



NUTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Dear residents of Nutfield Parish

Welcome to our second **Nutfield Parish Council (NPC) Newsletter** produced after the resounding success of newsletter number 1. We thought it would be nice to reach out to every household and say a very big, warm 'hello' and update you all on a few matters of council business over the last year.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, and hopefully you will have a better understanding of your parish council after reading it through.

Stephen & Nicky

Nutfield Green Park

After many months of speculation, plans to build an Activity Park – with 239 houses, 100 extra care flats, a 70-bedroom rehabilitation centre, and other amenities on the former Laporte Works in Nutfield, were submitted to Tandridge District Council (TDC) in June 2021.

NPC held a public meeting with developers, parishioners and a local planning officer. The meeting was well attended and left the developers in no doubt about the local feeling.

The Planning officer recommended refusal, and, the decision was referred to TDC Planning Committee —It was here that the planning application was refused on 12 grounds, including, but not limited to: inappropriate and unsustainable form of development for the surrounding area, which would cause harm to the character of the landscape – and a marked increase in traffic resulting in more disturbance to residential amenities. Further details can be found on the TDC planning portal under application number 2021/1040.

Thank you to those who attended the meetings and submitted the 100s of comments to TDC.



The Surrey Hills Area of Natural Beauty (AONB)

The Surrey Hills Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) is an iconic and beautiful landscape, encompassing rare habitats, from chalk grassland to ancient woodland. Last year Natural England completed a formal review of the boundaries and urged people to contribute to their decision making process at the 'call for evidence' stage.

We responded to this including these areas - Wetland sites on Nutfield Marsh, Hamlet of Nutfield Marsh, Nutfield Village, Recreation Ground, Former Laporte site, Cemetery/Burial Ground and South Nutfield. We will keep you posted of next steps.



Jubilee Wood

As part of Nutfield's celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Parish Council have undertaken to contribute to her Majesty's challenge to develop a Green Canopy across the nation. Using one of the Jubilee Fields (bought and named in recognition of the Diamond Jubilee) over 900 young trees and larger specimen trees have been planted by the community, in two sessions. The first, during COVID and the second as a more participative day recently. Both days were wet, muddy and tiring but completed with unstinting enthusiasm.

We can be assured, however, that our descendants will look back in gratitude for the work of the Nutfield Tree Wardens, the cubs and scouts and many members of the community in planting, nurturing and maintaining the plantation into the future just as we are grateful for the life and service of her Majesty.

Jubilee Wood will form part of an ongoing development of the environment within the Parish by the Parish Council in collaboration with the community, more of which will be bought forward in the coming months and years. We have a fabulous environment in Nutfield that can be improved upon and protected by your support and participation. Go out and enjoy it!

CCTV

After a survey questioning whether CCTV should be installed in the village showed 99.8% in favour, we arranged for a consultant to draw up a CCTV parish scheme. The result is 4 cameras currently in operation with a further 6 cameras planned. We met delays to the scheme when dealing with Surrey CC licencing, but we have now advanced to obtaining quotes to install the last cameras and hope to conclude the scheme by the end of 2022. The system, when fully installed will provide a ring of consisting 'scene' and 'ANPR' cameras around the Parish. We have already provided evidence to the Police on several occasions. The system is designed so that expansion is possible with minimum outlay.

Village Bonfire Event 2021

The decision to move the event to the Jubilee Fields was not taken lightly by NPC and we undertook an environmental and nature impact study. The night was an amazing success with some 2500 people attending a wonderful evening of family fun.

It raised the incredible sum of £18,000 which has been distributed between the village groups involved. By using NPC event insurance we saved the event £1200 in costs. A thorough clean up was undertaken the following day, recycling everything possible and the only sign in the field was a small charred patch. We are already busy planning this years event!

Nutfield Marsh Pond Clearance

Early this year a fantastic group of volunteers took to clearing and providing much needed maintenance to Nutfield Marsh. Willows were cleared/coppiced from around the pond, and the logs staked near by to create habitat piles. The area between the Public House and the pond had a bit of a tidy up, and it was good to clear the material which was obscuring the drainage ditch from pond. There was nearly a large compacted skip's worth of debris to be removed. Well done to all those that helped—it was amazing work.



Let us take you on a tour of what the Parish Council own and manage...



Jubilee fields are three fields at the end of Scout Hut Lane and are the largest of the Parish Councils areas comprising of 18 acres, and are used by many walkers. One field is now a very young wood. Nutfield Cemetery is over 100 years old with traditional and woodland burial spaces allowing for something for everyone—a lovely natural spot in the parish. A great community offering are the allotments that are run and owned by the parish council. Whilst they are currently full, a small waiting list is worth sitting on to get your hands on growing some amazing fruit and vegetables. Within the District Councils Mid Street Recreation ground, the parish council own and maintain the basketball court—great for the children to get out and play. We also own and manage Nutts Corner and The Pound.

The Parish Council own over 600 trees, and some of these are in the small woodland called the Triangle which is on the point of Sandy Lane and Mid Street.

Not everyone knows that the Parish Council are the Sole Trustees of the Charles Maw Trust which was established in 1961 and this entails being responsible for the land at the Memorial Fields on the A25 — managing the playing fields, playground, car park and the small woodland at the back.

Nutfield Cemetery

Have you visited one of our biggest assets yet? The primroses and daffodils have been beautiful, and we are hoping the newly planted wildflowers will be just as stunning. The recent addition of some bug hotels will be helping the environment. Come and look for yourself— we are holding open days from 10am-1pm on the 14th May and 17th September. The rates remain generously discounted for Parish Residents. Bench plaques are available, and these can be for anybody, not just those interred in the cemetery.

A solar entry system has been installed and the opening hours are April - September (8am to 8pm) and October - March (8am to 5pm).



Redhill Aerodrome

The management reported that the aerodrome has been busy accommodating the needs of the flying schools. With the wet weather it has been necessary to use the hard taxi way but flights had been rationed to keep within the movement cap imposed by the planning consent granted by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. The number of movements allowed are 85 per day calculated on a 7 day average - A touch and go counts as 2 movements.

The aerodrome users expressed their concerns as the restrictions had been unintended and the aerodrome had been forced to stop functioning on certain days to prevent the cap being exceeded. The problem was exacerbated when flying was not possible due to bad weather. The management recognised that first winter's implementation of the movement cap had been challenging for all concerned and work needed to be done to ensure that the management of the situation was as fair as possible.

Looking and Planning Ahead...

A group of very enthusiastic villagers are organising a week of celebration events around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. So, Nutfield presents... a 'Right Royal Occasion'. These events will take place between Monday 30th May and Sunday 5th June. The proceedings are being supported by NPC. Village groups are supporting the week by way of holding talks, crafting events, church services and a whole lot more...

We are truly blessed to live in such a wonderful village with such a great community spirit. Please see the programme of events for further details and keep an eye on The Link and Nutfield Noticeboard on Facebook for up to date information. You can contact Alison Dadswell on 07703 957 351/ adadswell10@btinternet.com for more information.

