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# Welcome from the Chair

Ivinghoe Parish Council was sad to learn of the passing of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and our thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty the Queen and their family.

Ivinghoe Parish Councillors Anna Stone and Andrew Dicker are stepping down at the May Elections. Both Councillors have done sterling work and we thank them for everything they have done for the local community.

## Parish Council Elections – 6th May 2021

Bucks Council has announced that the Ivinghoe Parish Council Elections have been uncontested and the new Councillors will be:

**Ivinghoe:** Claire Bamber, Karen Groom, Paul Jellis, Stephen Lott and Pat Roach.

**Ivinghoe Aston:** Sheena Bexson.

You will see some familiar names and we welcome Paul Jellis as a first time Ivinghoe Parish Councillor. Paul is from Ivinghoe, he is a sixth generation of the Jellis family living in the area and he continues to live locally and run his family farm in Ford End. Paul attended the local schools and now is a grandfather himself he has a real interest in the parish and we wish him every success in as an Ivinghoe Parish Councillor.

There remains a vacancy in Ivinghoe Aston, there is an opportunity to co-opt a Councillor, if you are interested please contact the Ivinghoe Parish Clerk for further details.



**Karen Groom,**  
Chair, Ivinghoe  
Parish Council

## Parish Council Meetings and Annual Meeting of Ivinghoe Parish Council 18th May 2021

At the time of writing the Parish Council Meetings will be returning to physical meetings and to accommodate social distancing the meetings will be held at Ivinghoe Town Hall.

The first meeting of the new Council will be the Annual Meeting of Ivinghoe Parish Council which will take place on Tuesday 18th May at 7.30pm at Ivinghoe Town Hall. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting and you will have an opportunity to discuss any ideas you may have with the Councillors. If you cannot attend and have any suggestions for the year please put this in writing to Ivinghoe Parish Clerk.

## Litter

Litter and dog mess continue to be a problem across the parish, please where possible can you take your litter home with you and ideally use refillable cups for your drinks. The litter on Ivinghoe Lawn has increased massively and we continue to ►

receive complaints about litter across the grass and in the wooded area. Please can you use dog bins for dog waste as they are emptied and sanitised frequently.

### Road Safety Scheme – Ivinghoe

Bucks Council have informed us that the first stage of the Ben Hamilton Bailee traffic calming with safety improvements for Station road and outside of Brookmead School are scheduled to start at the end of May/early June. Any updates will be shared through the website and social media.

### Trees

The tree survey risk assessments have been completed for Ivinghoe and Ivinghoe Aston. Unfortunately, there is significant work required to some of the Ivinghoe Lawn trees including the removal of a Beech tree and clearance of the old trees

behind the Scout Hut. A tree re-planting scheme of native trees is being established to continue to maintain the trees on the Lawn. Ivinghoe Aston play area trees require some maintenance cut back.

### Ivinghoe Community Speedwatch

Speedwatch is restarting, please see the enclosed article for further information.

As always please check our website [www.ivinghoeipc.org.uk](http://www.ivinghoeipc.org.uk) and Facebook page for updates.

**If you are interested in becoming an Ivinghoe Parish Councillor**, please contact the Ivinghoe Parish Clerk for further information and a nomination pack, Email: [ivinghoeparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoeparishclerk@gmail.com)

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# The vllAge Hack

## The Village Swan is OPEN for Business

Arguably the most important bit of news for many months albeit that when you read this its old news. THE VILLAGE SWAN IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS – well for drinks in the garden! Get yourself down there; Sean and Seb will welcome you with open arms. Support your local!

## We've been Wombed!

Hats off to those erstwhile villagers that spent time on 28 February and 9 March on some socially distanced Wombeling (thanks Sheila for the pun). The monster hauls started as 20 bags of litter gathered going down Chapel Lane (the hill down into the village) – though within a short period a whole load more appeared! A second team then attacked the Slapton end of the road (aided by a few Slaptonites) producing another pile of discarded rubbish and we ended up with the two heaps below. Great work folks, its just a shame that lazy people are continuing to litter willy nilly!



## The hunt for Chapel Hill, Chapel Wick and Chantry Close

Recently curiosity found me in all sorts of online archives. The Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society, the British History Online website and even the online Doomsday records. All because I'd found mention of a mysterious chapel that once stood in Ivinghoe Aston. A chapel in Ivinghoe Aston? Aah, I thought, I know where that is! But no, it wasn't the Wesleyan Chapel we all know of at all!

It would appear that way back in 1337 during the reign of Edward III within the Patent Rolls (administrative records) reference is made to 'alienation in mortmain of a messuage' (basically giving legal title to the church of a dwelling house with outbuildings and land):

*"Licence for the alienation in mortmain by Ralph Fallynwoll of a messuage, 43 acres of land, 16 acres of meadow, 14s. of rent and a rent of 7 capons and 16 hens, in Edlesburgh and Ilyngho, to a chaplain to celebrate divine service daily in the chapel of St. James the Apostle, Aston, in the parish of Ilyngho, for the good estate of him and Lucy his wife in life, for their souls after death and for the souls of his father and mother, ancestors and heirs."*

Little is known of the chapel's history but a survey some 200 years later in 1547 said it's *"distant from the Parish of Ivinghoe by one mile and a half and there is three hundred and fourty houseling people"* (communicants). It further states; *"the said Chappell was repaired by the Parishioners at their own charge"*

(a condition of having the chapel built). In 1553 Sir Thomas Barker was the incumbent and he apparently taught the children of the hamlet to read with the chapel valued at the princely sum of £3 6s 8d.

I also uncovered an article written in 1858 called "The Destroyed and Desecrated Churches of Buckinghamshire" which described the chapel as a Chapel of Ease (a church building for those that could not easily get to their local parish church). Apparently, worshipers found it hard to get to Ivinghoe Church during the winter and given the route was probably down the muddy bridle path it's no great surprise! By this time the chapel had been demolished; though when is not known.

