



SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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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.

SEER GREEN SUPERHEROES

Whilst 2020 will probably be remembered by the vast majority of residents as one of the worst they have lived through, arising from this adversity we witnessed a powerful demonstration that community spirit in Seer Green is alive and kicking. In fact, so impressive was the way in which individuals, families and groups seamlessly mobilised into action to provide help, support and engagement, that in our last newsletter, we asked for nominations for the person you considered to be your Community Superhero. The response was unprecedented with names flooding in, together with glowing references and grateful thanks for all the acts of kindness received and service provided during the dark days of our first lockdown. We also received a heartfelt nomination of gratitude to all our local NHS workers, as well as one for all the children for brightening up the village with their rainbows and window decorations.

In recognition of individuals' service to the village, myself, as Chair of the Parish Council along with Councillors Janna Holder and Jane Smith, visited each person who had received a nomination as a 'Seer Green Community Superhero' to give them a letter of thanks from the Parish Council, together with a much-deserved tin of chocolates aptly named 'Heroes'. Without exception, all recipients were totally shocked that what they felt was just being a good neighbour and community member had been recognised in such a way by this Superhero nomination. They ranged from individuals making a difference to others through practical tasks, food and keeping in touch, to villagers who set up and ran events and activities benefitting both people in our community and further afield.

Please see below photos of all those nominated.



*Mandy Thomas
Chair of Seer Green
Parish Council*

Janet Stewart
Janna Holder
Claire Jenkin
Cassa Messervy
Kim Rowland
Jane Smith
Fliss Coombs
Liz Bates
Sarah Leslie
Sandra Park
Paul & Alison Bosson
Lorraine Hughes,
Dennis Munden
Jodie Homer
Philip Newton
Maria Nolan
Sean O'Flanagan

FLOODING

The Parish Council is continuing to raise concerns about flooding with Bucks Council, who are responsible for the Highway. The Buckinghamshire Local Area Technician for Seer Green has raised orders to carry out a series of works on the drainage system which should hopefully resolve the flooding.

On Chalfont Road a new pipe was installed on 26th November that connects the gully with the ditch so that the flood water should drain away faster. A further letter of enforcement has been sent to a neighbouring landowner asking them to stop allowing silt filled rainwater from their land to drain into the public drain system, which is illegal. The letter gives them a minimum of 28 days to rectify the issue.



Other planned work includes: -

- On School Lane a drainage machine will visit the flood area near Colliers to clear the underground pipe of tree root debris. This will allow the water to drain to the nearby bore hole on Farmers Way which has adequate capacity for the flood water.



- At the bottom of Bayne Hill, School Lane, an order has been raised to clear the drain and gullies to allow the water that floods and pools in this area to drain into the ditches on the opposite side of Long Bottom Lane.

- At the junction of Bottom Lane with Long Bottom Lane, an order has been raised to investigate a suspected collapsed pipe which is under the road and stopping the flood water to drain away.



- At the junction of Long Bottom Lane with Potkilm Lane, the Waste Team has been asked to clear the road of silt so that the drains can be cleared allowing the flood water to drain into the nearby ditch.

As part of the issue with the drains is the blockage by leaves and debris, the road sweeper will clear the kerbs on the main road through the village on a monthly basis.

Unfortunately, Buckinghamshire Council are currently unable to give us any timeframes as to when all of these works will commence or indeed how long it will take to complete but we have been advised that they will be carried out soon. We will continue to liaise with them on a weekly basis.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE



Following a successful Crowdfunder in September and the generosity of this community, we raised enough money to enable us to add a festive socket to the lamppost near the tree site. This has allowed us to have electric lights on our Christmas tree for the first time. Due to the lockdown, we were unable to gather on 1st December as in previous years, but hundreds of people tuned in to watch our live broadcast of the lights' switch on. The electric lights are a huge improvement on the battery-operated ones of previous years and the tree has shone brightly throughout the festive season.

If you missed the Crowdfunder and would like to contribute to enable us to expand what we are able to do and be confident there will be a village Christmas Tree shining brightly in Seer Green in future years you can do so using our PayPal pool.

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8tfpna2WyN>.

