



Churt Parish Council Newsletter January 2020

The councillors and clerk wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Churt Parish Vision Statement – Your chance to input

This has previously been referred to as a 5 year plan. Henceforth we shall refer to it as our "Vision Statement". The plan will focus on such things, but not limited to, the following:

Leisure, highways and transport, the young and elderly, crime and the police, housing and planning and the environment.

A first draft of the statement has been written by Dawn Barrow our clerk and Councillor Myra Johnson has already written some excellent content about environmental matters.

We are still anxious to hear from you with suggestions as to what the Parish Council should focus its efforts and priorities on over the coming years.

Any ideas or comments should be sent to churt_pc@btinternet.com or via the village web site www.churt.org

Winter preparations

We have had some wild, but mild weather recently but please do not be deceived. We are only just into winter and there is still plenty of time for cold snaps. The Met Office has published advice on preparing for winter which is contained via the following link on the village website. Please find a few minutes to study this very relevant advice.

<https://www.churt.org/post/met-office-annual-public-information-campaign>

SSEN Priority Services Register

If you have not already done so, please can I once again urge all those eligible people to join the Priority Services Register? This gives those people registered a priority service from SSEN in the event of a power cut. Please see further information on the SSEN website via the following link:

<https://www.ssen.co.uk/PriorityServices/>

It is quick and easy to sign up either via the website or on the telephone. Other utilities also offer similar schemes.

Telephone and email scams

Please beware of telephone and email scams either asking for money or offering money. Such scams have included allegations that your TV Licence has expired and to renew your direct debit, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) offering a refund etc., banks alleging that your account has been compromised. The best advice given by all agencies is "if in doubt hang up" and if in doubt about an email do not click on any links contained within it and permanently delete it.

War Memorials Restoration

Work will soon start on the restoration of the main war memorial on Redhearn Green and the memorial plaques on the piers at the entrance to the recreation ground. Both restorations are subject to 50% grants from the War Memorials Trust who have appointed The War Memorial Restoration Company to carry out the work. First however, a small trial area has to be done on the memorial plaques and photos submitted to the Trust to ensure that the correct method is being used. Fingers crossed that we shall soon have two very smart war memorials.

Churt Fete

The Parish Council has now formally given permission for the famous Churt Fete to take place on the recreation ground on Saturday 13th June 2020 commencing at 2pm. Please make a note of the date in your diaries.

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place on Weds 19th February 2020 in the pavilion at 7.30pm