The article says that *"no remains existed within the recollection of any living person, but the spot on which it stood is still known"*. That brings me to my headline because the location was known as Chapel Hill and it was marked as such on the parish map. It covered more than half an acre of land and according to two people alive at the time, their grandfather recalled that mounds of graves were also visible. Furthermore, there was an adjoining acre and a half called Chapel Wick on which stood an old house that was pulled down within the memory of *"many living persons"*. This house was probably the Chaplains residence with an enclosure, Chantry Close, also linked to the chapel. The tenant of Chapel Wick said he had dug up *"jambs and heads of doorways or windows of the ancient chapel along*

*with human bones"*. Apparently Chapel Hill and Chapel Wick then became part of some allotment gardens and according to the article the land had probably been converted to gardens within private property.

If only we knew where Chapel Hill, Chapel Wick and Chantry Close might be? Or so I thought... Until I remembered a couple of old maps from the village hall and after a few questions got them from Sean and Seb at the pub. And lo and behold right there on the 1908 map was... (please see next page for maps).

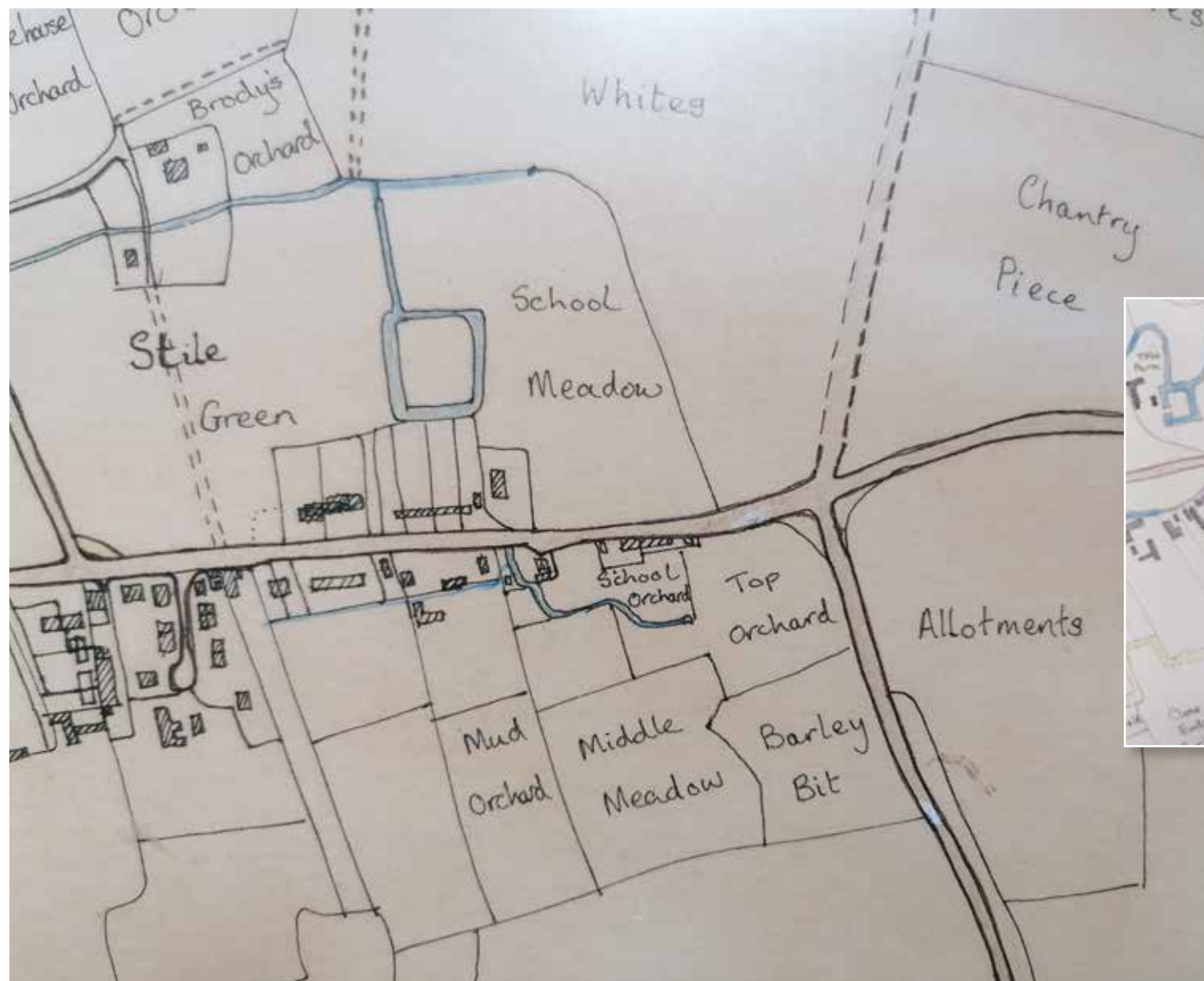
Compare the 1908 map on the next page (Chapel Hill being the larger patch of land in the centre of the picture) to the 1975 map on the next page (the later allotments being the patch of land to the right of the bridle path). It would appear that Chapel Hill might well have been the field on what is now the corner of Chapel Lane (i.e. the hill down into the village) and the bridle path (NOTE the path was re-routed after 1908 I assume). Chapel Wick and Chantry Close remain unidentified for the time being. If you know more then do let me know.

Wonder what else I might uncover for the next edition?

**Phil Jones** (2 Ashby Villas)  
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*Please get in touch if you have any news, views or ideas!*

## The hunt for Chapel Hill, Chapel Wick and Chantry Close



The original 1908 map



The 1975 map



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## Greetings from your Town Hall Management Committee!

The committee have continued to meet on a regular basis during the most recent lockdown, and at last we are able to begin to make plans for re-opening our beautiful Town Hall for bookings!!!

From 12th April, we are able to welcome our educational children's groups back and from 17th May adult groups can resume their bookings.

