

## **February 2025 Newsletter**

### **Easier access to Blackness Banks Nature Reserve**

Your Footpath Volunteers have been making it easier to get into the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's Blackness Banks Nature Reserve. We've installed a pedestrian gate, so now you can enter the reserve from Blackness without having to climb over a stile. The photo was taken on 9 January after the first of two weeks work on the gate. The gate was installed with the approval of the GWT, and with the support of GCC Public Rights of Way, who supplied the gate at half price as part of their accessibility programme.

### **Playing Field Signage**

You will notice that we have designed and installed some great new signage in all of our Pleasure Grounds. This is not just to be more aesthetically pleasing, but also to standardise our signage across all three sites and make them easier to read and understand.

### **Bench Location**

The blue bench by the Frithwood Surgery has been moved closer to the Doctors. We received feedback from our parishioners that having seating closer would make life much easier for people waiting for someone visiting the Doctor and to move the seat further from the rubbish bin and associated odours. The new position also affords a slightly better view across the car park rather than the immediate side of a vehicle.

### **Fourways Crossroads**

Following the horrible accident at these crossroads late last year, Chalford Parish Council are trying to collate a historic record of all incidents that have happened here. Please contact us if you can provide us with information about any incidents you are aware of, however small and whether it was officially reported at the time or not.

### **Sad News**

We are very sorry to report the death of one of our former Councillors, Mr David Wood, following a short illness. David Wood was a highly respected, active, dedicated and committed Parish Councillor for over 20 years holding key positions within the Parish Council. His knowledge of our area and professional background was a great asset to our community. He will be greatly missed by us all.