



SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Our Newsletter is delivered twice a year to all Seer Green households. We also regularly post information on our Notice Board opposite the Old Post Office and on our website.

JUBILEE TREES FOR THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

The community certainly seemed to have enjoyed celebrating the Platinum Jubilee over the June bank holiday weekend with many friends and neighbours enjoying street parties all over the village.

To mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and join in with the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, Seer Green Parish Council would like to plant at least one, but ideally two trees. However, as a small Parish Council, our 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' project will only be able to proceed if it is supported by donations from the community which is why we have set up a Crowdfunder.

Our initial target of £2,500 would cover the cost of the purchase, planting and watering of 25-30cm girth tree. It would be located in Green Meadow in the area close to where the majestic but sadly now felled Ash group once stood and it is hoped will one day form an attractive feature upon entering the village as well as offering shade to those using the park. A small leaved Lime (*Tilia cordata*) has been chosen as the preferred species both for its shape and bright colour in vivid contrast to the existing Beech which it will be directly opposite.

If donations were to exceed this initial amount, then a Copper/Purple Beech (*Fagus sylvatica Atropunicea*), similar in size, would be purchased at an advantageous rate and planted at the recreation ground to replace the Goat Willow damaged during Storm Eunice.

More information and details on how to contribute to the project can be found on our Crowdfunder webpage - scan the QR scan or visit www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/sgplatinumjubileetrees



WOODLAND TRUST TREES



We have been successful in an application to the Woodland Trust for a community tree pack of 105 saplings to plant in Green Meadow, Green Wood and at the Recreation Ground which should be delivered and planted in November. The pack we have chosen is especially good to establish food and shelter for wildlife and contains hawthorn, rowan, blackthorn, silver birch, hazel and common oak.

These free trees are part of two nationwide tree-planting projects which are the Queen's Green Canopy marking The Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II as a green legacy in honour of The Queen's service and the Big Climate Fightback to get the UK involved in planting 50 million trees to help combat the climate crisis.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 70 TREES FOR 70 YEARS



Inspired by The Queen's Green Canopy project, Buckinghamshire Council wanted to take the opportunity to honour the trees in our county too, and the 70 Trees for 70 Years campaign was created. Residents and visitors to Buckinghamshire were asked to nominate their favourite tree or woodland, to celebrate the natural beauty of the county and support the themes of the Platinum Jubilee.

We were delighted to hear that Seer Green has two trees chosen to be part of this. One of the trees is on Parish Council land, in our cemetery. Fiona Martin nominated it writing, "My grandad used to be the village gardener and used to look after the cemetery. The bench under the tree is in memory of my grandparents."



The other is the tree in the middle of Baylis Field, affectionately called 'One Tree Field', running alongside Bottom Lane. Janna Holder nominated it writing "This tree is very special to many people who love walking past it. It benefits from stunning views of both sunrise and sunset, when the weather is right. Especially during lockdown, standing in the field and watching the seasons of the tree and field change gave rhythm and meaning, peace and comfort when everything else felt out of control"



The 70 Trees for 70 Years will now be compiled into a photobook which will be available across the county's libraries later in the year. You can also view the photographs and their stories in this YouTube video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZWu6ZDYaXg&t=69s>

CASUAL VACANCY ON SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the resignation of Councillor Tim Norton a casual vacancy for a new Parish Councillor has arisen on Seer Green Parish Council. The official notice of vacancy will be placed on the Noticeboard and website in July. If you would like further information on the role, please contact the Parish Clerk.

We are very grateful to Councillor Norton for his ten years of dedicated and excellent service on the Parish Council.

VILLAGE UPKEEP

The village public areas are having a spruce up as a program of painting and repairs is underway on village benches, gates, posts, fences, Jubilee Hall and the Pavilion by our local village carpenter and decorators. We are grateful to Michael Byard, Chris Lamburn and Mark Webb for all their hard work. We are also thankful for Dannie Horgan who continues to maintain our green spaces to a high standard.



The 4,000 linear metres of footpaths are being strimmed of nettles and the grass and hedges are being given a trim. If you notice any area of concern, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Our grateful thanks go to Seer Green Gardeners who have undertaken the preparation and sowing of the three wildflower areas this year – we look forward to enjoying the displays later in the summer.