Of course all bookings must be within the confines of Government guidance, so social distancing, face masks and hygiene measures must be strictly adhered to. Track and trace measures will also remain in place until we're told otherwise.

Although the toilets will be available for those taking part in classes, the kitchen will remain closed and locked.

So... does it sound like it could be a suitable venue for your forthcoming event? Give Stephen Swinbank a call on the number below and have a chat.

Our Annual General Meeting this year will be held by zoom on Monday 17th May at 7.00.p.m. If you would like to attend the meeting please email me nearer the time and I will let you have the codes to enter.  
([s\\_a\\_eyre@hotmail.com](mailto:s_a_eyre@hotmail.com))

**Take care everyone and we hope that  
you enjoy the sunnier days ahead.**

**Until then, stay safe and keep smiling  
– it brightens the day for everyone  
you meet!**

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## Would you like to join our team of volunteers?

We would welcome volunteers who can:

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- help us welcome our visitors as they arrive for one of our openings each Summer - on Sundays and Bank Holidays; and/or
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Chris Tugby on **01442 825421**; or  
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# WI News...

## Ivinghoe & Pitstone Women's Institute



I think we are all immensely pleased to see the beginnings of spring accompanied with some blue skies and sunshine. This alongside the proposed opening up of activities following our third lockdown is bringing joy to lots of us. Our ladies have been busy organising many future activities.

Our Chiltern Way walkers hope to commence again at the end of April with the lifting of restrictions. A group of some 14 ladies have now walked 76 miles of the planned 133 which had been started in December 2019. Our supper club will also be commencing in May as well as some planned short walks. Random Readers hope to meet again in June. So, there are lots of exciting things to look forward to.

On Thursday 11th March we held our monthly meeting by Zoom, some 35 of our members logged on for an evening's entertainment – Michael White. "The Accidental Salesman" delighted us with his tales around the world whilst working in the international software sales industry. Michael recalled a meeting with his headmaster and a careers teacher when he was told he would never make more than a clerk. He left school and began working for a high street bank before progressing to a company specialising in data processing. He spoke about his first sales jobs and was delighted at the time with his company

car being a Vauxhall Cavalier. Lots of international travel followed as his career blossomed. He spoke about one of his first overseas trips to Northern Ireland at a time during the troubles in the 1980's. Australia and California beckoned where he worked for a couple of American companies and learnt how to line dance. India was an interesting time too and he remembered being in a taxi one evening, when the driver suddenly turned the headlights off to conserve the battery. He also spoke about a trip to China and was most grateful he hadn't gone for the local delicacy after his colleague realised, he was eating a bull frog. Michael was a very entertaining speaker and kept us all amused during the evening.



Michael White – above

Our speaker booked for April 8th is Simon Williams who will be talking about "Conmen and How to Avoid Them". He will take a look at some conmen of the past and present, the scams they pulled, street cons and computer cons. This promises to be an interesting evening when perhaps we can all learn something.



Simon Williams – above

The April meeting will be online via Zoom, further details from Sue Eyre, **07742 138955**

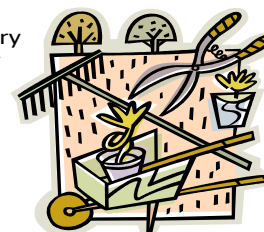
Our hugely popular quiz nights continue, again online, with thanks going to our now very experienced quiz master Sue Eyre for organising these events.

**Susan Andrews**, IPWI Correspondent



Have you ever thought about 'growing your own'? Growing your own fruit and vegetables can be a very satisfying experience and in Ivinghoe we are very lucky to have some beautiful allotments just off Church Road, overlooking St Mary's Church. If you are an Ivinghoe resident and would like some more information about availability of plots – we have them in a range of sizes – please contact the Parish Clerk at [ivinghoeparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ivinghoeparishclerk@gmail.com)

NB: there may not always be an available plot but we do keep a waiting list!





# BeaconLit Book Festival:



## Aylesbury Detectives return in Pitstone Author's Gripping New Thriller

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In **Die in the Dark**, a vicious homophobic attack in Aylesbury sees the start of a new investigation. As Archer and Baines search for answers, another woman is found left for dead, her partner missing – and this time the victims are closer to home for the team. Amid a desperate race to find the missing woman, Baines finds himself once again confronted by the demons he hoped

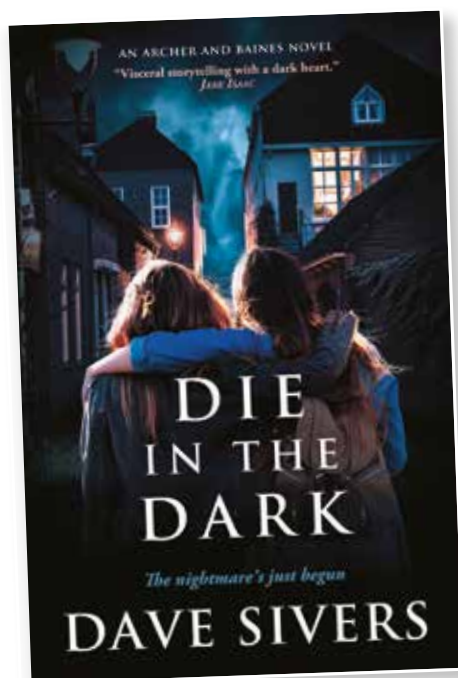
he was putting behind him. It's a distraction that could cost him his sanity – and a friend her life.

**Die in the Dark** – Dave's ninth novel, his tenth published title, and the sixth outing for Archer and Baines – is available in paperback and Kindle ebook.

Dave grew up in West London and has been writing all his life, including columns and articles in The Bucks Herald, The Leighton Buzzard Observer, and regional magazines, as well as short stories in Take a Break magazine and other publications. His crime fiction has been compared with big names like Val McDermid, Peter Robinson and Mark Billingham.

Dave now lives in Pitstone with his wife, Chris, and is co-founder of the BeaconLit festival of books and writing. He appears at book festivals and events and regularly speaks to WIs and other groups.

