

Hill Croome Parish Council

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As summer transitions to autumn it is miraculous how the parched and crispy ground has given way to lush growth and regeneration. That does not take away the damage to crops or domestic gardens during the drought, the promised future being more of the same. The question we must face is 'how to best mitigate against change?'

At the next meeting on the 21st September, at 8.00pm, a number of issues are on the Agenda that may be of interest. Your Council appreciates any contribution from Parishioners and would encourage participation from the floor where appropriate.

Councillor Vacancy

We have an opportunity for someone to take on the role of a Parish Councillor. With a sitting Councillor preparing to leave the village we need to ensure continuity and secure the quorum to run your Council. Our thanks to Charlotte for her contribution.

Anyone who would like more details as to the criteria should speak with me. Initially, any candidate would be co-opted pending the next election. There are no party politics involved and everyone is welcome. Don't be shy!

The 'Green Project'

It is now eight years since the formalising of the project. Over years the green was tended by contractors, the issue being the infrequent cuts and residue left behind. The project came about as a solution to save money, enhance the flora and to provide a smarter outlook. The reality soon struck home due to the fertility in the soil adversely affecting the growth of many wildflowers. The promotion of smaller areas of planting combined with regular mowing gave us a hybrid result. The amount of work required whatever the scheme is significant and the matter is to be discussed at the next meeting. Something will have to change going forwards.

New Waste Bin

We are installing a new general waste bin at the corner on Stanks Lane as a direct replacement for the existing dog waste bin. This is to allow for the collection by the Local Authority. Cllr Allen very kindly funded the purchase from his Divisional Fund.

Remembrance Day 2026

On Sunday 8th November 2026 we shall be holding our Act of Remembrance at the memorial on the green. We need to meet at 10.50am to ensure we are ready for the names to read soon thereafter. Everyone is welcome.

There is a service at Earls Croome Church at 10.00am for anyone wishing to attend beforehand.

Fly tipping

In recent weeks we have seen a number of cases of fly tipping in the village.



The items have included wooden pallets, stone, general builder's waste and children's toys. Quite why anyone would consider these actions to be appropriate is a mystery but the incidences locally are increasing.

It is perhaps indicative of the danger of employing the unscrupulous to remove rubbish. They may be cheap, but the cost to the Local Authority and landowners is prohibitive.

Water leaks

This year has seen a number of leaks on the main road. It is clear that the infrastructure is failing and whilst they have attended swiftly we need to be vigilant to avoid waste of an ever increasingly valuable resource.

As with the fly tipping, please let me know if you see a leak or tipped waste to ensure it is reported to the relevant authority without delay.

Planning

During the last few months we have contributed to a number of Planning matters in the Parish. It is hoped that issues are dealt with in a consistent and fair manner by the Authorities ensuring a level playing field.

New Drainage for Ash Lea

You may have noticed the work carried out on the corner of the green earlier in the summer. The purpose was to provide for better drainage relieving the volume of water that pooled on both sides of the main road during periods of heavy rain. The water from the farm side now goes under the A4104 before entering the green side ditch. This prevents the drain on the corner of Ash Lea from being overwhelmed, leading to the lake. The new system has not been given much of a test yet, but the outlook is good.

Police Action on Speeding

You may have seen officers on the green carrying out speed checks. That said, it is unlikely that you will have, due to the infrequency of the visits. I have tried to encourage more action without success.

We all know that when a uniformed officer deploys to anywhere, within minutes the flashing headlamps ensures compliance. That in itself is a success, but still requires regular attendance to reinforce the message and keep folks guessing. The result of these visits is a nil return and so the perception is that we have no issue.

I am not happy with the level of service we are getting and take every opportunity to raise the matter when I can.

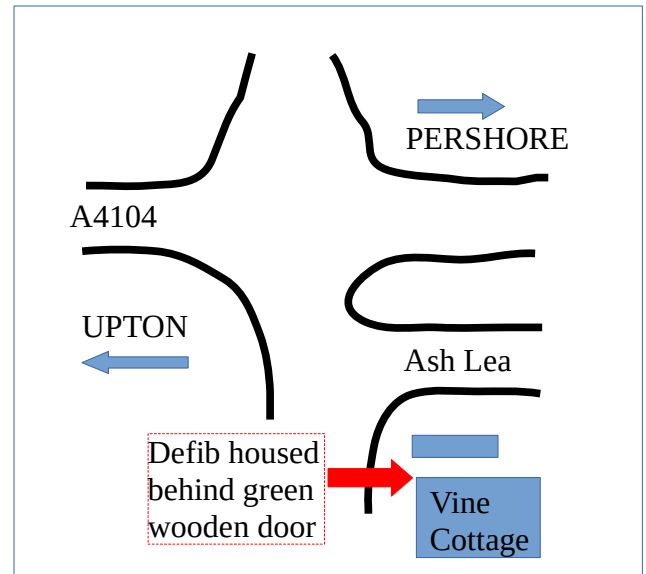
The Jockey Inn

Many of you will be aware that our pub is now under new management. Tim and his team look forward to meeting you, offering a selection of menus along with special events. These include Gourmet Wine and Taster Menu evenings, sharing boards and a daily set menu.

The next event is on October 31st with a Halloween theme.

Check out their website at thejockeyinn.co.uk for more details or pop in for a swift one.....or two!

Defibrillator Location



In the event that the Defibrillator is used, please ensure that it is returned with all its parts to the Clerk. Replacement parts are expensive and time sensitive so will require reorder.

Next Parish Council meeting is Monday 21st September, 8.00pm at Earls Croome Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

Contact details for the Parish Council

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