

STRATFIELD MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter–Spring 2023



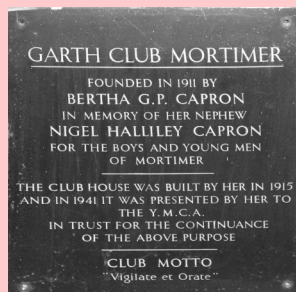
Garth Club



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GARTH CLUB



The Garth Club building, in St John's Road, pictured on the front cover, was closed in 2012 following an unsuitable roof replacement. Since then, the parish council has gone to significant effort to devise a solution.

After successfully preventing an attempt in 2013 by the Royal British Legion, the trustee, to sell the building, the council commissioned surveys to establish reparability. It met the Legion confidentially to try to agree a solution that served the community, but without a resolution.

In November 2022, the Legion informed the parish council of intent to sell the hall, with any proceeds, less unspecified costs, going to the YMCA, a former trustee.

The parish council believes the proposal conflicts with both the club Trust intent and community wishes. In January, the council's appointed solicitor wrote to the Legion outlining why the council believes the building should be passed on to any suitable organisation prepared to repair and run it for community use if the Legion will not repair/rebuild and reopen it itself. The Legion has acknowledged the letter and a response is expected shortly.

Here is a more detailed history:

The Garth Club was built in 1915 by Miss Capron in memory of her nephew, killed in World War I, for the use of the young men of the village, probably particularly aimed at servicemen.

In 1942 the YMCA was appointed trustee and its use confirmed as for "young men and other persons" - in effect anyone local.

In 1959 the Royal British Legion's London headquarters took over from the YMCA as trustee. The local British Legion hired the hall out for diverse

functions.

In 2008 the hall was damaged by fire.

In 2010 it appears that the Legion registered the property with HM Land Registry for the first time, with themselves as owner.

In about 2011 the local British Legion commissioned a refurbishment which included re-roofing the building with unsuitably heavy tiles. This led to structural damage and in about 2012 the Legion banned entry until the roof was repaired and declared safe. The Legion arranged prop hire to support the roof and security to prevent access. We do not think the Legion pursued the builder to make good the damage and the builder reportedly went bankrupt sometime afterwards. The local British Legion reportedly had no funds to rectify the problem.

In March 2013 the British Legion declared intent to sell the hall, by notice in the Reading Chronicle. The parish council wrote to the Charity Commission objecting. The Commission referred the parish council to the British Legion trustee who did not respond. In April 2013, the parish council applied to West Berkshire Council for the building to be listed under the Community Right to Bid scheme. This was successful, with the hall being added to the register on 18 June 2013.

The council worked on a business plan to use the hall as both a village amenity and to house the parish council office. The aim was to try to preserve the hall for community use.

In June 2015, the Charity Commission produced a draft plan (“scheme” being the technical term) to change the trust’s objects (purpose) to allow the British Legion to sell the hall and share the proceeds between it and the YMCA. The parish council objected. In October 2015 the Commission issued its report on the plan, which concluded that the British Legion could not vary the Trust in this way and that the scheme should be withdrawn. The Charity Commission suggested that the British Legion and parish council should discuss the issues raised in its report, including repairability of the hall, the trusteeship, and the trust objects.

In September 2016, the parish council met with the British Legion who stated that they did not wish to remain as trustees.

In late 2017 the parish council commissioned a structural survey of the building to help quantify the reparability. A condition survey had been conducted in 2012.

The council considered that repairable or not, it was sensible to explore whether the Trust objects (intent) could be revised with the ultimate aim of ensuring the community remained the beneficiary.

Further meetings took place with the British Legion in 2019. In those meetings the council gained agreement in principle that the Legion would pass the building back to the community. The Legion shared their legal advice and in 2020 the council agreed it should seek its own. The Legion passed on further advice indicating that there needed to be extensive public consultation on any proposal including establishing if there is anyone in the village willing to take over the trusteeship, to repair and run the hall in accordance with the Trust intent. Discussions with the British Legion paused during COVID-19 and have not resumed.

During 2022 the council became aware of local parties interested in repairing/running the building. We understand that those parties were declined access to the building by the British Legion, the Legion informing them that they were obtaining legal advice. One interested party has this month (January 2023) apparently asked RBL again for access.