You can find out more about Dave and sign up for email updates at [davesivers.co.uk](http://davesivers.co.uk).



Dave Sivers taken by: Cliff Hyde at BeaconLit

# BeaconLit 2021 cancelled – but Watch this Space!

**The BeaconLit Festival Committee has decided to cancel its 2021 book festival, which it had hoped could be held in Ivinghoe on Saturday 10 July.**

"Cancelling our festival for the second year running has been a painful decision to take, but we have concluded that it's the right one," said co-founder Dave Sivers. "Although the signs around lockdown easing are encouraging, there is still some uncertainty about large indoor gatherings. As a smaller festival, we are able to be more nimble in some regards, but we can't avoid the fact that if we had to run a socially distanced festival, the restrictions would mean it wouldn't be financially viable, nor would it be a great experience

for our audience or guest authors.

"We are most optimistic that we will return in 2022 with a stellar lineup, and we are considering whether any sort of live or online events might be possible in the meantime. So we're bitterly sorry to disappoint you, but watch this space."

In the meantime, the highly successful **500 word flash fiction competition, BeaconFlash**, is still running, with opportunities to win prizes and get good value for money critiques for your writing. Details are at [beaconlitblog.wordpress.com](http://beaconlitblog.wordpress.com).

You can also make a donation to support Ivinghoe Library, for which **BeaconLit** raises funds, at [http://www.beaconlit.co.uk/beaconlitonline2020.php](http://http://www.beaconlit.co.uk/beaconlitonline2020.php).

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# Hub News...



**H**ello Ivinghoe Community! We hope you are slowly coming out of hibernation and having a warm stretch in your gardens – swerving the predicted snowfall would be a plus also! Here's to thriving together again! What has occurred over this lost year apart from losing much loved friends? The Trustees have had two outside and three indoor Hub Trustee Meetings that I have chaired over the last year, plus further Trustee meetings being on Zoom. All of the Trustees being present in most of them and some emailing between us now and then to catch up for those missing, and provide early cogitation for more nuanced decisions.

We all five Trustees have spoken together in keeping everything to Government Guidelines – preparing all of the necessary poster reminders and documentation now displaying in our Community Spaces, re-jigging our Booking Forms, putting in place all of the necessary 'Track and Trace' imagery – alas all too often then closing again, to preserve the Health of the Nation! To make sure that we were well prepared for anything that Covid-19 might throw at us, we attended several Community Impact Bucks Village Hall Volunteer Manager Meetings via Zoom, sharing experiences and gaining advice from CIB and their parent body ACRE over this concerning time.

Last summer, I spent a couple of weekends and a few week days patch-painting the Hub walls and gloss paint in the Hall, all three lavatories, the IT Room, the Lobby/Corridors and the

Cloakroom. The Government, through Buckinghamshire Council, have been really very generous – as we think for most businesses and Village Centres – in providing claimable grants to see everyone through – and we claimed the appropriate grants needed for all at the Hub to stay afloat, although we would far rather that our Community Spaces were being used as intended!!

We repurposed our wellbeing Project away from the Government instructed closure of the Hub, and built up 26 generous village volunteers to assist this Ivinghoe Community from home, over grocery, medicine, and phoned connection, organised provision through our **"WhatsApp-ing in Ivinghoe?"**, Ivinghoe village's own Covid-19 Mutual Support Group. Again thank you volunteers - you made us all feel much supported and safer!

While the building has been closed, we have organised repairs for a door-frame and the skirting of the temporary 'Staff room'; the 'easing' of the main entrance door through the cloakroom; and the mending of a mysteriously unreported breakage of a window frame and support. We put in hand servicing of Gas Heaters through the building, and of the Security and Fire Alarm Systems; keeping all of our computers updated; paying all of the utility bills as in Electric, Gas, Water, Telephone - and invoicing the Café for their share – incidentally also arranging for a new kitchen floor. We continued to walk to the

Hub to empty the two bins on the fence, but more recently negotiated Karen our Hub Cleaner to incorporate this task and undertake it regularly – and many thanks to her for continuing to provide a good service for us as our Covid secure guardian Angel!!

Somehow we Trustees must remind the community of all this unpaid hard working loyalty behind the scenes to their HUB venue, year after year, in order to elicit a helpful feedback response now and again to keep it all feeling worthwhile. This is something for the final lifting of Lockdown to aim for - sustainability into the future through shared ideas and satisfaction articulated between us all, with added practical volunteering help from our community! Three of our Trustees, all over 70 years old, and two in their eighties have worryingly been very ill over the last year - Bob and I are well though I have very recently gone somewhat lame in both feet, which is painful and a bit of a physical nuisance particularly as my injury was to my best foot - the one not already labelled as 'disabled'!! Bob has been back and forth a great deal so I have had a clear link through that awareness of everything, at all times, and I am grateful that his feet have never let him down!!! So please come and join in?

We are so sorry to have cancelled, again, our traditional booking from the Easter Bunny for a lovely Egg Hunting Day, like Valentines and Pancake racing, Covid Restrictions would not allow it – we could not guarantee keeping all those chocolaty fingers safe... although we wished Windmill Pre-School well in doing

some safer alternative. We have already planned our **'All-day free BBQ come-back relaunch Open Day'** and it should be a very happy open-day event as soon as the summer promises us a good weekend day! Until then we are taking note of the gentle relaxation of Lockdown restrictions, and are starting to hire out our Hall quietly, slowly and with time spaces in between to make sure everything is cleaned and safe. We will come back as Trustees with full determination to get everything straightened out, strong, welcoming, balanced and supportive as usual and hopefully with some added volunteer offers to back us up as Trustees in our role, into the bargain!!? **'Many hands make light work!'** **Sincerely, Carol Tarrant, HUB Chair.**

Chat to me/us please, by email: **caroltarrant@gmail.com** or **ivinghoeoldschoolcommunityhub@btconnect.com**, by note through the door of the hub for Bob and Carol or leave a message on the phone **01296 661666**.

