

January 2025 Newsletter

Happy New Year

After the excitement and huge success of our Xmas Grotto followed by the festive holidays, we are now back and ready to start the New Year with a bang. We achieved so much last year, and we hope to continue to improve your Parish for you in 2025.

Small Grants Available

If you are a local organisation in need of funding towards a project, you may be eligible for a small grant from the Parish Council.

The deadline for this year's applications is 31st January 2025 and grants will be awarded at our Annual Parish Meeting which is held in April/ May.

Possible Composting Scheme

The Works Committee is working with the Community Composting Group to investigate if setting up a composting scheme in Chalford is feasible. The Group are proposing a scheme on the uncultivated land immediately to the right of the Spinney on Middle Hill Allotments. A consultation has been carried out with the allotment holders to see if this idea is popular.

Bussage Pleasure Ground

We have been successful in obtaining a grant in order to proceed with our planned Play Equipment project. Work will be carried out in March (weather dependant), so by the time the drier, warmer weather arrives there will be a fantastic new fenced in play area with some new equipment.

Footpath Volunteers work this month

Those familiar with Dimmel's Dale will probably know that the stream that runs down to the valley has been flooding the path near the kissing gate where four paths meet at the entrance to the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust reserve. The flooding made the path tricky to use, so your Footpath Volunteers spent a couple of weeks wading in the stream while improving the bank of the stream (with GWT permission). That task completed, the following week they turned their attention to barrowing a tonne of stone from Coppice Hill to deal with mud on the approach to the kissing gate, together with some bramble control. The final practical session of 2024 was spent clearing overgrowth on Rack Hill, though there's still more to do there.

Dog Poop

Please can you make your New Year resolution to be to pick up after your pooches – help make our Parish a nice place for all.