In November 2022, the British Legion informed the parish council of its intent to dispose of the property, giving the proceeds, after deducting unspecified costs, to the YMCA. The Legion claims that its proposal aligns with the Garth Club Trust intent and so does not require Charity Commission approval. The parish council sought legal advice on the Legion's proposal and at the full council meeting on 12th January 2023 agreed that its solicitors would respond to the British Legion disagreeing with its proposal. The letter was sent and acknowledged in late January, with a considered response expected to follow.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER COMMUNITY AWARD 2023

We are looking for nominations for

the Stratfield Mortimer Community Award 2023

This is an annual award given to a person who has devoted outstanding time and energy for the benefit of the community of Stratfield Mortimer, irrespective of whether or not they live in the village.

If you know of someone who you think deserves recognition, please nominate them by completing the form available at:

[**https://bit.ly/Community2023**](https://bit.ly/Community2023)

or request a copy by email from:

admin@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk,
or pick up a copy at Mortimer Library.

HURRY—nominations close on 18th March 2023

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held at **St John's Hall** on

Monday, 24th April from 7pm.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This year's theme is "Greening" and the agenda, whilst not yet finalised, is likely to include:

- Presentation of 2023 Community Award
- May 2023 parish and district council elections
- Update on the Greening Campaign
- Parish council report for 2022/23

Come along and find out what's happening in the parish
and ask your questions.

2023-2024 BUDGET

No Increase in Parish Council Tax (Precept) for 2023/24

The Council set its budget for 2023-2024 at its meeting held on 12th January 2023. The 2023/24 precept has been maintained in line with that for 2022/23 meaning the amount of Council Tax which you pay to the parish council will remain virtually unchanged. For example, for a Band D property, the parish council element of Council Tax will be £87.46 compared to last year's figure of £87.64. This slight reduction is caused by the increase in the number of taxable properties. The Council is mindful of current financial climate and the hardship many people are experiencing as a result and is pleased to have been able to retain the Precept at a similar level to previous years.

The Precept is the council's main source of income, although other income is expected from cemetery fees, hiring out the Fairground and the tennis courts and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is a payment made by housebuilders that can be spent to improve community infrastructure. The payment for the next phase of housebuilding behind Tower Gardens, is expected to be received in the coming financial year starting in April. Further such levies will be due later from Phase 3 but, as with all such income, this is dependent on house build dates.

The Council's operational costs for 2023/24 are forecast to be similar to the previous year but spend from earmarked reserves (funds set aside for a specific purpose) is predicted to be higher.

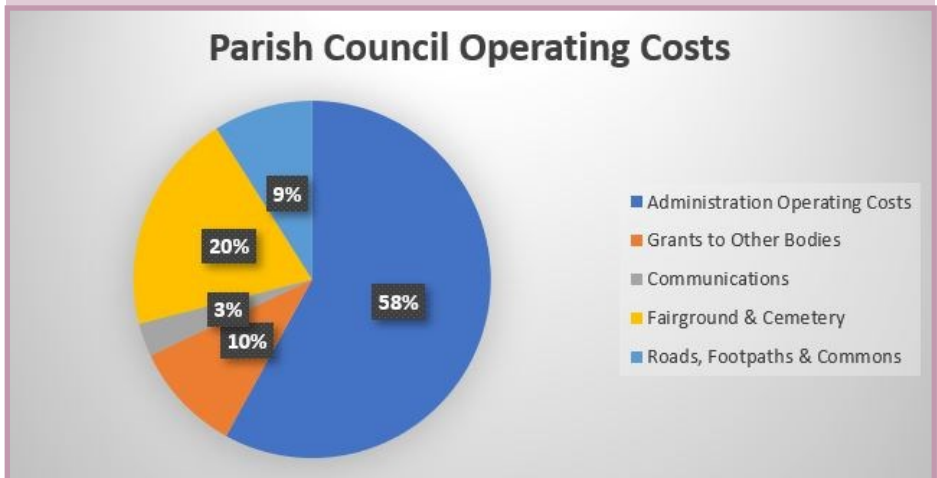
Excellent progress has been made on the Mortimer to Burghfield footpath and cycleway with work continuing on the design. We hope to submit a planning application shortly. Some work has been undertaken on The Street footway widening and the council continues to consult West Berkshire Council on the additional work needed and ongoing

maintenance. These projects will be funded from CIL reserves, grants, and, where possible, other sources of income.

