

Leigh on Mendip - YOUR VILLAGE

This is the 2017 annual newsletter from the Parish Council. This year we want to let you know all the ways YOU can help our village.

Community Open Space We have the opportunity to get funding to purchase an area of Open Space for the parish. We are therefore looking for a landowner who is willing to sell a convenient area of up to 2 acres and for ideas of how we could use this Open Space for the benefit of the community (e.g. allotments, communal garden area, etc.).

Parish Councillor Vacancies Despite advertising we have been unsuccessful in filling our two vacancies for the past year. This has already resulted in the cancellation of a meeting due to the lack of a quorum. The Parish Council is non-political, making sure we get the best from public services, providing improvements outside of existing organisations and acting as the "voice of Leigh on Mendip". We would welcome interest from anyone, whether you have previous experience as a Parish Councillor or new to the village with fresh ideas. More details are on the website.

Be a "Village Ranger" When moving around our village you will have noticed, from time to time, the need for some minor maintenance and other matters that need attention. Recent funding restrictions mean that help in attending to some of these works is not as readily available as it used to be. At present, many small jobs around the Parish are being taken care of by a very small number of volunteers, but we need more help to ensure that the village is always at its best in appearance and function. Some examples are:-

- Maintain village name stones area (3)
- Trim back foliage over pavements
- Remove out of date advertising notices
- Keep traffic signs clear of foliage
- Adopt a Footpath
- Keep drains and grips clear
- Check salt bins
- Tidy telephone (notices) box
- Paint telephone box
- Help maintain the signposts

If you care about our village and would like to ensure that the variety of little jobs that arise are dealt with promptly, then please volunteer to be a Parish Ranger. It would occasionally involve giving an hour or so of your time every few months on a voluntary basis. Even 2 or 3 hours a year would be welcomed by the community. The Parish Council will arrange insurance and provide tools and safety equipment as required.

To volunteer please contact David Sparkes at Greenshutters by email (dmsparkes@gmail.com) or phone 01373 813476.

Report Problems When You See Them Most issues can now be reported directly by the public e.g. www.fixmystreet.com (potholes, street lights, fly-tipping) or by speaking directly to those present (drivers, foreman etc.). Contacts can also be found on the village website (Services or Links) and the Parish Councillors will advise if you are not sure.

Parish Achievements

- Two Defibrillators (Memorial Hall & Rec Field) installed and two free First Aid/CPR/Defibrillator training sessions held.
- Land to provide for a future cemetery purchased.
- Pump Track recently completed - thanks to the Rec Field Committee.
- Work started to repair our Grade 1 listed church and preparations for the "Tower Room" community space - thanks to the Friends of Leigh Church and the Parochial Church Council.

The Parish Council provided grant assistance to all of the above along with other contributions to the Hall, School, Playgroup, Rec Field, FOLC and PCC.

Village Website & Facebook - both are exclusive to Leigh on Mendip to stay in touch and communicate your events, lost/ found, sales/wants and information/contacts. Leigh on Mendip Facebook now has 149 members.

It's a great village to live in - let us all keep it that way and enjoy being part of it.

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Please come to the **Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 15th May** at the Memorial Hall from 8pm. Refreshments will be served beforehand. It's your chance to hear reports and ask questions.