



SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

www.seergreenparishcouncil.gov.uk

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.

HELP US BRING A NEW ADVENTURE TO GREEN MEADOW!

Over the past months, the Parish Council has been listening carefully to residents through two community surveys—one for adults and one specially for children. From your feedback, there is strong support for adding a new piece of play equipment in Green Meadow that will appeal to the older children, and the children selected a netted climbing structure as their preferred new piece of equipment.

So, we're excited to announce our plan to install a Spire Net!

After a careful tender process, we have selected the Kompan Spire Net, a stunning 5-metre-high climbing structure that can safely hold up to 30 children at once. The image is a computer-generated graphic showing how incredible it will look at Green Meadow.



The total cost for the equipment, safety surfacing, and installation is £25,500. The Parish Council has set aside money over the past few years to contribute £17,000 towards this, and now with your generosity, we hope to raise the final £8,500 from the community to make it a reality. We have set up a crowdfunder to facilitate donations.

You can give by scanning the QR code here, or by visiting the dedicated fundraising site <https://crowdfunder.co.uk/p/green-meadow-play-equipment>



Every contribution, big or small, will help give our children a climbing frame they will love and benefit from for years to come.

Because of the height of the Spire Net, we will also be applying for planning permission, so installation will only take place once approval is granted. Whilst confident we should be granted permission, should we be refused, we will continue to work to find a suitable piece of equipment for our older children to enjoy. Money given to this project will only be taken when we have reached our target.

We would love to have this completed in the summer of 2026, but that relies on success at planning and the kind donations and financial support of our community. Together, we can give our children a safe, fun, and adventurous playground. Let's make it happen in 2026! Thank you.

www.seergreenparishcouncil.gov.uk

SEER GREEN PARISH CLERK - Liz Bates

Tel 01494 874233 Email: clerk@seergreenparishcouncil.gov.uk
Gerston, Back Lane, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks, HP8 4PB

A NOTE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

At the risk of sounding trite, Spring is such a time of renewal, isn't it? We are so fortunate to live in such a lovely location, and the Parish Council has been busy responding to Buckinghamshire Council's consultations on its Local Plan to defend our Green Belt land. There will be a further consultation in the summer, and we will be engaging with that process too.

Spring means that at the Parish Council our thoughts and actions turn to maintenance and improvement to our village assets, so you won't be surprised to see your Councillors out and about, inspecting, litter-picking and overseeing a programme of painting and general sprucing-up. The wildflower beds have been sown, the ornamental gates at the entrances of the village have been repaired and repainted. Please do help us keep the village looking its best for the Best Kept Village judges in June/July.

Chairman Liz Hungin



PRECEPT

Part of the role of Seer Green Parish Council in maintaining our village as a pleasant and safe place to live is deciding how the precept is spent. The precept is the portion of Council Tax allocated specifically for use within the village. Our budget is carefully planned and monitored to ensure funds are directed towards the areas that matter most to residents, helping to keep Seer Green safe, well-maintained, and enjoyable for all.

For the current year, the charge for a Band D property is £58.85 per household. While this represents only a small part of the overall Council Tax bill, it plays a vital role in sustaining a thriving and attractive community.

The precept supports a wide range of services and improvements that residents benefit from every day, including:

- The upkeep of our green spaces which include the Recreation Ground, Green Meadow, Green Wood, Cemetery, Allotments and Jubilee Walk
- Maintenance and electricity costs for 68 streetlights across the village
- Regular tree planting, along with annual arboricultural inspections and any recommended works. For example, £9,115 was spent on tree management in 2025/26, compared with £11,550 during the storm-affected year of 2024/25
- Maintenance of village facilities, including playground equipment, the outdoor gym, noticeboards, benches, entrance gates, and other features
- Regular funds are allocated to maintain the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground, which has served the community since 1972. There are plans to replace the flat roof within the next five years. The Pavilion offers vital changing and shower facilities for the Football and Cricket Club
- The provision of two defibrillators
- Regular emptying of dog waste bins and maintaining general village cleanliness
- Employment of a part-time Clerk.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY AWARD 2026 NOMINATIONS

For the last twelve years the Parish Council has presented a small award to recognise the person judged 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 30th June.

The award (gift tokens to the value of £50) will be announced at the July Parish Council Meeting.

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

My nomination is for:

Why I am nominating them:

Please include your name, address and contact details (phone / email).

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2026

The Parish Council has entered Seer Green into this year's Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition, which has been running for 69 years.

Last year, Seer Green won the DeFraine Cup (for populations between 1,501 and 3,000) and the Sword of Excellence for overall Best Kept Village in Buckinghamshire. We scored an impressive 198 points out of a possible 200. A reference to the Sword of Excellence is currently displayed on our Best Kept Village sign in Holy Trinity churchyard.

This year, we can only enter for the Tindall Cup, meaning we will be competing against the very best of last year's winners. We can re-enter the full competition in 2027

With judging taking place from 1st June to 14th July. So now is the perfect time to:

- Tidy up gardens, hedges, verges and key communal green spaces
- Encourage everyone to maintain front gardens and boundaries
- Take part in community litter picking – please contact the Clerk if you would like to get involved
- Ensure our key community features (noticeboards, hanging baskets/tubs, etc.) are looking their best.

The whole village including our halls, churches and pubs will be judged, not just the specific features listed above. The overall appearance of the community, as seen by the judges on inspection day, is equally important.

Community spirit plays a vital role, so please help by keeping your front gardens and even the pavements in front of your homes tidy where possible. There are many ways for everyone in the village to get involved in this year's competition. If we all work together, we may be fortunate enough to win again.



SGPC COMMUNITY GRANT FUND

We are delighted to let you all know that we are setting aside a small sum of money each year in order to make small grants to Seer Green groups and community projects that will benefit our residents. Applications are welcome from any group or organisation that operates within the parish, primarily for the benefit of residents. The scheme aims to ensure that public funds are used responsibly to deliver clear, lasting benefits to the parish and to help strengthen community life.

To apply for a grant, please complete the application form available on our website. Applications will be considered at Parish Council meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

RETURN OF CRICKET TO THE RECREATION GROUND

Jordans Taverners Cricket Club (JAVS) is playing its first home match at the Recreation Ground on 10th May. It is great to welcome the Club back after an absence of seven years and it is hoped that Seer Green residents will want to join them on a Sunday afternoon either to play or spectate – all are welcome. For information on how to join the club please contact JAVS' chairman, Will Barton, on wgbarton93@outlook.com.



VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS' NEW HOME



In our last newsletter, we shared that our village defibrillators had reached their recommended 10-year lifespan and therefore we had to replace them. Using a local first aid contact we're delighted to report that these old units have now been donated to Abuko Health Centre in Kanifing, The Gambia, where they will truly make a difference. As the centre currently has no access to this kind of life-saving equipment, these defibrillators will play a vital role in improving emergency care and, ultimately, saving lives.

ENTRANCES TO THE VILLAGE

At the beginning of spring the white gates on Chalfont Road and Bayne Hill had new posts installed. Wildflower beds have been sown at the three entrances to the village. We hope that these will produce a colourful display during the summer months. We continue to be grateful to Seer Green Gardeners for maintaining the flower boxes on each gate.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SURGERY

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

5th May 2nd June 7th July 1st September 6th October 3rd November

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.

The Parish Council surgery takes place on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30-11.30am in the lounge at Seer Green Baptist Church

12th May 9th June 14th July 8th September 13th October 10th November