

Leigh on Mendip - YOUR VILLAGE

This is the 2018 annual newsletter from the Parish Council. A special welcome to everyone who has recently moved into the village. Please join in with the village activities. A "Welcome booklet" has been distributed (and is available on the village website) to provide useful information on activities and contacts. There are lots of opportunities to help either in a team or individually (like picking up litter on your walk!). The village Summer Fair is on 16th June and extra help is always appreciated.

Community Open Space Following the public consultation, good progress has been made in securing the funding from Mendip District Council (MDC) and securing land to create allotments for the village.

MDC have agreed to our application in principal and are working up the financial agreement. We are currently negotiating with the land owner of land adjacent to the recreation field. So watch this space!

Village Rangers Last year, an appeal for volunteers led to the formation of a small, enthusiastic band of Village Rangers who have since been undertaking some of the care and maintenance work around the Parish.

Traffic signs, name stones and pavements have been cleared of foliage and debris; grit bins checked; out-of-date advertising notices removed and litter picked up.

In particular, many of our heritage finger signposts have been cleaned and expertly re-painted by Chris Ingrem, to whom we express special thanks. More volunteers are welcome - so if you wish to join this happy band of "LoMe Rangers" then contact David Sparkes at Green Shutters, by email (dmsparkes@gmail.com) or phone 01373 803476.

Quarry Last September, Tarmac held an exhibition and consultation event in the village hall to set out the plans for further development of Halecombe Quarry. Planning approval is taking longer than anticipated and is expected to be granted later this year. In the meantime, the Halecombe team continue to support our school and events, including this year's Summer Fair.

Strict rules designed to prevent heavy lorries passing through the village are being enforced by Tarmac. If you see any quarry lorries in Leigh Street, notify Halecombe Quarry management without delay. Tel: 01373 812800.

Footpaths The group of volunteer footpath minders continue to ensure our extensive network of footpaths remain clear and accessible. This year, fallen trees across paths have been a particular problem. Although these and other matters have been reported promptly to SCC for action, clearance has taken longer than expected. Most of the footpaths are now supervised but anyone who wishes to adopt a path should contact David Sparkes.

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.

Remember - Defibrillators are at the Memorial Hall & the Rec Field clubhouse. To complement this life saving equipment, First Aid courses have been held which are free to all parishioners. Be ready to save a life!

Planning Leigh on Mendip, in terms of planning purposes, is an isolated settlement where all development is strictly controlled. Nevertheless, the Parish Council has been consulted by Mendip District Council on a number of planning applications during the year. As well as ensuring that all development is appropriate in respect of a wide range of issues, we are keen to ensure that the design of new development that is permitted follows the Leigh on Mendip Village Design Statement which was adopted some years ago and is still a valuable policy document. It sets out the special character and context of the village in terms of matters such as landscape, layout, materials and building form. The Village Design Statement is available on the village website and is a great starting point if you are considering work to your home or property in the village.

Leigh on Mendip 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 236 members. For those not in cyberspace there are the old telephone box (which anyone can use) and the two Parish Council Noticeboards.

This year the Parish Council precept has provided grant assistance to support the Hall, School, Playgroup, Rec Field and Parochial Church Council.

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 21st May** at the Memorial Hall from 8pm. Refreshments will be served beforehand. It's your chance to hear reports and ask questions.