WILDFLOWERS

One of the good things to come out of this year has been the flourishing wildflower bed at the corner of Bottom Lane and Longbottom Lane. This has been a joint project by Seer Green Gardeners, Jordans Environment Trust and Seer Green Parish Council. The funds were provided by Jordans Environment Trust, and back in May Amersham Town Council undertook the rotavating and planting for us. Since then, Seer Green Gardeners have looked after the site, recently removing some perennial weeds, with the help of two local Duke of Edinburgh volunteers, to prepare the site for further planting in the spring. Whilst the weather and lockdown delayed the start of the project, we were delighted that the wildflowers bloomed for many months and look forward to more flowers next year.

We are planning to plant similar wildflower beds at the other entrances to the village, on Bayne Hill and Chalfont Road. The planting of these will be another joint enterprise, and we hope that they will be as beautiful and as well received as the one on Bottom Lane.



NEW COUNCILLOR – NICK BADDELEY

I grew up in the North West of England and over the years have moved further and further Southwards. I have lived in Seer Green for the past 18 years with my wife Nicole and two lovely teenage daughters who have both been through the village school.

I work for a small cloud software company based in Central London where I mainly help our customers enhance their business processes using our software.

My interests include cars and motorbikes, and you will often find me outside cleaning my car or tending to my motorbike. I also enjoy a casual game of golf from time to time. Living in Seer Green allows me to enjoy my geocaching hobby whilst walking some of the fabulous footpaths we have around the village. I am also a pretty poor guitar player but enjoy it all the same!!



My family and I love living in Seer Green and I joined the Parish Council to try to help ensure that the village remains a great place to live. By becoming a Parish Councillor, I hope that I can help contribute to the amazing community spirit we have in this beautiful village.



GREEN MEADOW ASH TREES

The Parish Council has an annual survey carried out of all its trees in the village and sadly the recommendation for the two ash trees in Green Meadow was that they should be felled. We have carried out remedial work on them previously to try and alleviate some of the issues regarding safety, but we have no alternative now but to have them removed. This work will hopefully take place in April 2021.

Around the Parish

Post Office

The Post Office is open at Seer Green Baptist Church on Tuesday mornings from 10am – 1pm. It is also open at Jordans Village Store on Thursday from 10am -1pm.

Bus Times

Carousel's route 104 now provides an hourly service from Seer Green (School Lane, opposite the end of Orchard Road) to Beaconsfield (Maxwell Rd, near Sainsburys) and on to High Wycombe. The service runs from Monday to Friday with the first bus departing at 7:09am and the last bus at 8:03pm. During the middle of the day the bus leaves Seer Green at 46 minutes past each hour. The Saturday service is similar but with the first bus at 8:47am and the last bus at 7:47pm. There is no service on Sundays.

Return times typically allow just over an hour (or more) in Beaconsfield with the return bus leaving Beaconsfield hourly and going on to Uxbridge.

Red Eagle route 380 provides a service on Tuesdays and Fridays from Jordans to Beaconsfield (Maxwell Rd) and on to Loudwater (Tesco superstore) leaving Jordans (The Green) at 10:10am. The return bus allows 1 hour and 40 minutes in Beaconsfield (and 1 hour 15 mins at Loudwater).

For Amersham, Carousel provides hourly services for most of the day between Beaconsfield and Amersham (route 103) and between Chalfont St Giles and Amersham (route 105)

For detailed timetables:

Route 104 (Seer Green to Beaconsfield)

<https://www.carouselbuses.co.uk/routes/104-105#timetable>

Route 380 (Jordans to Beaconsfield)

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Fast Fibre Broadband

A local resident is looking into the possibility of getting gigabit-capable broadband to the village as part of a group scheme. For further information please contact Neil McRae – 07787298167,

seergreen.fibrescheme@gmail.com

<https://seergreen-fibrescheme.org>

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council continues to meet on Zoom on the first Tuesday of the month.

The dates of the next meetings are:

2nd February

2nd March

Please check the Parish Council noticeboard on Chalfont Road for further details regarding virtual or physical meetings.

Who to call?

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 Chiltern's Waste Team on www.chiltern.gov.uk/contactwaste or call 01494 586550. Village Street lights can be reported to the Parish Clerk, details below.

One Can Food Bank Collection Points

One Can provides food to those who are unable to feed themselves and their families in times of crisis.

Tinned / packaged items can be donated and left in the box outside Best One (or inside if it is wet) or at the rear of 5 Coat Wicks and they will be taken to the High Wycombe warehouse each week. For current needs please check www.onecantrust.org.uk.

COVID-19 Support

If you, or someone you know is in need of practical help or support please contact your Street Coordinator, the Parish Clerk (details below) or Janna Holder (07764490960).

SEER GREEN PARISH CLERK

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