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A Resolution for Nature

If you are lucky enough to have a garden there is one simple thing you can do for nature in 2022 and that is to make sure it is hedgehog friendly!

In the 1950s there were an estimated 30 million hedgehogs in the UK and now that number is probably less than 1 million. It is classified as 'vulnerable to extinction' on Great Britain's red list for mammals but their needs are simple – something to eat and somewhere to sleep.

They need to be able to get from one garden to another so make a hedgehog sized space at the bottom of fences.

A shallow dish of water is most important and it is easy to create a feeding station. Of course, there is plenty of information online, for example www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

So, let's hear it for hedgehogs in 2022, it's wonderful how these little garden visitors can lift the spirits!



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - MEETING – 14TH DECEMBER 2021

SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO THE CLERK

After some discussion, the Council voted (due to the ongoing Covid situation) to have the option to delegate authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to take any actions necessary with associated expenditure to protect the interests of the community and ensure council business continuity, informed by consultation with the members of the council (by Zoom, email, phone, or other remote means where necessary). The scheme would be enacted by the Chairman and Clerk and would be reviewed on a monthly basis if so enacted, and would not extend beyond May 2022. The Council noted that under current rules, members would still need to physically meet in January to approve the precept and budget for 2022/23.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman asked that consideration be given to including an amount in the annual budget to support activities and community engagement at Siddington School. The Clerk would prepare a proposed budget and circulate to members for comment before finalising a version for approval at January's meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS COSTS

Cllr Every (CDC) reported that discussion of the proposal to charge parish and town councils for the cost of elections had been deferred until the CDC Cabinet meeting in January. This was to allow time for consultation with town and parish councils. The Clerk would attend an online consultation on 16th December. The Council agreed to budget an amount each year to cover the £1,900 cost of four-yearly elections (where the cost would be shared with CDC elections) and to draw on unallocated reserves in the extremely unlikely event that a by-election was required.

HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

Safe walking/cycling access to Deer Park and Kingshill Schools:

- Cllr Spivey was looking into this with Stagecoach.

- Council noted that there had been an accident involving two vehicles opposite Church Avenue the previous Saturday.
- Council agreed that it would be sympathetic to a campaign for a solution.
- Cllr Turner asked what cycle route provision was being made across Spratsgate Lane for access to the new estate and Deer Park School.
Cllr Evemy (CDC) would look into this.

PLANNING

Planning applications at Cotswold District Council to 9th December 2021

- **20/01221/FUL**

Two storey extensions to enlarge dwelling and provide an annexe at Tudmoor Cottage, Siddington, GL7 6DA
NEW DETAILS - NO OBJECTION

- **21/02544/FUL**

Proposed dwelling at Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU
ADDITIONAL DETAILS - NO COMMENT

- **21/03596/FUL & 21/03597/LBC**

Internal remodelling of utility room and erection of a single storey extension for plant room. Skylights to be inserted over the utility room, and dressing from on ground and first floors. Expansion of patio area and addition of accessible ramp. Alterations to garden, including creation of drystone wall to define and greenhouse, pond and associated pathways to connect new elements. Placement of new concrete slab and ASHP unit, to serve barn. Change of Land Use from stables to office and living annex at Nashes Barn, The Coach Road, Siddington, GL7 6HL. ADDITIONAL DETAILS
NO OBJECTION

- **21/03859/FUL**

Erection of single storey rear extension at Elleberta, Siddington Road, Siddington, GL71PE. NO OBJECTION

- **21/04200/FUL**

Removal of condition 9 (ecology assessment) re 20/04499/FUL to allow for connection works under permitted development at

land at grid reference 403536 198745, Ashton Road, Siddington.
- NO OBJECTION

- **21/04313/TPO**

Tree work to rear of 12 Fraziers Folly. - NO OBJECTION

- **21/04411/LBC**

Retiling a single roof slope above the East Elevation and external works to replace a UPVC soil stack in heritage cast iron, realigning a cast iron gutter, lead work. fitting new rooflights and re-pointing at Church Farmhouse, Church Avenue, Siddington, GL7 6EZ. - NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 9th December 2021

- **21/03812/FUL**

Single-storey rear extension at 14 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES. Application permitted.

