



Bricklehampton • Elmley Castle
Kersoe • Netherton

UPDATE & NEWS

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

Halloween Fun Family Party

4PM - LATE



Kids' Funfair Rides & Games
Pumpkin Carving Competition
Face Painting
Halloween Fancy Dress Prizes
Hog Roast & Barbecue
Bar, Prosecco Tent & Mulled Wine
Firework Display at 7pm
Halloween Cocktails & Disco Until Late

ELMLEY CASTLE PLAYING FIELD



2 FOR 1 COCKTAILS

AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH INN
WITH THIS VOUCHER



SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of Update & News from your Parish Council detailing activities in Bricklehampton, Elmley Castle, Kersoe and Netherton.



We really hope you enjoyed reading our July/August edition, we received some very positive feedback from many local residents. It's hard to believe that it's already two months later, but the giveaway is that the nights are starting to draw in and Autumn is just around the corner. As the evenings become darker and the weather turns colder, we ask that you keep an eye out for the elderly and vulnerable in our community, let's make sure we're all as safe and secure as we can be.

After our first edition of Update & News, we received a few questions about the Parish Council. We have therefore included a Q&A section later in this edition. If you have any questions that you would like included in future editions, please let our clerk know. Contact details are on the back cover.

A lot has been happening in all our villages over the summer and there is much more planned for the months ahead.



Village Appearance & Maintenance

We are fortunate to live in one of the loveliest areas of England and are keen to maintain and enhance the appearance of our villages.

Over the summer we have been hard at work maintaining the infrastructure and appearance of our villages.

With the help of neighbour volunteers, we have cleared the stream in main street, a vital part of the village drainage.

We are keen to encourage wild flowers in our roadside verges, both to improve the way they look and to provide much needed habitats for bees and other pollinators. We have selected a few test locations across the villages and have secured the necessary planting licence from the Highways Department. After taking advice from the Wildlife Sites Project Officer at Wychavon we now know what to plant and where, more details will be available when we start planting in the Autumn.

Some residents have shared their concerns about the state of the surface of roads, signs and footpaths across the villages. In response, we've formally reported them to the County Council and continue to keep pressure on them to resolve the

outstanding issues. The current status of each report is shown on the opposite page.

We need to resolve the long term leak at the junction with Mill Lane. Severn Trent have investigated, but a lack of chemicals in the water suggests it is coming from a natural watercourse. We've asked Highways to investigate further.

Major projects including Main Street resurfacing and a footpath repair plan have been discussed with County Cllr Hardman. He is proposing action next Financial year as long as funding can be secured.

A number of issues have also been raised with Rooftop Housing and the following actions have been agreed:

- Cornmill parking area to be resurfaced (date TBA).
- Overgrown brambles etc in Cornmill will be cut back.
- The derelict and overgrown condition of garages at rear of Cornmill will be addressed.
- Old furniture and rubbish dumped in a garden at Besscap will be removed.



Date	Ref	Location	Issue	County Council Highways Response (abbreviated)	Status
25/6/19	718267	Bricklehampton	Barriers in lay-by	Not a safety issue. Might be removed.	Ongoing
21/6/19	718294	New Road	Signposts - spelling error & poor condition	Referred to Planned Works Team for their priority works programme.	Ongoing
21/6/19	718261	Elmley to Ashton	Sign falling over	Four week resolve order raised.	Completed
21/6/19	716968	Main Street outside the Queens	Potholes - damage from HGV turning	Identified and passed to our contractor for repair.	Completed but not satisfactory
20/6/19	716964	Netherton Lane to Haselor Lane	Right hand bend sign obstructed, falling over	Sign moved, vegetation cut back.	Completed but not satisfactory
20/6/19	716959	Hill Lane	30mph hidden in hedge	For the lengthsman to attend, possibly after nesting season.	Ongoing
20/6/19	716947	Netherton Lane	Signpost falling over	Sign corrected. Will also be monitored is annual late summer survey.	Completed - falling over again
18/6/19	716949	Elmley Castle	Directional signage discoloured	Referred to Planned Works Team for their priority works programme.	Ongoing
18/6/19	716948	New Road	Directional signage discoloured	Referred to Planned Works Team for their priority works programme.	Ongoing
16/6/19	716044	Netherton Lane	30mph hidden in hedge	For the lengthsman to attend, possibly after nesting season.	Ongoing
26/6/19	703895	Main Street	Dislodged kerb stones	Inspected 24/06/19 . No safety issues found; will be monitored.	Ongoing
18/7/19	731039	Bricklehampton	Foot path sign	Details recorded as PR-20-31513	Ongoing
1/8/19	739436	Elmley Castle	Drainage / water	Jct Mill Lane surface Water	Ongoing
31/7/19	738724	Elmley Castle	Kerb cobbles	Broken away	Ongoing
7/8/19	742323	Mill Lane	Overgrown shrubbery	Four week resolve order raised.	Ongoing
21/8/19	748970	1 Besscap	Overgrown shrubbery	Inspected. No safety issues.	Completed