**Stay safe, keep well** and join in with us please, life feels so much better when we share some of it.

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**Thanks Carol Tarrant** Chair of Hub

# Our Hub run by this community for all

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A squidgy thing you stepped on, is something that's sh \* \* \* y.

So we kindly ask you, when Rover needs a poop,  
You make a little effort; you simply bend and scoop,  
And have a thought for fellow (wo)man, do not commit a sin,  
You know you need to pick it up, and put it in the bin!

(The Dog Warden can be contacted on 01296 555605)





# Ivinghoe Speedwatch

## Speedwatch is restarting

Over the last year Ivinghoe Speedwatch has been suspended at the request of Thames Valley Police due to the Covid regulations.

We are pleased to announce that we will be restarting shortly.

We are a small band of volunteers, supported by Ivinghoe Parish Council and we are looking for additional volunteers to help swell our ranks.

Main duties include:

- Manning the Sentinel speed camera at designated sites throughout the parish, mainly Ivinghoe, Ivinghoe Aston and Great Gap.
- Documenting the data captured by the Sentinel speed camera and forwarding the information to Thames Valley Police.

Full training will be given.

If you would like to help, please visit the Sentinel page on the Ivinghoe Parish Council website, [www.ivinghoe.org.uk](http://www.ivinghoe.org.uk) where you will find more information and a very short application form.



Ivinghoe  
Speedwatch



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## The hard truth

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# How the Turtle got its Shell

by Phoebe Dent

Creative writing from the hands of the young is a pleasure to read so it is a pleasure then to publish a piece entitled **"How the Turtle Got its Shell"** penned by Phoebe Dent from Ivinghoe Aston. She wrote her short story and produced the illustration aged 11 in her final year at Little Gaddesden School – enjoy the read.

Many centuries ago, an elegant creature swam beautifully in crystal-clear water, lit by the sun of the day.

He was the brightest of green all over, but his back was smooth and absorbed every beam of light that glistened down on him. Unfortunately, this meant that when Turtle ventured too close to the surface, his back became sore and burnt. Deeper down in the ocean, he glided as if he were a bird flying in the clearest of skies and he twisted and turned as the cool water soothed the pain. He could do the most magnificent tricks and other animals began to envy him.

One in particular was Seahorse. Seahorse was jealous of Turtle's freedom

*'Why should he move so freely whilst I am forced to move only upright?'* thought Seahorse to herself, whilst exploring some tangled seaweed.

Seahorse felt this was extremely unfair and devised a plan to restrict Turtle and take away what he most enjoyed.

For three long days, Seahorse spent her time watching Turtle's every move. Whenever Turtle began to have fun, Seahorse felt taunted like a cat watching his owner hold up treats right in front of

her. This was too much, and, on the fourth day, Seahorse put her plan into action. She wandered up to Turtle, who was busy munching on seagrass, and said:

*'Good to see you Turtle. What are you up to?'*

It was a friendly question but, although she was smiling, Seahorse spoke with a cold, harsh tone.

*'I'm enjoying some fresh seagrass!'* said Turtle, excited to have company.

*'Oh! Have you looked by the rocks lately? There's enough seagrass to fill a cave over there.'*

Seahorse had been watching him, so she knew that Turtle hadn't checked there recently.

Turtle replied, *'Really? No, I haven't been there for a while. What a feast!'*

*'Most certainly!'* replied Seahorse, whose plan was going perfectly, *'I can lead you to the best spot if you like.'*

*'Great! If you wouldn't mind showing me, I would be eternally grateful!'*

exclaimed Turtle.

*'Absolutely, it's no trouble at all!'*

*'Follow me,'* said Seahorse with a sly grin on her face.

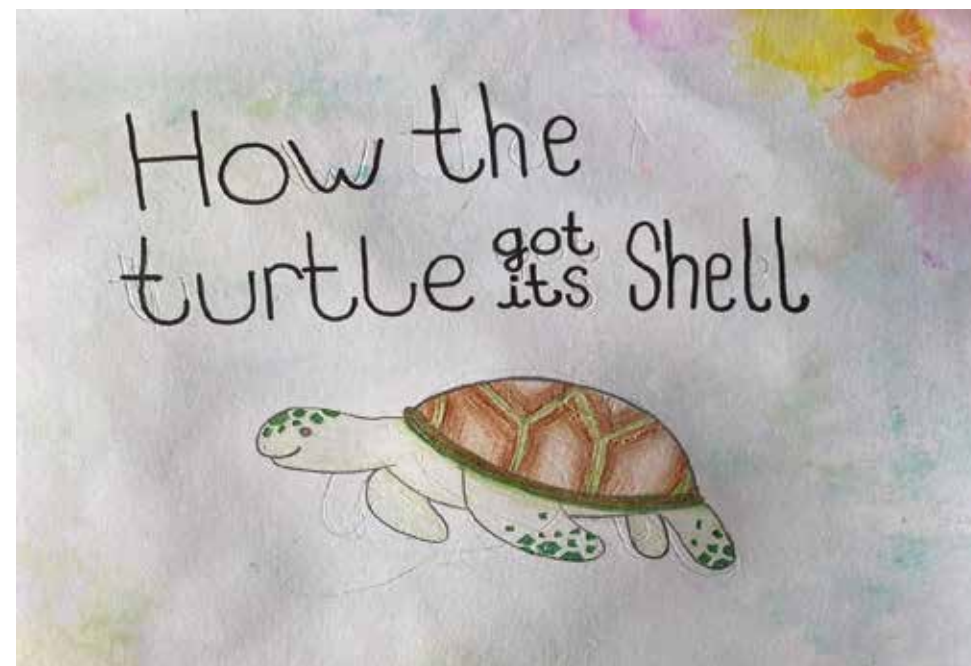
Seahorse led the way, imagining the sweet revenge she was about to get.

Turtle followed obediently behind her and it couldn't have been more than a minute or two before they arrived.

