

## NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2022

As we write, Robert Hitchins' contractors are busy felling and pruning trees in **Frith Wood**. The felling of diseased trees is necessary to help prevent the further spread of the disease to other areas of woodland. Crowning improves the health of a tree and surrounding plants due to the increase in light and air. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the work will have been completed and life will once more have returned to peace and tranquility. Compounding this is piling work being carried out on development land over the A419 from Toadsmoor.

For the last few months we have expressed hope in this newsletter that the transfer of **Silver Street car park** to Chalford Parish Council will have been finalised. Well, at the time of writing, we are still waiting for the legal process to be completed so can't give residents any further news. Maybe next month!

We are in the process of setting up a '**warm room**' for residents to gather over the winter months. Once again, some wonderful residents have come forward with offers of help to manage the project. Hot drinks will be served and it is hoped a simple meal can also be supplied. The Frith Youth Centre has offered its facility on a Friday so we are nearly there and as soon as we have everything in place, we will publicise the project.

So many people have asked about the missing **dog bin** in Highfield Way. The bin was taken away by Stroud District Council as it was disintegrating. We asked for a new bin to be installed at the start of Accommodation Lane and this was agreed. Due to stock problems, a replacement bin has taken far longer than expected. SDC has just advised they have the bin so hopefully it won't be too long before it is installed.

**The mobile enforcement camera van** has been positioned 21 times at the top of Old Neighbourhood. In that time 27 motorists have found to be speeding, 34 not wearing seatbelts and 3 for mobile phone use. We are urging the Police to make more regular checks. On the 4th October at 8pm a vehicle, travelling away from Fourways crossroads towards Old Neighbourhood, passed SID at 80 mph. YES 80!!! How did they take the corner beggar belief.

The **Parish Centre** really is a little treasure trove. Come and take a look. We have a large selection of books and a few jigsaws. Now that winter is with us if you have any jigsaws you don't need anymore please bring them in for people to take. Thanks to some generous residents we have a large supply of dry goods including toiletries, tins of soup, pasta and sauces and much more. More donations are always welcome. And, of course 'Barry' our freezer of love has a wide variety of frozen meals prepared by the Long Table.

**Major work on Marle Hill footpath** - contractors employed by Gloucestershire County Council Public Rights of Way (PRoW) have finished work to fix a longstanding flooding problem on a Marle Hill footpath. So far the fix looks good, but we'll keep an eye on it. Repairing the damaged path surface has been added to the Footpath Volunteers' long list of jobs!

And finally, we are sure children have discovered the **new activity trail** that we have recently installed in Bussage Pleasure Ground.

**Why Not Come Along to a Meeting?** - Our next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 3 November 2022 at 7.00 pm. at The Parish Centre, Gerald's Way. Please contact the Clerk beforehand 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