

September 2025 Newsletter

Valley Playing Field

The playing field is currently closed to the public because mole activity has brought pieces of glass and ceramics, and pieces of cement bound asbestos to the surface. As a result, Chalford Parish Council has employed an environmental consultant, Sanctus Ltd, to undertake sampling work at the site.

The sampling was undertaken during the week commencing 4th August 2025. The samples have been sent to the laboratory for analysis, and we are awaiting the results. Once the results are received, the consultant will assess the results, undertake a human health risk assessment and outline any remedial measures required. It is anticipated that we shall have this information by the end of September at the latest. In the meantime, the playing field will remain closed for the foreseeable future as a precautionary measure.

Booklet – Eleven Short Walks Around Chalford Parish

A few years ago the Footpath Volunteers produced a book 'Eleven Short Walks Around Chalford Parish'. Whilst some of the finer details have changed (for example the playing field barriers are now yellow rather than green, and some stiles have been replaced by gates) the well-written circular routes are still easy to follow and are on Public Rights of Way or quiet roads. They are mostly within the Parish, with just a few stretches outside the Parish boundary. They range from $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to 3 miles in length, and from easy to more demanding in difficulty. 'About the walk' at the beginning of each route gives a brief outline of what to expect. Short cuts are given in several of the walk descriptions. Each walk has a sketch map. Individual walks and more detailed maps can be downloaded free from the Footpaths section of Parish website (www.chalford-glos.gov.uk). Hard copies of the book can be purchased from the Parish Council Office on Gerald's Way, Bussage for £2.

Keeping your Parish footpaths clear

Your Parish Council Footpath Volunteers are looking for new projects! For over eight years we've been improving Parish footpaths and walls. We're open to suggestions from you for some new interesting challenges, call the office on 01453 887204.