



# Great Chesterford Parish Council

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## Grant Update

We were recently awarded £3500 by Uttlesford District Council from the Community Project Grant Scheme. Adding this to the successful grant applications from last year we now have sufficient funds to undertake the improvements at Horse River Green. These will include replacing and extending the path (closer to the river), two new benches and refurbishment of some of the existing benches.

## Highways

The major resurfacing works have now been completed. The following issues have been raised with ECC Highways: potholes in the High St, overgrown vegetation on the footpath on the B184 between Great and Little Chesterford, vegetation on the verges on the B184 between Jacksons Lane and Park Rd and vegetation under Ickleton Bridge.

## Community Speedwatch



The newly formed group of village Speedwatch Volunteers have been in action on London Rd. In their first session (of one hour) they reported 15 drivers to their co-ordinator; these drivers were travelling at speeds of at least 20% over the speed limit. This photo shows some of the volunteers (Brian Barker, Peter Oldham, Geoff Walker) at work on Newmarket Rd.

More volunteers (male or female) would be most welcome. There is a minimum time requirement of one two hour session per month. Volunteers are issued high-visibility jackets, roadside signs and are trained to use the equipment and record the information. If you would like to help slow the traffic through our community and educate motorists whilst raising awareness of the dangers of speeding, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## Dog Fouling

There appears to be an increasing number of dog owners in the village who seem to think it is acceptable to let their animals leave mess on paths, open spaces and play areas or to hang bags containing dog poo on hedgerows.

This problem is not confined to Great Chesterford and to try to tackle this problem, "Keep Britain Tidy" has launched a national dog fouling campaign to encourage irresponsible dog owners to clean up after their pets. The campaign features eye-catching creative of a 'Dog Poo Fairy' and the message 'There's no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy' - these posters and stickers will soon be displayed around Great Chesterford.

UDC has an official Dog Warden with the powers to take legal action against offenders and she is quite prepared to exercise those powers if she is presented with the details. If you witness anyone allowing their dog to foul in a public place, Sue Knight would like to hear from you - please give her the name of the culprit, address if known and the time and place of the fouling. First-time offenders will be sent an official warning letter, and in the event of any repeat offence their details will be passed to Uttlesford's enforcement officer who will begin legal proceedings.



Sue can be contacted by phone on 01799 510594, via email at [sknight@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:sknight@uttlesford.gov.uk) or by letter at the address overleaf.

Julie Williams

## Proposed Cycle Path

In June the UDC Highways Panel allocated £10,000 for a feasibility study to put in place a cycle path between Saffron Walden and Great Chesterford

The cycle path initiative has the support of: the Parish Councils of Great and Little Chesterford, Littlebury Residents, Saffron Walden Town Council, Chesterford Research Park, as well as Ickleton Parish Council and the Wellcome Trust. It has also been adopted by Sustrans.

It is hoped that the path would continue on and connect into the existing path from Hinxton into Cambridge.

Ickleton Parish Council have been trying for ages to upgrade the path to the train station and are very supportive.

*Gareth Bevens*

## UDC Dog Warden:

Sue Knight  
Council Offices  
London Road  
Saffron Walden  
CB11 4ER

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## Village Plan

The Village Plan questionnaires are almost finalised and will be printed over the summer ready for distribution in September. There are three questionnaires: a household questionnaire, a youth questionnaire and a business questionnaire.

Every household in the village will receive a copy of the household and youth questionnaires, and businesses in and around the village will receive a copy of the business questionnaire. Should any household wish to complete a business questionnaire because they run a business from home, they are welcome to request a copy from the village plan working group by contacting us on email at [chesterfordvillageplan2013@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfordvillageplan2013@gmail.com)

We hope you will be excited about having the opportunity to tell us what you like about living in Great Chesterford, and about what would make living here even better. Once the data has been analysed it will form the basis of an action plan aimed at maintaining the things that you like and at engineering the changes that you would like to see. We hope to be able to present the action plan at the annual village meeting in March 2014.

*Julie Williams*

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## Open Spaces

The Parish Council would like to say a big 'thank you' to Jo Jackson and Chris Greet for all the hard work they have put in tidying and replanting Hall Garden and the area outside Pepper Court on which the Parish Council notice-board stands.

There are other areas of the village in need of some T.L.C. and we would be grateful for any volunteers to assist us with this task. If you feel you could spare an hour or two or are prepared to help on a regular basis please contact me on 530802.

Any help to make improvements in the village will be greatly appreciated.

*Sharon Tricceri*

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## Useful Contacts

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Police Community Support Officer  
Andy Davis  
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Telephone contact details for both are: Tel: 101 ext 395333, Mobile: 07779 037084

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## Beat Surgeries

A member of the Clavering Neighbourhood Policing Team will be at the Post Office on the following dates between 10am and 12pm: 20th August, 17th September, 22nd October and 19th November.

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