Earmarked reserves have been maintained for the new Neighbourhood Plan and following the success of the Community Grant, from which several local organisations benefited, a further fund has been set aside for 2023/24.

Following the installation of the bridge to the parish council cemetery extension, work has begun on a new footpath and will shortly start on the landscaping of the area. In addition, the council is considering other small projects in the parish, including the provision of allotments.

Full details of the budget are available on the council’s website under “The Council/Budget”. The chart below shows the council’s budgeted operating costs for 2023/24:



Grants to other bodies includes the grants to services such as the Willink Leisure Centre and Mortimer Library but excluding the Community Grant Fund.

BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR

The local elections take place every four years where, providing you are registered to vote, you have the opportunity to vote for local councillors. Elections in West Berkshire are on the 4th May 2023 and all 15 parish councillor positions will be up for election. Due to their circumstances, some current councillors will not stand for re-election so, instead of just voting for those councillors who stand, why not consider becoming one?

The Council needs people from all backgrounds and experiences to ensure the electorate, organisations, and businesses are well represented. Through sharing ideas, participating in collective decision making and getting involved you can make a real difference to the local community.

Parish councils are non-political and whilst you do not need any experience or special qualifications to be a councillor, you will need to meet the following criteria:

- Be a British or Commonwealth citizen. You may also be eligible as a citizen of the European Union, however please check on the gov.uk website for advice on candidacy rights for local elections
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked, or owned property there for at least 12 months before an election.

There is a great deal of information online about being a councillor but if you are still unsure then why not have a chat with one of the current councillors about their experiences? Their names and contact details may be found on the Council's website or, alternatively, call the Parish Council office on 0118 9331955.

Guidance for standing in the local elections, including important deadlines, may be found on the Electoral Commission website [electoralcommission.org.uk](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk).

BEING A COUNCILLOR

Elections to the Parish Council take place in May this year. All fifteen councillor positions will come up for election. At least two existing councillors will not be standing and there is no reason to assume that other councillors will be re-elected. This is a great opportunity for you to join the Parish Council. To help you understand whether it's right for you, we have asked some councillors to reflect on their experience in being a councillor.

Youngest councillor

In 2019, I joined Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council at the age of 21 when I was living at home with my parents, early into my professional career and studying alongside. People often asked me “why do you want to join the Parish Council???” With a tone of either genuine curiosity or complete disbelief that someone like me would be interested! The answer was and still is today, because I wanted the opportunity to have a more active role in my community.

In the last few years, I have had the privilege of meeting countless amazing people, local charities and organisations. I have learnt so much and had the opportunity to help my community continue to be a great place to live, work and visit. It's been everything I expected and more.

I think it may come as no surprise that I'm a little bit younger in body (certainly not mind!) than my fellow parish councillors. Though that may have been the case, everyone's view is appreciated and respected on the parish council, no matter your background or experience. You don't need to be an expert on planning laws, roads and footpaths or engaging contractors for pieces of work. If you live in Mortimer, you have a valuable view to share as a member of the community. All you need is some passion and a will to get stuck in. Many studies have also indicated that the more diverse the decision makers / inputters are, the greater the result as people of different backgrounds and demographics have varying perspectives on the same topics and this enables more informed decisions. The council is no different, it's important to have representation from the whole community.

Some of the decisions the Council makes today, are ones that define the future of the Parish so there is a need to ensure everyone has a say.

Aside from this, being a parish councillor can help develop key skills for your own career too, including:

- Budgeting
- Reviewing and approving expenditure and financial information such as balance sheets and income statements
- Audits
- Assessing risks
- Selecting vendors and suppliers to undertake pieces of work
- Assessing the impact of policy changes
- Producing and presenting papers on key topics you wish to move forward
- Working with people of different backgrounds, ages, and varying communication styles

I'm very grateful for the time I've had as a Stratfield Mortimer Parish Councillor and would do it all over again if I could. Please consider giving it a go, hopefully you'll find it as invaluable as I did.

Recently co-opted councillor

I've never been a politician, with no plans to be. Thankfully, being on the Parish Council doesn't necessitate really being political. It also was not an ambition of mine to ever become a councillor, but it has given me the opportunity to learn and contribute towards the running of the village and surrounding areas. In fact, I came to the Parish Council through a combination of just wanting to get a bit more involved in the community, partially because I was 'voluntold' because of my background (national government/civil service), and my general interest in Mortimer.

