SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON
·PARISH COUNCIL·

Review of the year 2024

December 2024

January



- Welcome packs have been reprinted and distributed by GT
- Benches purchased to commemorate Bill Graham and the ScD Gardening Club
- Asked WBC to sort out Long Lane flooding
- New internal auditor appointed
- Another batch of 'Welcome packs' printed and delivered to residents and show homes on the new estates

February



- Start of levelling of Owen Road Field
- Community Speed Watch sessions, manned by councillors and members of the public are organised and held throughout the year
- Comprehensive repairs carried out to playground equipment
- First survey of pedestrians crossing by the Castle Pub undertaken by councillors
- Second Speed Indicator Device purchased for the parish
- Community Speedwatch signs attached to Village Gateways in Long Lane and B4494

March



- Community Litter Pick took place
- New kitchen installed in the pavilion
- New-look four page newsletter printed and delivered by councillors to all 900+ homes in the parish
- Meeting with Action for River Kennet to see if any community work could be done to improve the local section of the River Lambourn
- Four trees planted in the green at Lamp Acres
- New Parish Council website goes live
- A new litter bin and new lids for the dog bins in the recreation ground are installed
- Second survey of pedestrians crossing by the Castle Pub undertaken by councillors
- Liaising with WBC regarding delays to infrastructure promised by developers, e.g. ANPR cameras on Bastion Street, new bus service and new primary school
- New Parish Emergency Plan approved
- Council attends the WBC Speed Limit Review panel, who agree to consult on reductions to speed limits on Oxford Road and Long Lane

April

- New gov.uk email addresses adopted
- Parish Flood Warden Cllr Glyn Thomas liaising with WBC over the swales on new development
- New car parking area in the recreation ground completed, including new height barrier



May

- New larger dog bin ordered for Love Lane
- Newly levelled Owen Road Field re-seeded
- New defibrillator installed in Kingsley Close, fundraised for buy local residents
- Councillors clean the pavilion's exterior prior to it being repainted by Community Payback





June

- Successful beacon lighting event held at Donnington Castle on 6 June to celebrate 80 years since D-Day
- New benches installed in the pavilion changing rooms
- Very successful village fete took place on 23 June, organised by councillors and members of the community. A dog show, concert band and produce show were included for the first time.







September



- 'Have your Say' meeting arranged with TV Police following the shooting of a pet cat in Shaw Valley
- 5 new streetlight lanterns installed in Church Car park
- New playground surfacing installed at recreation ground
- Council responded to the Local Plan Review
- Petition presented to WBC for a crossing on the B4494 by The Castle Pub
- New bus service is launched in the parish, and it is publicised in the Autumn newsletter

October



- Autumn Litter Pick took place
- New toddler swings installed in playground
- Three councillors attend the Local Plan Review hearing and make the case to exclude land either side of Long Lane for housing development
- Council agrees new designs for identity signs for the villages in the parish, and progresses with plans for I installation
- Faulty shower in pavilion replaced
- New lampposts are installed on Shaw Hill footpath

November



- Grant applications made for a disabled toilet to be installed in the pavilion
- The Government Inspector announces that the sites for development in the parish have been removed from the Local Plan Review
- Councillors and others remove concrete plinths from back of pavilion and create a soakaway
- A donated bench is installed at the recreation ground
- Replacement hedging is planted by the car parking area by councillors
- Dog bins and post boxes have been requested for the two new estates

December

- The Christmas newsletter has been produced, and delivered by councillors with the Church newsletter and new bus timetable, to all homes in the parish



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Parish Council Newsletter - Winter 2024

Letter from the Chair

Recently we saw our first wintery flurry of snow in Shaw-cum-Donnington! This is a good time to remind anyone struggling with the rising costs of living, that there is help available. In the newsletter you will see adverts for the West Berkshire Food Bank, the Myrtle Café (a warm place and a hot meal every Monday at St Mary's Church) and our own local Charity 'Relief in Need'. Do

ground which gives a great view of the Cricket square and a flowering Cherry tree donated by the WI is due to be added near the car park hedge in memory of Parish stalwart Gill Lutterloch, who died earlier this year.

Councillors continue to be proactive in Road Safety across the Parish and you may have spotted teams doing Community Speed Watch on both the Oxford Road and the B4009. I also hope some of you are making use of our new bus service please take a look at the timetable enclosed in the newsletter.

We are already planning for next year; the Fête committee has met to get things rolling for the Summer Fête on June 22nd. There will be another beacon to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2, and an exciting event planned next