



Greensward Special Edition

Welcome from the Chairman

I am pleased to welcome you to our first ever 'special edition' newsletter; I hope you enjoy it, along with the remaining weeks of summer.

Councillor Dee Nix

*Ne'er had I found on earth a spot that had such power to please,
Such shadows from the summer sun, such odours on the breeze;
I threw my mantle on the ground, that I might rest at ease,
And stretched upon the greensward lay in the shadow of the trees.*
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Our very own greensward now has a new fence, the dead elm tree has been neatly felled and the gate is hanging neatly from its new posts. All it needs now is some visitors to enjoy it!

The principle of open, grassy, green spaces, free and accessible to all, was established during the 19th century with urban growth leading to the need for municipal public parks, as town and city dwellers could no longer easily reach the countryside.

(Source [The Victorian Legacy | Historic England](#))

However, although Oare's greensward is not urban in any way, it is registered as common land and is free and accessible to all. Your greensward is situated almost opposite Hatfield Farm, on the other side of the A345. Take care with children as there is a pond at the far end!

Forthcoming roadworks

Dates are provisional, subject to weather conditions:

The A345 from Oare to Marlborough will be closed on 7th and 8th September.

The B3087 Pewsey-Burbage road will be closed on 3rd and 4th September.



The Greensward Committee would love to hear of any unusual plants and insects you see during your visit so that they can be added to the record. Even if you cannot identify them yourself, please do send any photographs and descriptions to the Clerk.

Pond-clearing activity – October half-term w/c 25th October

The pond has got very overgrown and silted up and needs a little help to become the lovely water feature it has the potential to be. Children under 16 will need to be accompanied by an adult and everybody taking part will be advised to wear wellingtons, waders and waterproofs of some sort. Please do let the Clerk know by the end of September if you would like to come along; if there is insufficient interest from the parish, we will invite neighbouring parishes and schools to join in.

Rights of Way

With more people staying local, it is becoming apparent that several footpaths in the parish are

The A345 from Salisbury Road/Swan Corner to the Pewsey High Street will be closed from 9th-20th August for carriageway works; the diversion route is Marlborough/A346/A338/Upavon/A345.

16th August – the main road through Woodborough village will be closed for sewer works.

Additional information about roadworks

Wiltshire Council is now publicising road works and road closures on <https://one.network/> where anybody can search for planned road closures.

Pewsey Open Day 25th September

The objective of the day is to showcase what the Pewsey area has to offer and highlight all the local businesses, retailers and trades people, whether based on the High Street or run from home, across the Pewsey Community Area. To enquire further and see if your business would like to be involved, please contact :

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in need of a bit of TLC. If you do have a public right of way through your property, it is your responsibility to maintain any stiles and gates and keep the path free of obstructions.

Community Speedwatch

Anybody interested in joining the teams of volunteers in either Wilcot or Oare should contact the Clerk for more information and so that training can be arranged.

Covid-19 support contacts

Wilcot: If anybody has stepped in already, or would like to take the lead in Wilcot, please contact the Clerk.

Oare: Jon Ford – 01672 564964

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Huish: Dawn Wilson – 01672 563917

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Vacancies

There are two vacant seats on the Parish Council; if anybody is interested in joining the council, please contact the Clerk in the first instance. The council meets approximately seven times a year, usually on a Tuesday at 7.30pm, either in Wilcot or Oare.

Your Parish Council

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Vice Chair: Dawn Wilson

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