*'Here we are!'* announced Seahorse.

Turtle looked around. He saw rocks, coral and fish, but there was no sign of seagrass anywhere.

*'Where's the seagrass?'* asked Turtle.



Seahorse was prepared for this question.

*'It's in that cave,'* she answered, gesturing towards a nearby rock.

Turtle swam inside and, as he did this, Seahorse tipped over the heavy stone. Turtle tried to escape but he was trapped. He struggled and struggled and managed to free his head, arms and legs but could not get the rock off his back. Seahorse laughed:

*'Finally! Now you know what it is like to feel restricted.'*

Seahorse swam away with a smug smile stretched across her face.

Turtle said nothing. He felt foolish and betrayed.

*'Why did I trust that selfish creature?'* he asked himself.

When Turtle began to swim again, he found he was no longer able to do some of the wonderful tricks he used to enjoy doing and he began to feel extremely upset at the thought of being like this forever.

He was in despair but, with practice, soon recovered most of his old tricks.

Then, one day, Turtle felt something weird touch his back. He turned over and was astonished at what he saw. He had swum right up to the surface of the water. He hadn't noticed because he had felt no pain on his back. But how could this be? Then Turtle realised it was because of the new shell. It had allowed him to swim right up to the surface of the ocean. Turtle was overjoyed! He had longed for this his entire life and his wish had just come true! Since then, Turtle has loved swimming to the top of the sea and splashing in the frothy water. Not only that, but Turtle can now explore the beach too!

That is why you are now able to spot turtles on land as well as in the sea, all because of the jealous seahorse that gave the turtle his shell.

**The End**





## NOT The Midnight Walk returns for 2021

The best reason to get up early...



Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is asking everyone to set their alarm clocks for 5am on Saturday 10th July and join hundreds of others (virtually) for a dawn walk to raise crucial funds to support the Hospice.

"Whilst we are disappointed not to be able to go ahead with our traditional Midnight Walk, we had such an overwhelmingly positive reaction to last year's event that we are confident that it will be a great success and raise a fantastic amount of money to help fund local hospice care again" says Julie Chittie, Events Manager at the Charity.

This year Walkers are again be asked to walk a minimum of 5 miles, wherever they want, starting at 5am on Saturday 10th July. The event is open to all, whatever your age and wherever you are in the world - last year saw lots of children (and dogs) join in so this year the Charity are offering

children's T-shirts and dog bandanas so everyone can be a part of the event.

The Midnight Walk is a long-standing and major fundraiser for the Charity, and with their income hit so badly over the past year, they are hoping everyone will get behind them by signing up to this year's virtual event and help to raise the thousands of pounds needed to help secure the future of local hospice care.

For more information and to sign up, please visit [www.fnhospice.org.uk/notthemidnightwalk](http://www.fnhospice.org.uk/notthemidnightwalk) or call **01296 429975**.

### Further information:

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity needs to raise over £1,000,000 a year to provide specialist palliative care services which are accessible and free of charge to those with a life-limiting illness and their families in Buckinghamshire.





# News from St. Mary's Church, Ivinghoe

Babs Byrom, Church Warden

Spring is here, what a pleasure it is to see the hedgerows abound with new life, the buds exploding with colour as well as the different shades of green leaves completing the picture. I always think it is lovely to see the lambs happily playing in the fields, another sign of new life before our eyes.

St Mary's doors have had to be closed for a lot of the time during the past year like many others, but plenty has been going on behind the scenes. Weekly services have continued via Face book, Zoom and telephone which has been a wonderful way of being able to keep in touch. Sandra mentioned in her winter report about the appointment of our new vicar, we are hoping that this will take place by the summer.

Prior to Christmas we had around 22 Beavers visit us in the grounds of the church to learn more about the foodbank which is run from St Mary's. The children were interested to learn how we looked after and cared for the families in our local villages that we are supporting and had lots of good questions. This was followed by a Nativity trail which had

been organised and they were joined by more children from the villages. It was a great morning. Our foodbank continues to support many families locally.

A successful Easter egg hunt was also organised for Easter Saturday which as you can imagine went down well with lots of children attending. I am told that it was delightful to hear the joy and laughter coming from the children as they found the treasured Easter eggs.

2020 marked the 800th anniversary of St Mary's and we had lots planned to celebrate this, as with lots of things, all had to be cancelled. We are planning to pick up these during 2021, so keep your eyes open for adverts letting you know about them. It would be great to meet new faces (and of course regulars) that have moved to live in our delightful villages and it would be a perfect opportunity to be able to welcome you.

If you would like any further information regarding events or church services please contact myself, on **07860 780127** or David Green **01296 668648**.

**David Green**



**Did you know that your local churches in Ivinghoe, Slapton and Marsworth run a Food Bank?**



**Do you know of anyone who is in need of food?  
Are you short of food yourself or need someone to shop for you?**

**Please contact Sandra on 01296 668648 or Babs on 07860 780127**

**All calls will be dealt with confidentially and we will arrange for a box of food to be left on the doorstep.**

## IVINGHOE HANDBELL RINGERS

There is a set of hand bells belonging to St. Mary's Church Ivinghoe and there has been an evolving group of hand bell ringers in the village since the 1950s. At present we cannot meet but are hoping to restart in 2021. Until March 2020 we had two groups who met on either Monday afternoon 2-4pm or evening 7.30-9.30pm. We play for various events and organisations in the villages or in local care homes.

However we have to wait until 6 people can meet together indoors to start practising. If you would like to join the group when it restarts, you need a good sense of rhythm but do not need to be able to read music. We are a friendly group and it is a lot of fun."

Ring **01296 668336**



### Ivinghoe & Pitstone Chapel Fellowship

Sunday Services are held on the **third Sunday** of each month, at 12 Church Rd unless otherwise specified, and start at 10.30 a.m. followed by refreshments

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Come and enjoy a family film on the **first Thursday** of each month.

