

## Newsletter February 2024

Just a reminder of what we have at the Parish Centre; a very popular book swap, teracycle, bus time tables and many useful leaflets. We also have the mini food bank in the foyer in addition to the Freezer of Love which is stocked with meals prepared by the Long Table. Please come in and help yourself.

We have copies of the **'Hilltop & Valley'** latest book, featuring stories from Chalford Parish and Eastcombe, written by the Local History Group which is on sale at £10 per copy.

**Eleven Short Walks around Chalford Parish** – A lovely way to explore the Parish with walks ranging from  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to 3 miles in length, and from easy to more demanding in difficulty. Books are priced at £2.00.

### **Stroud is (nearly) top for footpaths!**

In the whole of England and Wales, Stroud is second only to Rossendale in Lancashire for access to footpaths. So says a report on research carried out for The Ramblers by the New Economics Foundation, a non-political think-tank. The rating was based on the length of public rights of way within a 10-minute walk (800 meters) of a postcode area. The finding is yet another demonstration of how lucky we are with our footpaths in Chalford and the surrounding area. Other findings in the report include that the most affluent communities typically have 80 % more local paths than the least affluent, and that heart attack prevalence is greatest in those areas with the fewest public footpaths. (To find out more about the report's findings, go to [bit.ly/WhoHasRightOfWay](https://bit.ly/WhoHasRightOfWay))

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