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OFFICIAL OPENING OF RIDINGS ROAD PLAY AREA

On Thursday the 15th of February, 2024, Frampton Cotterell Parish Council hosted our official opening event for the newly refurbished Ridings Road Play Area.

Thankfully the rain held off, and we even had a spot of sunshine! Our morning's events included a refreshments stand, planting activities, and an official ribbon-cutting ceremony with the parish council Chair.

We would like to thank the local Beavers group who joined us at this event and were fantastic at helping us plant bulbs, trees, plants and hedgerows at the play area. With the help of the Beavers, their families, and other volunteers who chipped in, we were able to do loads of planting in just a few hours!

This planting at Ridings Road coincides with the council's wider planting scheme for the area. We hope that the native-mix hedgerow used will provide shelter and habitats

for local wildlife, whilst helping to keep children (and footballs!) safely within the boundaries of the play area. The Beavers also helped with our ceremonial ribbon-cutting. Thank you Beavers!

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our opening ceremony event. We hope that the children of our parish will enjoy the Ridings Road Play Area for many years to come!



visit our website for the full photo gallery!

BIOBLITZ
2024
FRAMPTON COTTERELL
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in collaboration with
FRAMPTON COTTERELL NATURE GROUP

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JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF NATURE FUN!

Take part in this year's City & Nature Challenge **BioBlitz**: find, identify, and record local plants and animals!

OUR ITINERARY:

April 25th: Evening Bat Walk, 8pm, The Glebeland

April 26th: Community Nature Reserves launch with nature activities, stalls, seed swap, a quiz with prizes... and more!

April 27th: Day of free guided nature walks.

...Plus recording local nature on iNaturalist all weekend!

LEARN MORE...

www.citynaturechallenge.org



Message from The Chair

Cllr. Linda Williams

Spring has definitely sprung! Reminders of the change in the season are all around us, from frog spawn to daffodils.

Speaking as a dog walker, now that spring is here, I shall be very glad when the ground dries even a small amount! As the weather brightens up, getting out and about to enjoy what is on offer in our village should become less of a mud slide. As more dog walkers venture forth for longer walks in the warmer weather, I'd like to give a timely reminder for all to act responsibly and pick up after your dog.

The council's new wildlife pond is progressing well and will be available for colonisation by frogs and toads next Spring. This is thanks to all the volunteers that have put in sterling efforts and have had mucky fun being part of the project. The team are also cultivating wildflowers and shrubs at the Council's allotment for onward planting around the village.

Nominations for the Frampton Cotterell Parish Council Community Awards closed on March 31st. Our Community Awards seek to publicly commend local people and groups who have made a difference in the community, from coaching young people in sports to digging holes for wildlife.

As usual, later in April we will be hosting a delicious cream tea laid on by our staff in celebration of all our volunteers, where the winners of the 2024 Community Awards will be announced - definitely a date for the diary!

The Council's budget has been set and accepted by South Gloucestershire Council. More details of how we spend our precept are provided in this newsletter. As a Council, we have also been able to obtain grants for our projects in order to defray costs. Still, we recognise that our costs will increase with inflation and with the adjustments that we all will be making to adapt to climate change and the environmental emergency.

Finally, I would also like to welcome our two newest councillors, Tim Snaith and Jonathan Trollope, to the parish council. If you are interested in getting involved with the parish council, whether as a councillor (we have several vacancies) or as a volunteer, please get in touch!



THE PARK PATHWAY PROPOSAL

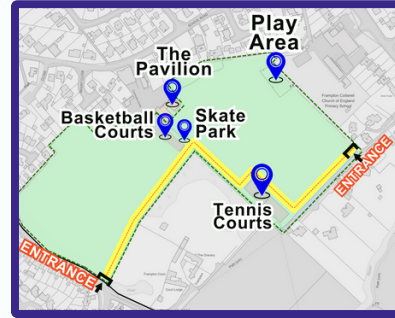
Frampton Cotterell Parish Council has been awarded S106 funding by South Gloucestershire Council for the purpose of improving courts-based facilities at The Park, School Road.