To be honest, I have been genuinely surprised after being co-opted onto the Council in June 2022 and pleased to be involved! I was kind of expecting something a bit more like the portrayal of a Parish Council as seen on *The Vicar of Dibley*. It really isn't anything like that at all – although none of my fellow Councillors have baked anything yet, so I await some parsnip brownies with glee. It's a professional group made up of a wide range of residents who have various backgrounds, but who are all pretty much like me; interested in making Mortimer the best place it can be.

I've been involved for just over six months, there's been a lot to learn, and some formalities that take a bit of getting used to. It is not daunting though, as my fellow councillors and Parish Clerks are all a super-supportive bunch and their keenness to make a difference also helps a great deal. I think I am getting the hang of things now, and I am looking forward to getting more involved over the coming months and hope to be able to carry on with this work.

Were I to try to find a couple of words to describe the experience so far, they'd be 'interesting' and 'rewarding'. Interesting, because there's so much behind the smoothly run façade of Mortimer village (much like a swan on a lake). Rewarding, because I can see first-hand what differences my small efforts can have on the residents or Mortimer.

I'd really encourage anyone to stand in the May elections and be involved too.

Part-seasoned councillor

I was first elected to the parish council at the 2015 election, having failed miserably to get selected at a "co-option" interview. The latter perhaps shows the process as competitive, me as terrible at interviews or both. I joined aiming to use my work experience to improve the council's public communications and engagement with parishioners/ local groups on issues of concern.

As a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, I've enjoyed working with St. John's school on their needs, trying, as a member of a working party, to reach a fair outcome to the long-standing Garth Club saga and, following council agreement, helping Windmill Court residents resist possible eviction. Challenging and fun in equal measure it's ultimately rewarding.

The time taken on council matters depends on your area of interest and how much time you have/wish to set aside. It's typically a few hours per month, with most meetings held outside working hours, to accommodate those of us who work. It's a council of equals, with diverse skills, that brings a chance to make a difference.

To find out more you could visit one of our meetings on second Thursdays at 19.30 in the Methodist church hall or give us a call.

Long-term councillor

I have been a councillor for almost twelve years. My reasons are:

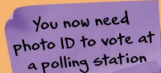
- The council comprises people who all want to contribute to life in Mortimer—my initial motivation.
- The council is completely non-political, politics has no place at this lowest level of government.
- The council is not a clique. Councillors come together at meetings to make decisions and treat each other's views with respect. It is not a social club!
- You put in what you can in time and skills. The essential point is that you take part in the decision making at meetings. Some councillors enjoy getting into ponds or planting trees, others can provide advice or information on things such as management of land, financial, constructional, or legal matters. It's a team effort, harnessing the skills and interests you have. Your contribution will always be welcome.
- Once the council has made a decision, it is a collective decision. Even if you disagree with a decision, it can be very satisfying to think that you played a part in that decision, whether it be to replace play equipment on the Fairground, have a Platinum Jubilee event or chose the contractor to maintain the Fairground and cemetery. The list is endless.
- The council has a truly excellent staff who do the hard work and keep the council in order.

There often seems to be a misconception that the council consists of the same people who get re-elected. At present, nine of the fifteen councillors were first elected or co-opted in 2019 or later. Since I joined in 2011, 38 people have served as councillors. The council needs diverse representation from across the community. So why not considering standing for election?

Photo ID needed to vote in Elections

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations for the local elections. From October 2023 it will apply to UK general elections.

If you don't have valid photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document called a Voter Authority Certificate. Further information regarding accepted forms of photo ID and the Certificate may be found on the West Berkshire Council and Electoral Commission websites.



You now need photo ID to vote at a polling station

Don't forget, to be able to vote you need to be registered to vote.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There was good attendance at the recent public consultations, organised by the Neighbourhood Steering Group, held at St. John's hall.

There the team presented and gained feedback on plans to meet both St John's school's and Oaktree Dental Practice's aspirations. The overwhelming majority of respondents support the preferred option, as shown in the leaflet delivered to households in December. The team of councillors and community volunteers is now seeking approval of the proposals by West Berkshire Council.

The consultations also gained good feedback on the planned full refresh of the Neighbourhood Plan. This sets out to revise the Plan to reflect both latest national and local policies and current community wishes. It is particularly focused on tackling climate change. The team is currently analysing your feedback on this.

