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Churt Parish Council Newsletter October 2024

The nights are closing in rapidly and everywhere feels very Autumnal - it'll be Christmas before we know it (sorry!).

There are a few points to report from the latest meeting of the CPC.

Hedges and verges

Many of our lanes and verges are overgrown with reduced sightlines and lack of refuge points for pedestrians and riders/cyclists. The Parish Council has been reporting the more egregious examples to Surrey County Council.

Where the overgrown or an overhanging tree or hedge is on private land next to the highway, the owner has a responsibility and should regularly cut back hedges to the boundary and ensure that trees do not overhang, causing an obstruction of roads and pavements.

The Parish Council urges all owners of road side property to check their hedges and trees and take the appropriate action. The Autumn is an excellent time for doing this as it is outside of bird nesting season.

Surrey CC has some very useful guidelines on trees and hedges:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/trees-grass-and-hedges/hedge>

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/trees-grass-and-hedges/trees/trees-on-your-property>

Hoppa bus opportunity

The bus company, Hoppa, have some excess capacity until May 2025. They are offering free transport to youth organisations involved in sporting and outside activities. If you'd like more details, please contact Cllr Martin (lisa.martin@churt.org).

Churt 2035

There is still an opportunity to share your views on the upsides and downsides of, and opportunities for, the village for the next few years - anyone who has not yet had the opportunity to fill in the survey - this is the link to follow <http://forms.office.com/e/SnNWfpDCAU>.

Surrey/Hampshire Boundary Review

If you live on the Surrey/ Hampshire border, you may wish to check the proposed boundary changes which may affect you. Full details are found here:

[Surrey Hills National Landscape \(AONB\) Variation Project Second Consultation - Defra - Citizen Space](#)

Van abandoned in Green Lane

We understand everyone's frustration regarding the abandoned white van which has been blocking Green Lane. Our local Surrey, Waverley and Churt councillors have been working with the affected parishioners to get it moved, and a rather lengthy process is now under way. Thank you to all those who have tried to solve the problem.

Meeting with Surrey's Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner

Residents of Waverley Borough are invited to meet with Surrey Police's Chief Constable Tim De Meyer, Police and Crime Commissioner Lisa Townsend, and their local Borough Commander.

The event will take place on Wednesday, December 11 between 6.30pm and 8pm at Haslemere Museum on Haslemere's High Street.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and raise any concerns they may have following presentations.

The event is accessible. However, if you have additional requirements, please contact the team via PCCmedia@surrey.police.uk, and they will do their best to accommodate you.

For those unable to make their local in-person event, an online meeting will take place on January 13, 2025.

Website upgrade

The CPC were taken on a tour of the new CPC website by Cllr Johnson and her son, Alex, for whose hard work we are extremely grateful. The upgraded website has a much cleaner feel, is easy to navigate and includes lots of information. We hope everyone finds it useful and interacts with it. It should be live by the beginning of December.

Former Councillor John Petty

It is with great sadness that we have to advise of the death of past Cllr John Petty at home on Friday 18 October aged 99. He was such a great member of the community and was a Councillor for decades on both Frensham PC (when it included Churt) and Churt PC until a couple of years ago.

RIP John, you will be sorely missed by so many.

Village Cheer Date - a reminder!

Please join us for the annual village cheer event in the Village Hall to share festive food and drinks and to meet your fellow residents (no charge) - Saturday 7th December 11am. We shall be providing some feedback on the Churt 2035 strategy review at the event.

Best wishes

Sally Shorthose, Chair

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The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place in the Pavilion on Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.