

## Newsletter – August 2022

**THEFT!** Something very odd is happening. In addition to two Welcome to Chalford/Bussage signs, one playground sign and a 30 mph sign, we are now missing our noticeboard in Middle Hill Allotments. Someone must have a very strange collection of things in their shed. All incidents have been reported to the police. Any information as to their whereabouts, please let us know.

And, telephone cables in Brimscombe were stolen yet again! Meaning that residents in the Gerald's Way area and adjoining streets have been without a landline since May. These residents can claim compensation from their providers. To do so, you need to quote the crime reference and dates cables were stolen.

We understand that the theft of catalytic converters continues to be a problem across the whole of Gloucestershire with recent incidents being reported in the Cirencester, Winchcombe, Tewkesbury, Cheltenham, Stroud and Dursley areas. Honda, Toyota, Mazda, Volvo and Lexus models have been targeted by thieves during the last few weeks. You can sign up to Gloucestershire Constabulary's Community Alerts to obtain news and advice on prevention at <https://www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk/>

**Water** – this is most probably not theft but is a mystery! Our Water Plus bill for our France Lynch Allotments is more than double that of other sites and does not compare with the same time in previous years. We have investigated the most obvious reasons; leak, faulty meter but can't get to the bottom of it. If anyone has any information as to this mystery, please let us know.

**Toadsmoor Road** – we have managed to obtain a certain amount of success with this road closure. It will now be closed from 27 July until 2 September. Highways will try and get the work done sooner than the 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will now be closed between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. meaning that access can be achieved either side of these hours via temporary traffic lights.

And, if that wasn't enough disruption, we have now been advised that the A419 Stroud to Cowcombe Hill will be closed for 2 days w/c 15 August, 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. for road surface work.

**Old Neighbourhood** – Highways are aware of the need to address the road surface problems and will hopefully be carrying out an inspection soon.

**France Lynch Pleasure Ground** – the oak tree planted as part of the Jubilee celebrations did not survive unfortunately but will be replaced in the autumn.

**Food** – if you know of anyone in need of dry or frozen food, we have a large selection at the Parish Centre thanks to residents and the Long Table. A big thank you to all who have donated.

**Repairing the Parish's dry stone walls** - Over the last five years the Footpath Volunteers have made significant improvements to the footpaths of the Parish. Now we're developing an addition to our skills - dry stone walling. After basic training, we're working on an ivy and tree-damaged wall on the path to Dimmel's Dale from Coppice Hill. The photo shows a nearly rebuilt section of wall – as well as removing tree roots and ivy, we had to dig out the bank and clear the old wall down to ground level before we could begin the repair.



PS – We're always on the look out for donations of walling stone.

There will be no council meeting in August. Our next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 1 September 2022 at 7.00 pm. Please contact the Clerk beforehand to find out where the meeting will be held and to let her know if you would like to attend, particularly if you wish to speak, so that she can make time for your issue on the agenda. Our contact details are: Tel: 01453 887204. Email: [info@chalford-glos.gov.uk](mailto:info@chalford-glos.gov.uk). Web site: [www.chalford-glos.gov.uk](http://www.chalford-glos.gov.uk) or follow us on Facebook