

PURTON PARISH COUNCIL – AREA BOARD UPDATE REPORT 2024

Passing of our Chair

Following the passing of our Chair at the end of 2023, the Council has now settled into 2024 with a new Chair and Vice Chair and a passion to continue the good works already proven. A new councillor also joined in May and we have another hoping to be co-opted in June.

Purton Neighbourhood Plan Revision

We are in the midst of our revision of the plan and aim to complete early next year. Great community interaction, continued support from councillors, staff and consultations should result in a robust Neighbourhood Plan Revision for our community.

Community Events

Purton Parish Council has arranged several large community events for the year, the first being the Children's Easter Egg Hunt with a quiz followed by a chocolate treat. Great weather, great attendance and the easter bunny was in their element ! This fun event allows families to interact at a Charity venue managed by the Parish Council of all ages and a valued feedback and communication element in a friendly safe environment.

Our next event is a family fun day on the green at the Village Centre. We aim to engage with our community whilst they enjoy, free music, child activities in the form of a bouncy castle, face painter and balloon modeller. The Purton Red House has also recently installed through their charity a kitchen to offer food to the event and community moving forward – in today's climate opening such a facility is a great achievement by the Charity. Councillors and staff are manning the event which will allow another great opportunity for engagement in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Carbon Neutral Purton

July sees us attend a Fun Day organised by one of our local churches to raise funds for their window repair. The Parish Council will have a stall promoting its Neighbourhood Plan revision and our Carbon Neutral Plan for Purton which also includes planting of sunflower seeds to take home, and a packet of wildflower seeds to have some bug/bee friendly planting additions.,

We have been working hard this year on the Carbon Plan with simple easy steps to aid the process. To date we have installed bee/bug houses including three Bug Towers made by our grounds team, plus bird houses, bat boxes and later in the year, hedgehog and dormouse tubing will be added. Our planting schemes has changed to encourage our bee community to take hold and we aim to continue and enhance this through all planting in our community.

Our new Eco Site, will house a large compost bay, chipping bay and poly tunnel to allow our own planting to reduce our carbon footprint. We also have small saplings being grown to replant at the Dingle, a piece of land owned by the Parish Council and maintained as a haven for wildlife next to our Cricket Grounds. The Dingle like many other areas suffered with Ash DieBack and we are keen to start the regeneration of this project, these saplings will be the start. As part of our Carbon Plan, we have also created large bug mounds with the fallen trees and cleared areas to allow replanting of native woodland bulbs.

Should we mention Christmas so early !!!! Late November sees our Christmas Light Switch On Event with a 35ft Christmas tree on the putting green of the Village Centre Chrity. A local band will play us into the season with Christmas songs and the Purton Red House will be open for beverages and food. This event signifies the start of our Christmas festivities which leads into the children's party – a great opportunity for children to enjoy the joys of Razzmatazz and the parents to snap pictures of these precious memories.

A brief update of some of our activities.

24th May 2024