For more information and latest developments see the dedicated Neighbourhood Plan website:

<https://neighbourhoodplan.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk>

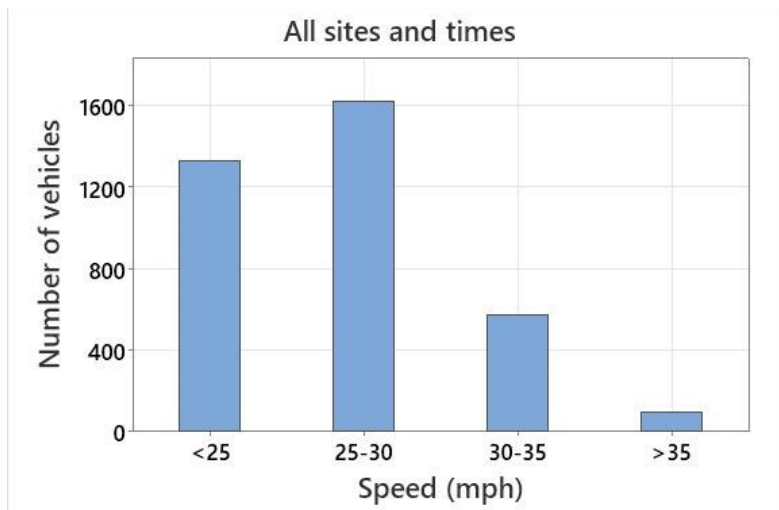
AUTOMATIC SPEEDWATCH CAMERA and SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Our Speed Indicator Device (SID) has been in use thanks to the efforts of a trained volunteer. Speed data were recorded on a number of dates between October 2022 and January 2023.

The sites used were:

- The Street, opposite Tower Gardens, monitoring traffic travelling east.
- Between College Piece and the junction with St Catherine's Hill, monitoring traffic in both directions.
- West End Rd near the entrance to the Alfred Palmer Memorial Field, monitoring traffic entering the village.

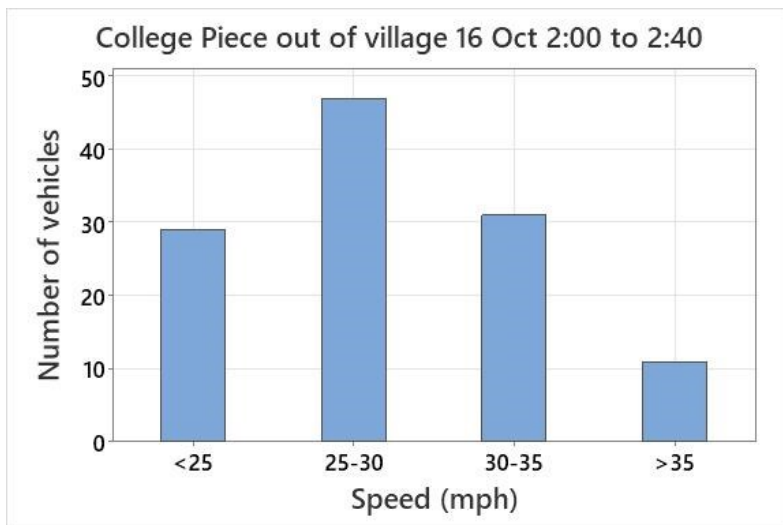
The graph below shows the total number of vehicles and speeds recorded.



The data look reassuring in that only 18% (669 vehicles) of the 3623 total exceeded the 30mph speed limit and only 2.5% (94 vehicles) exceeded 35mph. However, many factors contribute to the significant number recorded travelling at less than 25mph.

These include cars queuing behind a bicycle or stationary buses and the fact that SID also records the speed of bicycles.

Things look a little different if we look at specific sites, in particular those coming into and leaving the village.



The graph above shows early afternoon going out of the village. Here 36% (42 out of 118) exceeded the 30 mph limit and over 9% (11 vehicles) exceeded 35mph.



The graph above shows traffic entering the village around morning school time. Here 33% (36 out of 108) exceeded the 30mph limit and 10% (11 vehicles) exceeded 35mph.

Generally, SID does not capture vehicles travelling at high speeds as many drivers reduce speed upon seeing the equipment. This is an important deterrent aspect of SID, in helping keep our roads safe. SID, however, did record one vehicle doing between 45 and 50 mph west bound on West End Road, opposite Aborn Parade, at 8:30 on a week-day morning.

