



# 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.

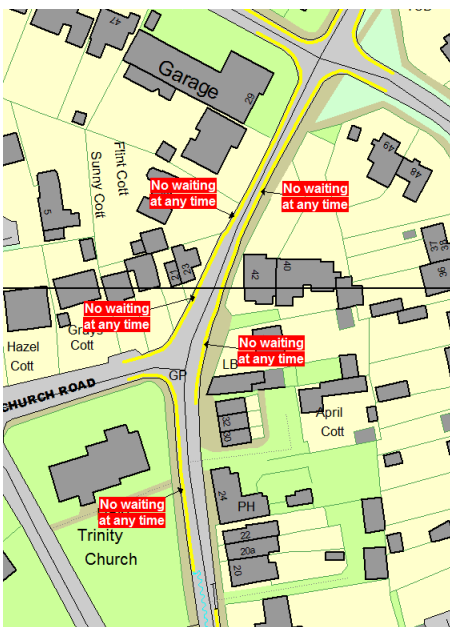
## WILDFLOWERS 2023

A vibrant and colourful welcome can be seen at three points as you enter the heart of the village, thanks to an ongoing collaboration between Seer Green Gardeners and Seer Green Parish Council. Every year Seer Green Gardeners take responsibility for the flower displays on the three white gates on Chalfont Road, Bottom Lane and Bayne Hill. Teams of two take responsibility for watering them all summer and we are very grateful for the colourful display that changes throughout the year.

In addition Seer Green Parish Council has funded this year's wildflowers beds which were rotovated and seeded by Amersham Town Council (who were last year crowned overall Winner at the 2022 UK Finals of Britain in Bloom). The seed is called Rainbow Annual which is a consistent favourite due to its rapid establishment and long flowering period, beginning 50-60 days after sowing right through to the first frosts, displaying a wide range of colours from poppies, cornflowers and flax giving way to marigolds and cosmos at the end of the season which combines native flora with garden favourites.



## UPDATE ON YELLOW LINES CONSULTATION



As previously reported, in order to address the long-standing parking issues in the centre of the village, we have approved funding from Buckinghamshire Council for additional double yellow lines to be painted along the pinch point on Chalfont Road (where the buses have got stuck), at the junction of School Lane & Stable Lane and at the junction of Seer Mead. Following the village consultation from Bucks Highways the final design has been approved by our Ward County Councillors and is now being documented by the Traffic Regulations Manager into a Decision Report for approval by Legal Services and Bucks Council Directors. This report should become a publicly published report by the second week of August. If the recommendations are approved the road will be marked at some point between September and November (weather permitting). As a result of these measures we hope that the traffic and safety issues in the middle of the village will be mitigated.



## NEW COUNCILLOR – DAVID TRYON

I've lived in the village for 30 years in the same house in Howard Crescent and I'm married to Fiona, and we have two grown up children who both attended the village school originally. I retired in 2016 from a career in Sales and General Management roles with the likes of KPMG, DST and IBM and my new job is my garden and regular travelling.

My interests include cycling, sailing and walking our three-year-old dog Monty. I also contribute to the Parish Magazine with walks covering the local area and the Chilterns. I've joined the Parish Council to hopefully give something back to the village that I've lived in for so long and to help continue to make Seer Green such a great place to live.

## UPDATE ON FLOODING & DRAINAGE

Recent drainage works by Bucks Council on School Lane and Chalfont Road are continuing to work well and are being monitored by the Buckinghamshire Council Capital Drains Team to ensure that this continues to be the case. The recently dug ditch and new bore hole on Chalfont Road has taken a great deal of water from the drains and the road has not flooded since this work has been completed. Orders have been raised for Bayne Hill and the junction of Longbottom Lane with Potkilm Lane to have the drainage cleared but unfortunately no dates are yet available for this work. The Newbarn Lane corner continues to be slow to drain and will need a new borehole at some point. Part of the issue at this point is caused by water flowing from Rawlings Lane. The gullies on the top bend on Rawlings Lane still need to be cleared which will help to stop the build-up of water on the sharp bend.

