

CHALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Littering - It's that time of year when we receive many complaints about this problem! More than likely the perpetrators don't read the newsletter but if you witness littering, please remind them that they are putting other people at risk who are clearing away their mess!

Followed closely by **dog fouling**. This is such a regular complaint and again most probably not the reader but others who allow their dogs to foul footpaths, playing fields and woods. If you witness anyone, please report to the Stroud District Council Dog Warden. Parents in particular will know how horrid it is when their children step in the fouling.

Overgrown hedges/foliage obstructing sight lines and footpath access is of constant concern at this time of year. We would recommend inspection of your boundary to ensure you are not making someone else's life difficult. Thank you.

At the **Parish Centre** you can get a multitude of information including bus time tables, Biodiversity Trail leaflets and currently, we have the Hilltop Gardening Club show schedule and entry form for their Autumn Show on 11 September. There is a well-stocked book swap library and on sale we have the Eastcombe, Bussage, Brownhill Newsletter at 60p, Chalford Heritage Trail booklets £1, Eleven Short Walks book £2 and local wildflower meadow cards £2.50. And don't forget 'Barry', our freezer of love! Nutritious meals supplied by The Long Table. Any donation towards the cost of a meal is welcome.

With effect from 29 August, **Stagecoach** service 61 is discontinued and is replaced by service 67 Bussage – Cashes Green, via Stroud. Links between Stonehouse and Stroud are provided by service 64 and Dursley and Stroud are service 65.

Stroud District Council asked us to consider taking on responsibility for Silver Street car park and we will be making a final decision on this at our Council meeting on 2 September. The current trustees of **Bussage Village Hall** have asked the Council to become the sole Holding/Custodian Trustee for the hall and in order to provide stability we have agreed to do this and are currently dealing with the legal requirements.

Footpath Volunteers – back after our summer break. The Footpath Volunteers will be back in action - weather permitting - on Thursday 2 September, finishing clearing ivy from the wall of Chalford Sports and Social Club. After that we've a list of jobs ready for the weeks ahead. Restarting work seems a good time to mention two things. First, that new Volunteers are always welcome to join our friendly group. We meet regularly on Thursday mornings from 10.00 am to 12 noon (and sometimes a bit later), with flapjacks provided by popular demand. You can be involved once in a while or regularly. Second, if you know of a problem on a Public Right of Way (PROW), let us know, and we'll see what we can do to help – we've considerable expertise and get good support from Gloucestershire County Council PROW team. To join the Volunteers or tell us of a PROW problem, contact Christine in the Parish Office.

Why Not Come Along to a Meeting?

All our council meetings are open to the public and you are very welcome to come and view a Full Council Meeting in action. You can see the full schedule of forthcoming meetings on our website. Our next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 2 September at 7.00 pm. 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.

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