◀ Photos on opposite page

Top: new wildflower sites are being established this autumn.

Centre: footpaths, including this one opposite the school, have been discussed with Cllr Hardman who is proposing action.

Bottom: natural watercourse leak at junction with Mill Lane.



Parking and garages at Cornmill. ▶

A familiar sight in Elmley Castle is the stone “cross” at the junction of Main Street and Netherton Lane. Unfortunately, its condition appears to have deteriorated over recent years and the lean has increased. It was listed in 1951 as a ‘scheduled monument’ by Historic England. We have requested the views of a structural engineer and of Historic England on how best to protect the monument.

Two years ago, David Phillips, the Chairman of the Friends of Elmley Castle Church, was asked for his views on the cross. Here are his findings:

‘When I first inspected the cross, you could still discern a date gouged on the front of the shaft, not expertly, but it seemed to be in the 1660s. It was possibly a result of the restoration when Worcestershire proclaimed itself as the ‘Loyal County’. It is mainly in this county that some of the villages moved their spring celebration from May 1st to May 29th, the new King’s birthday. To this day we still observe dancing round the maypole on the Friday nearest that date. The date on the cross is still visible but difficult to determine.’

‘In fact, the cross is much earlier than that. It has been suggested it was a market cross and of course Elmley Castle was granted the privilege of holding a market in the thirteenth century. I have also seen it claimed that the cross was dated 1148, although the evidence for this was not given (maybe it was from an



alternative reading of the date on the front of the shaft.)’

‘However, this ignores the most unusual feature of the cross. It appears to be carved from a single piece of stone. The vast majority of similar crosses are constructed from two pieces of stone. A slab for a base and a pillar which is inserted into a hole carved in the slab. Why is our cross different? It has been suggested that this was originally a bronze age or even late stone age standing stone. Very often such stones were used as village calendars. Used with a distant marker it could determine either the summer or winter solstice. It has been suggested that from there, one could observe the sun going below the horizon at Titterstone Clee Hill, 53 kilometres away, at the summer

solstice. That ignores the rise at Besscap which interferes with the view. There have been suggestions as to how this was accomplished, but a crucial fact would be to know how far down the base of the cross goes. If it goes down in excess of a metre, it would support the idea that it started off as a standing stone.’

**Working Group Lead – Cllr
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Crime Prevention, Community & Road Safety

We will stay 'Safer Together' if we are all involved in remaining vigilant, sharing valuable information and caring for our community.



Community Engagement Day & SmartWater

We had a wonderful community engagement day back in July. It was lovely to see so many people there, despite the weather, meeting the emergency services, our neighbourhood watch team, Age UK and our first responders. A huge thank you to all those involved and those who came to support the event. We also had an incredible number of people collecting their free SmartWater packs and we can now confirm that we've achieved the 70% registration needed for our free village signage.

The day combined a serious side, creating a safer and more secure environment for us all, with some family fun opportunities. Very popular with the younger generation was the fire engine and the odd burst of siren. The ambulance too, with the blue lights flashing, proved interesting for both young and old! As well as things to entertain and educate the children, Age UK were there to offer advice on benefits and support.