The flooding in Manor Farm Way is being monitored. If residents have any photographs at flooding at or near their properties which is a concern, then please forward a copy to the Clerk.

## NEW NOTICEBOARD

Last year the noticeboard outside the Jubilee Hall was replaced and this year the noticeboard outside the shops has been replaced, both built by a local carpenter. The Parish Council funded this by using their Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds received from Bucks Council, matched by a grant from Jordans Environment Trust, for which we are very grateful.



## THE BIG HELP OUT



As part of the King's Coronation Weekend in June, people were encouraged to take part in the 'Big Help Out' as a way of giving time to improve our local communities. Toddlers to pensioners, accompanied by our local councillor, Carl Jackson, gathered to help in Green Meadow as we cleaned all the play equipment and benches, tidied up the park and planted some seeds. A big thank you to everyone who took part.

## HEDGES

The Parish Council is responsible for some devolved services on behalf of Bucks Council for which we received £3,282.14 this financial year. The devolved services include verge grass cutting, footpath strimming, cleaning signs, flailing of Bucks Highways hedges and contacting residents when issues are raised on Fix My Street about overgrown vegetation. The Parish Council is instructed to write to residents to cut back vegetation from their property which is overhanging/encroaching on the highway, pavement or footpath and it is recommended that the foliage should be cut back half a metre (500mm) from the edge of the pavement or road. At present there are a number of pavements which are inaccessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs due to the overhang of the hedge. Please help your fellow residents by keeping your hedges cut back – thank you!

# DGXC COMMUNITY BOARD

As well as volunteering on the Parish Council, several Parish Councillors also volunteer on the Denham, Gerrards Cross and The Chalfonts (DGXC) Community Board and its various working groups. The Community Board looks at what matters to our local area the most, using data and local intelligence to help determine the priorities the board will focus on, and where funding and resources will be allocated to support projects.

Priorities for 2023 to 2024 are:

- Community safety
- Infrastructure and highways
- Sustainability (environmental, economic and social/community)
- Health and wellbeing

As a small village, it's important that we make our voice heard, especially as far as additional funding for our projects is concerned and within the Community Board and the Working Groups, we have been active in ensuring that we get our fair share of the available resources.



## JUBILEE WALK PATH

The Parish Council were pleased to get the path through Jubilee Walk resurfaced to provide a smoother and safer route through from Farmers Way to the shops and centre of the village. The majority of the funding was provided through a grant from the Denham, Gerrards Cross and the Chalfonts Community Board, with the Parish Council contributing 11% of the overall cost.



## CORONATION & JUBILEE TREES

Our three new trees were planted in January and have started to flourish. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Crowdfunder. The heat wave in June meant that councillors were watering the trees twice a week in order to keep them alive. We hope that you enjoy seeing these trees grow over the coming years.



## FOOTPATH - LEDBOROUGH LANE & LONGBOTTOM LANE

For some time the Parish Council has been lobbying for a footpath and junction improvements to provide a safer pedestrian crossing between the new pavement in Longbottom Lane across to Ledborough Lane and on into Beaconsfield. As the junction resides outside of the parish of Seer Green, thankfully Beaconsfield Town Council has worked hard to raise and progress the project with HS2 Community Engagement at Bucks Council, by way of an application to the HS2 Road Safety Fund. A Topographical Survey has now been completed and the scheme is now going forward to a Feasibility Study, which will include a cost estimate following which a final decision to proceed to delivery, will be made by the Project Board.



# PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD 2023

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 1st September.

The award (gift tokens to the value of £50) will be announced at the October 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:

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Why I am nominating him/her

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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.

5<sup>th</sup> September

3<sup>rd</sup> October

7<sup>th</sup> November

5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.fixmystreet.buckcc.gov.uk) . Waste, litter, road sweeping, fly-tipping and clearance of paths should be reported to [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/bin-collection-recycling-and-waste/](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/bin-collection-recycling-and-waste/). Footpath issues can be reported to Rights of Way at <https://prow.buckscc.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx> . Village Street lights can be reported to the Parish Clerk, details below.

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