NEW BENCHES

The Parish Council is delighted to have received funding for three new benches in the village. The new benches have been specifically chosen with back and arm rests, as requested by residents. There are two new benches on the Recreation Ground; the one on the footpath route through to Jordans has been funded by Jordans Environment Trust (a local charity supporting projects to enhance Seer Green and Jordans) and the bench near the car park funded by the Buckinghamshire Council Community Board.

A new bench outside the shops has been donated by Mr Melvyn Lofty with the following inscription: -

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ERNIE & MARGARET LOFTY & THE LOFTY FAMILY BAKERS AND GROCERS IN THE VILLAGE 1904-1992.

Mr Chris Lofty has provided us with a wonderful history of their life in the village as bakers. The full article and photographs can be seen on the History & Photographs page of the Seer Green Parish Council website.



PARKING ISSUES

For the last two years the Parish Council had been asking Bucks Council to review the parking scheme in the centre of the village. Many concerned residents have alerted the council about the ongoing issues with parking and pinch points, with the buses and large vehicle regularly becoming stuck.

Bucks Council have recently sent the Parish Council a Project Initiation Document for a 'Parking Review of current double yellow lines' and said that for the order to be raised it would cost £4,054.88 with anticipated future costs £5,128.17, so the total cost was projected at £9,183.05. This would be close to 20% of our precept. If we went ahead, this would mean that many other Parish Council projects would have to be cut so we hoped that our Bucks Council Community Board would help us fund this project.

Parish Councillor Nick Baddeley raised the case for funding at the local Community Board meeting (including the history about why the current yellow lines are not sufficient). However, frustratingly, Bucks Council are changing to a new contractor for Transport for Bucks in April 2023 so have decided not to implement any transport Community Board projects until at least then –so unfortunately there is now no funding available. Other Parish Councils in our area are also facing similar issues so we will try to hook into other parking related projects around the county to see if the costs could be spread across a number of projects.

We will continue to seek a resolution to this ongoing issue and ask that if you experience a parking problem, please report it to Bucks Council so that they are aware of the ongoing issues on <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/parking/tell-us-about-a-parking-problem/>

Please park responsibly around the village to help keep us all safe.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD 2022

For the last nine years the Parish Council has presented a small award to recognise the person judged by the Chairman as having made a significant contribution to the village community.

This year we are looking to make one award and are asking for your nominations.

Nominees should be village residents or have strong ties to the Seer Green community; age is no barrier; recipients can be young or old. Their contribution might have been towards community spirit or social cohesion in the village, or it might have been improving or upkeeping the village environment. We would like to hear from you about those unsung heroes whose contribution goes unnoticed, as well as those who are known to play a prominent role within our community.

We are asking for your nominations to be submitted before the closing date of 12th August. The award (gift tokens to the value of £50) will be announced at the September Parish Council Meeting.

Please send your nomination by post, or email to the Parish Clerk, (details below), with the following information:

My nomination is for:

Why I am nominating them:

Name

Address:

Telephone No:

DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Seer Green Parish Council meet on the first TUESDAY of each month at 7.30pm at Seer Green Baptist Church.

No August Meeting 6th September 4th October 8th November 6th December

Members of the public are welcome to come and raise any relevant issues at the monthly Parish Council meeting. All are welcome to stay and observe the meeting but may only speak during the 15-minute open session at the beginning.

WHO TO CONTACT

The Parish Council is often approached by residents when issues and problems arise in and around the village. Generally, we are either able to deal with these directly, if the issue is under our control, or to help get matters sorted out by liaising with the appropriate local authority or utility, when we have no powers to deal with the issue ourselves. However, it can be helpful if residents themselves report particular problems directly to the responsible agency as it can save time.

Report potholes/flooding/trees on the highway to Bucks County Council Transport Department on www.fixmystreet.buckcc.gov.uk. Waste, litter, road sweeping, fly-tipping and clearance of paths (e.g. path to Seer Green Station) should be reported to <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/bin-collection-recycling-and-waste/>. Village Street lights can be reported to the Parish Clerk, details below.

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