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As part of St Mary's 800+ celebrations, the Beacon Community choir's popular open air mini-festival is returning to Ivinghoe Lawn. Bring a picnic and relax to an afternoon of music provided by the choir, and local musicians. Enjoy a feast of music from Folk to Jazz, solo artists to bands and everything in-between, plus a few surprises.....



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# Update on Tring School

## New Build – March 2021

What an incredibly active three months it's been on the Tring School site!! The last time we wrote an article the foundations for the building had just finished and we were waiting for the first steel sections to arrive. Three months on and the steel framework is now virtually complete. In addition to this most of the roof is in place, the stairwells installed, over half of the cement cladding for the walls has been attached and many of the window frames in place. The construction is moving incredibly quickly and it remains on schedule for us to move in at the beginning of January 2022.

If you'd like to see some photographs from the last three months together with some very impressive drone footage please do visit the new build pages on the school website (<https://www.tring.herts.sch.uk/358/new-build>).

During this we have had to keep the school operational, of course, and dealing with Covid in the best ways that we could. On Monday 8th March we

were delighted to welcome back all our students. This was a very challenging week and a half as we had to test all the students three times within 11 days. This was a mammoth effort but all the staff involved as well as the students themselves were absolutely brilliant. Since then the school has already settled back into a purposeful rhythm and I think the students are delighted to be back and enjoying their learning.


The next few months of the construction process will see the walls and window installation completed and the roof go on the sports hall. On the exterior bricklaying commences whilst inside B+K will be working on the "first fix". The rate of progress is so exciting and even awe inspiring to see and we can't wait to watch the developments over the spring and then the summer.

**Rod Gibberd** April 2021

*Tring School Photographs – opposite page*







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 Email: [beckylonghurst@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beckylonghurst@hotmail.co.uk)

**To join us,** please visit our website at **Girlguiding.org.uk**



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 Tuesday 6-7pm with Jakki as Windmill Coloney leader

**1st Ivinghoe and Pitstone Cubs (8-10 year olds)**  
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 Thursday 6:30-8pm (Rob) Shere Khan as Watermill Pack leader

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**For any enquiries or to join the waiting list please contact us**  
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 or 07768 980311

We are also raising money to rebuild the village a purpose built scout hut and are selling bricks to supporters for £10 each. Please email the above address for details.

# Ivinghoe Allotments

## Tales from the Plot



I hope that all is well with you and that you have kept safe and healthy. There is now a definite light at the end of the tunnel after some very uncertain times and we can now look to the future – and with Spring here, longer evenings and hopefully plenty of sunshine to come. Of course, we all still need to be very careful.

The vegetable year starts with gusto this month with plot holders and gardeners alike itching to put plants in the ground but do hold back if the ground is still wet and cold and also be aware that lovely sunny days don't necessarily mean warm nights – the temperature can plummet and cause severe, widespread frosts. I started some peas off in the greenhouse and recently put them on my plot but I have covered them with strong fleece to keep the frost at bay. I did the same with shallots I planted in mid-March.

My first early potatoes, Pentland Javelin, went into the ground the day the clocks went forward but there is no need to cover the ground with fleece as they are about eight inches under the soil and would need a Siberian winter to have any effect on them!

Broad beans, leeks, onions and peas can all be sown this month and I prefer to start them all off in a cold greenhouse – it gives them all a good start and I harden them off before eventual planting on the plot.

While it has been relatively quiet on the plot, I have been busy with

maintenance like many of my fellow plotholders. I have been busy in the shed and greenhouse sowing varieties of peas, spinach, beetroot, lettuce, tomatoes, leeks, sweetcorn, onions and broad beans all since January and they are all coming along nicely and will soon be transplanted to the allotment.

Maintenance is a key part of allotmenting and Russell and Rachel have worked hard and transformed their plot – it is now surrounded by a wonderful hazel hurdle fence and is very impressive – a good old country style fence which has been admired by many of us and even some that have no connection to the allotment site.

Another plotholder, Simone Le Boff, has transformed her plots with raised beds, a new greenhouse and lots of wonderful colour – it is so well organised. I did mention to her that with all the coloured bins outside her shed it reminded me of **'Open All Hours'** and Mr Arkwright!

It is really great that we have a number of younger plotholders (under 70 years) on the site – they are far more adventurous with what they grow and have plenty of new ideas and a great outlook on life in general. Considering what we have all been through it is great to see colourful sheds, pots and bins popping up – it certainly brightens up a dull wintery day.

We are hopeful that we will be able to arrange a plant exchange and barbecue in the next two months depending on the

COVID-19 restrictions so please keep an eye out for further info on this.

Finally, this is my last article for the Ivinghoe Beacon as I have decided that after contributing for several years it was time for a change and I would like to thank Bridget Knight for her timely reminders and, also to Michelle Cusick for making sense of my ramblings before

sending it to Bridget. I am pleased to say that Simone Le Boff has very kindly offered to take up the baton and carry on in my place – I wish her every success and look forward to reading her articles.