A condition of this funding includes the installation of a fully accessible pathway which links entranceways to courts facilities at The Park.

Frampton Cotterell Parish Council wants **your feedback**. Learn more and have your say by visiting our website and completing our pathway survey by 09/04/2024.

Scan the QR code, below, or visit:

www.framptoncotterell-pc.gov.uk/have-your-say



TENNIS COURTS UPDATE



In November 2023, work started on our project to refurbish the tennis courts at The Park, School Road, in Frampton Cotterell.

Work has been progressing smoothly since then, and we are pleased to give you a positive update! The tennis courts have now been excellently resurfaced, and we have installed new secure fencing and a secure entry system with remote locking and access.

However, you may notice from our photos that the court

lines have yet to be added. When we are able, the court lines will be painted to Lawn Tennis Association Standards.

The paint required for tennis court lines needs an extended period of dry and warm weather in order to dry correctly and adhere to the tennis court surface.

The tennis courts will remain closed until all work has been completed. We look forward to their official opening later this year!

FRAMPTON COTTERELL PARISH PRECEPT 2024/25

Welcome to Frampton Cotterell Parish Council's Annual Budget for 2024/25. The proposed budget for Frampton Cotterell Parish Council for the financial year 2024/2025 is **£414,801**. This is an **increase** on the previous financial year which had a budget of £381,303.

Parish Council Spending 2024/25



Utilities and improvements to Parish Council owned or managed buildings, e.g. the Brockridge Centre and the Pavilion.



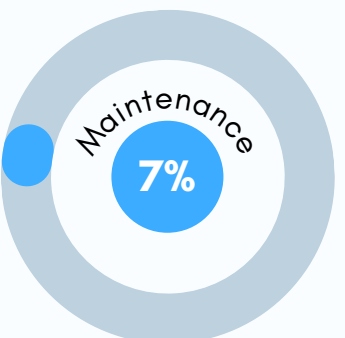
Community events, benches, bins, Christmas lights, Climate & Nature works, and more!



Costs associated with the general running of the parish council, including support staff, broadband, and materials.



Costs for emptying litter bins and grass-cutting on all verges within the Frampton Cotterell parish curtilage.



Costs of materials & labour for maintenance, including parks, vehicles, buildings, car parks, etc.



Professional contracts such as auditing services, health & safety services, legal services & more.



Costs for the enhancement and improvement of play areas & open spaces within the parish.

Precept Increase

The parish precept will be increased by **6.79%** in 2024/25.

Band D properties will see a **precept increase of £9.90 for the year, or 82p per month.**

This increase was resolved based on overall increasing costs, the number of projects being carried out, and the loss of certain grant funding monies.

External Funding 2023/24

The parish council secured external funding for projects in 2023/24, including:

Ridings Road Play Area Cost: £62,391

Outsourced Funding: 77.8%

FCPC Budget: 22.2%

We received **£43,700** from the **Suez Communities Fund**, **£716** from **CIL**, and **£500** from **South Gloucestershire Council Member Awards Funding** towards our refurbishment of the **Ridings Road Play Area**.

Tennis Courts Improvements Cost: £121,294

Outsourced Funding: 100%

We received **£78,047.80** from **South Gloucestershire Council's Section 106** money, **£41,780.76** from the **UK Government** and the **Lawn Tennis Association**, and **£1,466** from **CIL** for **improvements to the tennis courts** at The Park, School Road.

Our Achievements 2023/24

Over the past year, Frampton Cotterell Parish Council is proud to serve our wonderful village. Take a look at some of our key achievements from 2023/24...