Can you help us keep our roads safe? We wish to deploy SID and the Automatic Speed Watch camera more frequently and at more sites. If you are interested in becoming a trained volunteer to help us keep the roads safe, please contact the parish council office for more information. You will not be committing yourself to large numbers of sessions but the more volunteers we have the more we can do.



FRIENDS OF MORTIMER LIBRARY

Mortimer library hopes to set up a Library Friends Group. It aims to support and promote the library and its services; help fundraise by applying for grants; improve library events and activities; foster and promote the inclusion of community groups in their use of the library and its services.

If this sounds interesting to you, please contact its organiser lisa.richardson@westberks.gov.uk. If you expressed interest in the past to the previous scheme, and are still interested, please get in touch again.



MORTIMER CELEBRATES THE KING'S CORONATION

Mortimer Village Partnership, in collaboration with Mortimer Music Live, will host an event on the Fairground on Saturday, 5 May 2023, to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

This will be a free event, supported in part by a grant of £10,000 from the parish council.

Planning is underway for a full-day event featuring a 'Picnic in the Park' whilst watching the ceremony and pageantry on a super-large screen. There'll be a range of activities, children's competitions, and market stalls to take us through the afternoon to a music event on the stage, ending with a firework display.

The popular beer and tea tents, and range of food outlets will keep people fed and watered.

As always, help is needed from volunteers to make this happen. Watch for more information on Facebook, MVP website, and noticeboards over the coming weeks.

- General Enquiries: coronation@mortimervillage.org.uk
- Market Row applications: events@mortimervillage.org.uk
- Stage acts etc wishing to be considered to perform:
coronation@mml.org.uk
- People wishing to volunteer: Volunteers@mortimervillage.org.uk

GREENING MORTIMER LAUNCH



Phase 1 of Greening Mortimer was successfully launched on Saturday 14 January. This was a lively, informative community event which promoted the 8 Challenges, previously chosen at a public meeting. Each Challenge comprises making simple changes to our daily lives to both save money (a great benefit at this time of soaring energy prices) and, importantly, decrease the amount of CO₂ we release into the atmosphere. Acting as a community, the CO₂ saving is significant.

Each Challenge was represented at the event with fun facts and useful tips on how to achieve the changes needed. There was theatrical entertainment on stage with 1st Mortimer Scouts demonstrating the challenge to “Turn Your Thermostat Down by 1 degree C”– with a hilarious ‘putting on jumpers to keep warm’ race. The event was celebrated by a stunning performance of the Hurst Singers who had rewritten lyrics to include the Challenges.

The Experience Exchange was immensely popular. Mortimer residents and experts exchanged their experiences and knowledge of green technologies with fellow residents, who were keen to learn about these without feeling the pressure to buy. In addition, Dads Shop provided a useful display of energy saving lighting.

Residents attending were able to sign up to having thermal images taken of their homes. At no cost to residents and using a camera that has kindly been loaned to Greening Mortimer, the images will provide data as to how well insulated homes are. This was extremely popular and resulted in high interest and uptake.

As part of Phase 1, a Challenge Card and a length of biodegradable green ribbon was delivered to every property in Mortimer. Residents who accepted the Challenges were asked to show their support by displaying the card in their window and/or tying the green ribbon to

their front door or hedge or gate. The cards were counted, and the result sent to the Greening Campaign HQ. From knowing how many households took part, the Greening Campaign HQ will be able to calculate how much CO2 will stop being released into the atmosphere if we continue with these simple changes.

Following the completion of Phase 1, **Phase 2** considers further ways to improve Mortimer's carbon footprint and includes: working together to nurture our green spaces; making our homes more sustainable; health and wellbeing in our changing climate; and the benefits of community bulk negotiation and purchasing.



For more information or if you would like to be involved, please email greeningmortimer@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk and follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/GreeningMortimer.

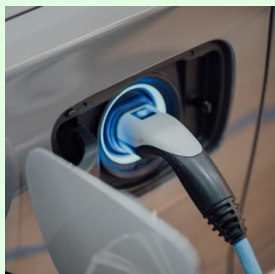
FRUIT TREES ON THE FAIRGROUND



The Parish Council has agreed to purchase and plant a group of fruit trees to create a mini orchard in The Fairground's conservation area. This was triggered by an enquiry from Incredible Edible Mortimer about planting vegetables in containers near the Community Centre. It was felt that fruit trees would have a longer life and need less maintenance once established and would benefit wildlife.