**Mind how you go...**

**Ernie – Ivinghoe Plot Holder**





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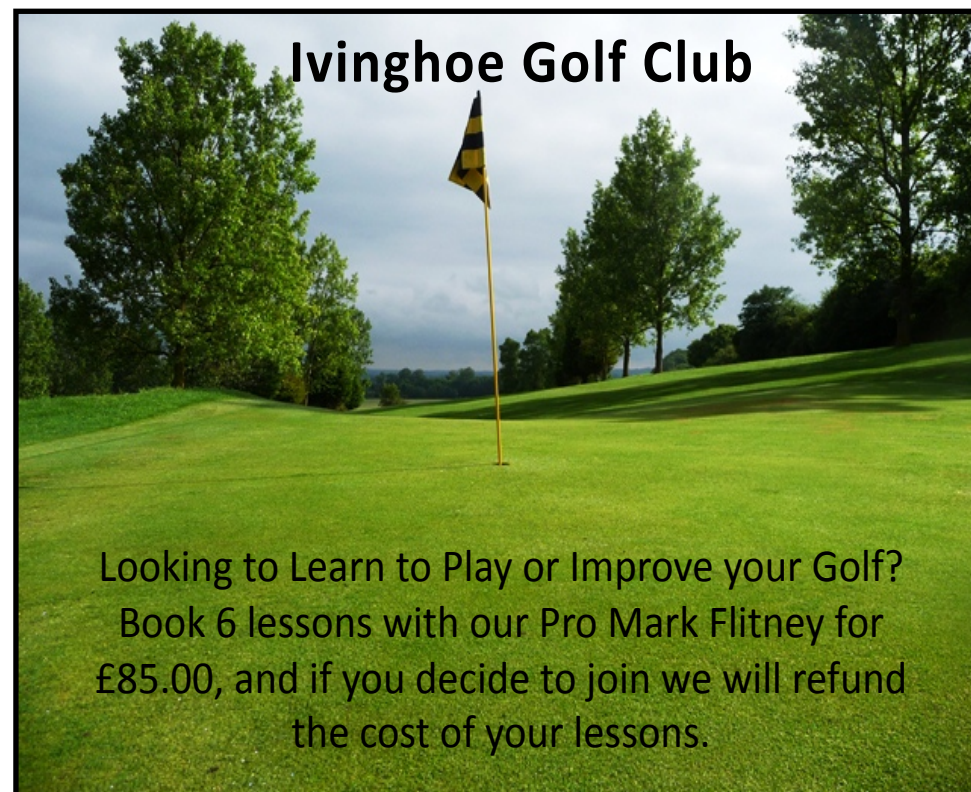
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# Ashridge Ramblings – The forty-nine steps

No, not a sequel to the famous John Buchan novel, but a mammoth effort by the Ashridge team to prevent further erosion of the footpath leading from the sharp bend in Beacon Road towards Duncombe Terrace and thence the Visitor Centre. The very wet winter led to the path getting wider and wider as walkers tried to avoid a mud bath and gain traction.

## Sign Here

The Trust has a statutory duty to look after the wildlife and archaeology throughout Ashridge, and an obligation under its charter to cater for the needs of visitors. Reconciling these sometimes-conflicting requirements can be a tricky management issue, as exemplified by the above example. In this light, it seems worth reviewing the meaning and purpose of some of the signage on the estate.

**Public footpath.** These can only be used by pedestrians. They are often unsuitable for cyclists and horses because of their narrowness or steepness, which would cause danger to pedestrians, or they support wildlife that is particularly sensitive to the extra compaction caused by tyres. On public footpaths, pedestrians should be able to expect to enjoy a walk without encountering cyclists or horses.

**Definitive public bridleway.** There are over 30 miles of these throughout the estate, and they can be used by pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists.

By law, cyclists must give way to pedestrians and horses on public bridleways.

**Chilterns Cycleway.** Duncombe Terrace is part of the Chilterns Cycleway, even though it is not a public bridleway. Cyclists may also use Thunderdell Drive.

**Permitted bridleway.** These can be used by pedestrians, and by horse riders who have a permit. They provide a rare opportunity for riders with young and nervous horses to ride in places where they will not encounter bikes.

**No cycling, No horses.** In one sense, these signs are superfluous, as cyclists and horse riders may only use the blue-marked public bridleways and the Chilterns Cycleway, but they provide a useful reminder in tempting spots!

**Field margins.** These provide refuges for wild flowers, which attract insects that help to control crop pests. If they are not marked as rights of way, they should not be used.

If you don't know Ashridge well (or even if you do!) there are four colour-coded circular trails of different lengths which you can follow, starting from the Visitor Centre. There are also some circular walks described on the website: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge-estate/lists/self-led-walks-at-ashridge>. Enjoy!

## Rikki Harrington

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# Councillor News from Anne Wight



**Anne Wight**

Buckinghamshire Councillor,  
Ivinghoe Division

One of the primary aims of Buckinghamshire's 16 community boards is to listen to local people and take action on the matters that concern them most.

That is exactly what the Wing and Ivinghoe Board has been doing as they reviewed the projects and initiatives they have helped support in the past six months.

At the board meeting members reviewed the projects they have agreed funding towards and approved two more. Applications for funding are welcome from any group or organisation within the local area of a community board but are most likely to be successful if they link to one of the areas the board has a particular focus on. Working groups reflect the topics that local people have raised as areas they would like a greater focus to be given.

The Wing and Ivinghoe board currently has four areas that it is particularly focused on this year and working groups have been set up to address each one:

- Environment
- Covid-19 recovery
- Health and wellbeing
- Transport

We still have substantial budget left for project funding this year, so if you'd like to join the working groups looking at how this money is best spent, do get in touch.

At the meeting board members and residents could see where the funding agreed so far has been used including new traffic calming measures, improvements to children's play areas and crisis funding to local groups providing support to local people during the pandemic. The board also acknowledged that parishes and residents from different areas of the locality are working together in a much more collaborative way.

Members also agreed funding for Whitchurch Wildlife Community Group to purchase basic gardening and outdoor equipment to carry out work in the village to improve the surrounding environment of both residents and wildlife. The group hopes the project will have multiple benefits from improving and maintaining natural habitats to supporting the health and wellbeing of residents, enabling people to come together in a productive and sociable way.

There are lots of different ways to get involved and several subcommittees are up and running, so why not join one and join in the conversation on topics of interest to you? Everyone is welcome

at the meetings and can join in the Facebook groups by contacting us via the email address below.

To find out more about the Wing and Ivinghoe working groups email: [wingandivinghoe@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:wingandivinghoe@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

You can keep up to date with all the latest news from the board on visit the **Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board Facebook page**.

If you would like to find out more about your local Community Board and

get involved, contact us at [localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

For more information please see our Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board webpage: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/wing-ivinghoe-community-board/>

**Anne Wight**





# Your local Councillors:

This page will be updated after the May elections

## Cllr Karen Groom

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