- Refurbished Ridings Road Play Area.
- Renovation of the tennis courts at The Park, School Road.
- Installed public boot scraper at The Park.
- Installed external lighting at the Pavilion at The Park.
- Drainage works at The Park.
- Filled potholes in the carpark at The Park.
- Installed a new noticeboard at The Park.
- Replaced damaged fencing at The Park, including installing "Hedgehog Highways".
- Dental recycling point at The Brockridge Centre.
- Mini Library at the Brockridge Centre.
- Hosting local police drop-ins.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Achievements 2023/24 (continued)

Coffee & Cake

Every Tuesday

11am - 1pm

The Brockeridge Centre

All Welcome!

Crochet & Knit Club

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month

11am - 1pm

The Brockeridge Centre

All Welcome!

Nature Volunteering & Practical Conservation

Every second Saturday of the month, some Wednesdays.

10am - 12pm

Various Locations

All Welcome! Sign up to our nature newsletter to learn more.

Police Drop-In Sessions

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 9th April

Monday 29th April

Tuesday 7th May

Monday 27th May

Tuesday 4th June

11am - 1pm.

The Brockeridge Centre.

Chat with PC Fin Simmons over a cup of tea and share your concerns.

D-Day Commemoration

June 6th

Evening

Centenary Field, Frampton Cotterell

Join us in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings with local singers, an air cadets parade, beacon lighting, and more. All welcome.

BioBlitz 2024

April 25th - 29th

Various Locations, Frampton Cotterell

Nature walks, activities, seed swaps, bat walks and more! Keep an eye on our website, social media, and posters for more details soon...

- Providing a free-to-use Bike Repair Kit (donated by South Gos. Council).
- Run monthly nature volunteering sessions.
- Installed a pond at Centenary Field.
- Upgraded gates and fencing at the Jubilee & Mill Lane Allotments.
- Held weekly "Coffee & Cake Mornings" at The Brockeridge Centre.
- Supporting bi-monthly "Crochet & Knit Club" sessions.
- We ran several free and inclusive Bat Walks & Talks with braille & BSL provision.
- Loaned out free bat detectors.
- Held our Community Awards Nominations and prize-giving (2024 award winners announced soon!).
- Hosted the 2023 Scarecrow Trail, including the public "theme vote", "best scarecrow" vote, and awarding prizes to your winners.
- Ran two Hedgehog Heroes events in collaboration with Frampton Cotterell Nature & Westerleigh Parish Council.
- Hosted the first Local Nature Art Exhibition.
- Declared a Climate & Nature Emergency and produced a new Environment Policy.



- This past year, we ran public surveys on:
 - Courts development;
 - Climate & Nature declaration;
 - King's Coronation celebration plans;
 - Local Nature Art Exhibitions;
 - Additional nature volunteering sessions;
 - Park Pathway proposal
- We awarded grant funding to:
 - **£3,950** to Beesmoor Road Playing Field Committee,
 - **£2,000** to the Citizen's Advice Bureau,
 - **£608** to Frampton Cotterell Male Voice Choir,
 - **£400** to FACE youth charity
 - **£100** to the Royal British Legion,
- ...and with your help, we raised money for charity, including:
 - **£351.75** for Macmillan Cancer Support
 - **£264.31** for Bristol Children's Hospital.

Visit our website to learn more about the parish council and what we do for you.



BIKE REPAIR KIT



The parish council now has a free to use bike repair kit at the Brockeridge Centre.

The kit, donated by South Gos. Council, contains a tyre pump, puncture repair kits, spare bicycle lights, multi-tools, and tyre levers.

FACE YOUTH CLUB

Our FACE Charity youth clubs run every Tuesday and Wednesday evening during term time.

The youth club organises loads of fun activities for young people ages 11 - 18, including seasonal activities. Over Christmas for example, the youth club planned, cooked, and hosted their own Christmas Dinner!

If you or a young person you know would like to learn more about our youth clubs, please visit our website or get in touch :)



VACANCIES

Frampton Cotterell Parish Council currently has **four councillor vacancies**.

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please visit our "Vacancies" page on our website and read our **eligibility criteria**. Alternatively, get in touch with us to find out more!