

Children's Community Garden

The Council would like to thank the volunteers who ran the Children's Community Garden with such commitment over the last 3 years.

In the coming months, the Council will be considering how best to allocate the leftover fundraising monies which were raised by those volunteers with input from them and how best to re-use the community space. It would welcome input from the community on this, so if you have some ideas, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Noticeboards

In light of Wiltshire Council's greater enforcement of flyposting, the Council has budgeted for the purchase of several public noticeboards for installation around the parish in the 2025/26 financial year. As some will be installed in the Conservation Area, planning permission will need to be applied for prior to purchase and installation. The Council would welcome ideas from the community of locations for noticeboards, in addition to those beside the Reading Room and outside the Delicatessen, half way up the High Street. The Council is keen to ensure local organisations are able to advertise their activities and events, whilst at the same time complying with Wiltshire Council's policy and protecting the Tisbury Conservation Area.



South Western Hotel Update

The Council has been advised that the The Co-op is no longer interested in purchasing and converting the Hotel because it doesn't have enough retail floor space. At the request of the Parish Council, the owners, West Coast Developments Ltd, have tidied up the site to make it more presentable at the entrance to the village and are marketing the site for sale.

Wiltshire Council - Planning Applications

Have you received a letter advising of a planning application at a neighbouring property? This means that the planning application is currently under consultation and you can comment as a resident on the proposals and plans. Applications can be viewed on Wiltshire Council website. From the home page, click on the icon called 'Planning and Building Control' then 'Search Applications' then add the planning application number into the search box. Alternatively, use the following link <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/>