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Churt Parish Council Newsletter April 2024

Our Annual Assembly

On Wednesday 17th April a group of nearly 50 people met in the Village Hall for our Annual Assembly. The Parish Council is required to hold an Annual Assembly where I present my report for the past year and we also invite presentations from Waverley Borough Council and from Surrey County Council. Cllr David Munro and Cllr David Harmer respectively presented about their activities in the year. A copy of my report of CPC activity can be found on the CPC website at <u>www.churt.org</u>

The evening was also a great celebration of the vibrant village we live in - we heard reports from 15 village organizations from sports to gardening, from St John's church to Eddystone Housing Association and from Churt Heritage to the Fete - there really was something for everyone. The stand out fact for me was within the report we received from Churt Junior Football Club - they now have over 550 junior members - quite an achievement for a club which formed less than 20 years ago.

Scouts volunteering in Wicket Wood

Thank you to the Scouts who once again volunteered to help in Wicket Wood this week. They pulled up holly seedlings (as well as much more established holly plants) and picked up litter from Pond Lane and around the wood. The team of five Scouts, led by Roland Rutt, spent five hours supporting Cllrs Johnson and Spence and residents Jeremy Wylie and Brian Johnson in clearing the wood on a beautiful Spring Saturday. The woodland floor now has space for other species and the reduction of the holly opens up the opportunity for a natural increase in biodiversity in the wood. More information about the Council owned and managed Wicket Wood can be found on the Churt net zero website at www.churtzero.org/our-wood



New Councillor Needed

In May each year, we elect our Chair and Vice Chair for the year ahead. This May I will not be standing again; I simply cannot give the role the time I would like to whilst working full time. We have an outstanding set of Councillors and a shared ambition to really make a difference. I am excited about our plans for the year ahead and the portfolios which we have recently re-set.

If you would like to be a part of delivering those plans, please consider joining us as a new Councillor. Anyone is welcome to attend our monthly meeting, which is a great way to find out more about what we do, or speak to one of my fellow Councillors or our Parish Clerk, Dawn Barrow. If you'd like to apply to be coopted onto the Council please email Dawn at <u>parishclerk@churt.org</u>

Lisa Martin, Chair

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The next annual meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place in the pavilion on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.