- **21/02543/FUL**

2 no. dwellings and garages at Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU. Application refused.

- **21/025/FUL**

Proposed 4 no. dwellings and garages at Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU. Application refused.

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents and their families a Very Happy New Year

Full draft minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the council website. The agenda and Covid requirements for attendance at meetings will be published on the website and on the notice board outside the post office in due course. The Parish Council will meet next at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th January 2022 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk

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Five things to do in the garden in January



- 1 Put out regular high energy foods, such as fat balls, seeds and nuts for the birds, these foods will help our feathered friends to survive when their natural food source becomes scarce.
- 2 Clean tools, brush off loose dirt with a stiff brush. Wash and dry carefully, buffing with an oiled cloth will give a protective layer.
- 3 "Chitting" early potatoes from late January gives crops a head start. Placing seed potatoes blunt end up in a tray in good light allows them to develop shoots, ready to plant out from February to April.
- 4 Prune fruit trees, roses and deciduous climbers such as clematis and wisteria. Apple and pear trees can be pruned any time from November to end of February. Having cut back the whippy shoots of the wisteria to 5 or 6 leaves in summer those same shoots can now be cut back to 2 or 3 buds.
- 5 Remove the leaves from clumps of hellebores, taking off last years foliage makes the whole plant neater and the blooms easier to admire.

PS: How about doing some citizen science and taking part in **The Big Garden Birdwatch** during the weekend 28th – 30th January. For all the details go to <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>



Siddington C of E Primary School



'To have fun, do our very best and look after everyone in a caring Christian community'

Despite the restrictions we have managed to hold our online Nativity and our Christingle Service at St Peters Church. The children have enjoyed a Christmas themed Science Day and a Christmas themed maths day. Who knew that designing a pulley to help Santa up the chimney could be so much fun?

The children had their Christmas dinner and parties, and we had a special visitor arrive on his sleigh to give the children their presents.

Our Eagles class went on a school trip to Bristol, travelling by train and ferry. They visited the SS Great Britain and saw the Clifton Suspension bridge, all to support their learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel. The whole school went to the Everyman theatre pantomime and had a fantastic time.

Although it was a shame that the school choir couldn't perform at the Village Hall 100 years celebrations, cancelled because of covid, we were able to record a performance for the parents and the choir performed at our Nativity service. The whole school completed an art project entitled 'Siddington through the ages' where the children used old photographs of Siddington village and an embroidery from the 1800s as a stimulus for their work.

Happy New Year from us all!

Mrs Cook – Headteacher

Village News Editors

Have you ever considered becoming an editor? It is a great way to contribute to your local community and your turn comes around just once a year!

You need basic word-processing skills but there would always be plenty of offers of help and support from regular editors if needed..

If you are interested please contact Georgie Hayward –
georgie@uppersidd.co.uk

Would you like some help with your garden?

I offer a wide range of gardening and outside maintenance services.
Regular and one-off jobs undertaken.

Contact Simon Ponting 07541359526
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Christmas Tree Shredding

Real Christmas trees can be taken to Dobbies after Christmas Day for recycling up until 17th January 2021. If you subscribe to the garden waste collection service you will be able to cut it up and put it into your green bin. Once collected they are recycled into a soil conditioner for agricultural land. If it ends up in landfill it has a negative environmental impact because of the methane released during decomposition.

Next month's editor

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Deadline for next month's Village News: 15th January

News From St Peter's Church

Services at St Peter's in January

16th January 11.15am Holy Communion

23rd January 11.15am Morning Praise St Peter

Church spire illumination is only £5 per evening to sponsor, in memory of a loved one, anniversary, birthday or just for yourself. Contact Michael Painter m: 07977 409260
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