

6. Parish reports

Footpaths

- Footpaths are generally in good condition for the time of year

Neighbourhood watch

- Remain aware of the usual issues at this time of year of scams, opportunistic theft of presents visible from windows and break-ins to garden sheds
- No Cold Caller window stickers are available from Dave Mackay
- If you see a robbery in progress call 999
- If you are a victim of a crime please report it as soon as possible through the Thames Valley Police web site or by calling 101

Speedwatch

- 7 sessions in 2023 with an average speed of 17mph.
- Permanent speed watch signs to be ordered to be attached to existing road signs at both ends of the village once we have approval from the highways team

Village Events Group (VEG)

- Events are proving to be successful and as a result of the generosity of people living in the village VEG has been able to donate money to help fund the new doors for the Reading Room, playground equipment and to buy new balls for the snooker table in the church.
- Ceri Thompson has joined the VEG team.

Littleworth Church

- Thanks to Keith, Den and Bob, the new section of flooring was installed in early 2023 and to Den for building the shelving to display the pew cushions.
- Over the summer we gratefully accepted gifts of sports/play equipment which enables the church to house table tennis, badminton, table football and the pool table for everyone to enjoy. We know it is really important to broaden the building's use beyond the traditional congregation if it is to be valued by the wider community - then we have a hope that it can stay open in the long term.
- The church has annual running costs of around £10,000pa. We depend on at least 75% of our running costs being met from fundraising community events, and we are so grateful for everyone's support. This year we had a fantastic fete raising £4,000 and an amazing auction of promises bringing in £2,500, which, together with Harvest Festival and the spring Jumble Sale in total raised around £7,500.
- We want to make our next big project focus on external access to the building – resurfacing existing churchyard paths, ramped access to the main door and the new link path to the Reading Room, all in a permeable resin bound surface.
- We are so grateful to all those who give their time to maintenance, presentation and cleaning, inside and out, which we hope gives a sense of ownership and stake holding in the building and its purpose.

Old School Playground

- The Chairman and Clerk will review the potholes on the playground once the building work at The Old Orchard is completed.

Reading Room & Playing Field CIO

- There will be a meeting in January to provide an update

Clerk to action

Chairman and Clerk

7. Any other business

- We will be sticking to 4 year terms for the roles of Parish Chairman and Parish Clerk. The 4 year term for the Clerk will end in 2024 and the Chairman in 2025. If you are interested in either role please contact Tony Woodward

Chairman