The trees will be sited at the western end, near the playground. We hope that in time children and others, should be able to pick and eat the fruit. A mixture of about 12 British grown apple, pear and other trees will be planted before the Spring.

ON-STREET ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING



West Berkshire Council is exploring installing on-street electric vehicle charging in the village, for residents whose properties have no off-street parking. (Only) if you live in such a property and own or are considering buying an electric vehicle in future, please email your address to: admin@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk.

We will only use the information to gauge demand and there is no commitment on you.

Areas already under consideration include The Bevers and College Piece.

DISCHARGES INTO FOUDRY BROOK

Discharges from Mortimer Sewage Treatment Works into Foudry Brook were discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting last April.

Recently, there has been a long period of discharge started on 19th December and finishing around 26th January. It was followed by a discharge of 13 hours 45 minutes on 28th / 29th January.

The parish council is pleased to report the following statement from the Thames Water website (29th January). The text reads:

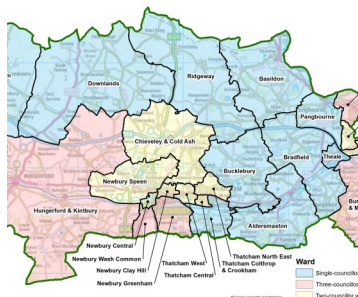
Some of our sewage treatment works (STW) have been discharging for long periods in recent weeks. We want to let you know our investment plans for these sites. Please be aware that not all these plans have been finalised. Details, including timescales, may change.

There is then a list of nine sites which includes the Mortimer STW. The text there reads:

An upgrade is planned for Mortimer STW. This will include an increase in treatment capacity, so will reduce the need for untreated discharges. The £1m project is expected to be complete by December 2023. The date may change as the scheme progresses.

The parish council is in contact with Thames Water for more information. The council has also requested discharge data for the last year. The announcement is rather deep in the website so if you wish to read it go to www.thameswater.co.uk and put 'Mortimer' in the search facility. The list of nine sites also includes Burghfield STW.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN



The Local Plan Review, a long-term strategic document used to set out the vision and framework for the area's future development, is open for public consultation (known as Regulation 19) closing at 4.30pm on Friday 3 March 2023. The parish council will be responding, as will the Mortimer Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Members of the public are encouraged to look at what West Berkshire are proposing and make their views known as to whether it meets the needs of Mortimer up to 2039.

The plan proposes to deliver around 9000 new homes in West Berkshire by 2039, although none in Mortimer. The plan retains many policies from the current plan but has a greater emphasis on the environment, infrastructure and business support. The WBC information about the Local Plan Review is at: <https://westberks.gov.uk/local-plan-review>.

You can submit your views in a number of ways:

• Via the WBC Local Plan Consultation Portal

• Using a Representation Form (available on the Council's website and in hard copy in libraries, upon request and in the Council Offices)

• By email to planningpolicy@westberks.gov.uk

• Or by post to Planning Policy Team, Planning and Countryside, West Berkshire District Council, Market Street, Newbury, RG14 5LD

• <http://consult.westberks.gov.uk/portal>

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Opening/working hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
09:30 to 17:00

Tel: 0118 933 1955

Website (announcements, meetings, people, committees and policies):
<https://stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/stratfieldmortimerparishcouncil>

Neighbourhood Plan: <https://neighbourhoodplan.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk>

Fairground Emergency contact - for emergencies and dangerous situations: 07436 807543

Non-emergencies contact the Parish Council Office: 0118 9331955

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

West Berks Council: 01635 551111.

Out of hours emergencies only: 01635 42161

West Berkshire Council Streetcare Team (to report problems with streets, roads, highways or pavements): Telephone 01635 519080

Email: streetcare@westberks.gov.uk

District councillors for Burghfield & Mortimer ward:

Cllr Graham Bridgman - Graham.Bridgman@westberks.gov.uk

Cllr Royce Longton - Royce.Longton1@westberks.gov.uk

Cllr Geoff Mayes - Geoffrey.Mayes1@westberks.gov.uk



Members of YMCA with Miss Capron



Garth Club