The talk on SmartWater by the 'We Don't Buy Crime' team was

a fascinating insight into how important crime prevention is, and it was a great opportunity to discuss rural crime with our local 'Safer Neighbourhood Team'. There were also CPR and defibrillator demonstrations from the local First Responders.

The day accelerated interest in the Community Watch initiative from our own Neighbourhood Watch team. Clusters of households are now being created across our villages, ensuring we all communicate and look out for each other in the most effective way. For the SmartWater scheme to





be as effective as possible, the stickers should be prominently displayed and valuables marked with the solution. In line with police advice, village signage will be placed subtly, showing criminals that they should move on.

'We Don't Buy Crime', the initiative behind SmartWater, aims to reduce the illicit trade in stolen goods and make the legitimate trading of second-hand property a safer environment for all involved.

They have created the UK's first second-hand goods traders database, where every trader adopts best practice and commits to work with local police to tackle crime.

The former Elmley Castle telephone box now houses a community defibrillator. To bring attention to this, we have replaced the 'telephone' signs with 'defibrillator' ones.



▲ Elmley Castle 'defibrillator box'

Anti-Social Behaviour in Bricklehampton

During summer, a number incidents took place in Bricklehampton and were reported to the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The incidents included damage to the noticeboard and phone box plus numerous trespass reports and minor pranks. Some believed that teenagers living at The Riddings in Bricklehampton, a children's home run by the County Council, might be involved. We met staff there to find out more.

Background:

- The Riddings has a maximum of four children in residence plus three full time staff, 24/7.
- The age range is 11 to 18, it is a mixed sex unit and each child is expected to stay for between 6 and 18 months.

Are the children allowed to roam freely at night?

Managers are not allowed to lock the doors, but all doors and windows are alarmed. Those wishing to leave after 10pm can do so with a member of staff.

What if they are out before 10pm and do not return?

They are classed as missing. A report is filed and, depending on the risk level, the police notified.

Have any missing child reports been issued in relation to the Riddings?

No, none have been issued

Since the incidents reported have any additional security measures been taken?

Yes, they have heightened the night-time security.

Could part of the reason for the anti-social behaviour be that there is nothing to do?

The philosophy of the unit is that the residents should be out doing things as much as possible. Staff with cars can take them out during the day and provide funds for train travel. They have excellent facilities in the unit.

What should residents do about any anti-social behaviour from residents at the Riddings, or if they see unaccompanied children after 10:00pm?

Email Paul Weaver pweaver@worcestershire.gov.uk with the details. He can investigate and take appropriate action.

It is important that we report all suspicious incidents to the authorities, however minor. Non emergency issues should be reported to the police either by calling 101 or emailing pershorerural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

If there are no police records it is difficult to get the local authorities to take any action.

We are pleased that there has been such a positive reaction to the proposed 'Community Watch' scheme. Clusters of neighbours have been formed in Bricklehampton and information on suspicious activity is shared between them. Similar clusters are also coming together in Elmley Castle, Kersoe and Netherton which will all help to improve the security and reduce crime in our villages.

We contacted BT about the damage to the Bricklehampton telephone box which has been repaired. We will also consider adopting the box (at a cost of £1), as we have already in Elmley Castle, to help ensure it is preserved for the future.

Road Safety

We mentioned in the last news that we had asked the highways team to monitor the speed of vehicles through our villages. This has been done and most of the results are in.

Data was captured at four locations in the villages, the first one was in Netherton Lane, close to the junction with Cornmill. Nearly half the vehicles that passed by were travelling faster than 30 mph and 32% were over 36 mph.

On the main street, outside the Village Hall there were fewer speeding motorists but still 29% who exceeded 30 mph with 22% travelling faster than 36 mph.

In Bricklehampton, at the north end of the village, traffic monitoring again showed a high level of speeding vehicles with 35% travelling at speeds greater than 30 mph.

The final location was on the Little Comberton road, close to Elmley Meadows where the

road is at the National Speed Limit of 60 mph. The data shows that 66% of all vehicles are travelling below 40 mph at this point. 31% are travelling between 40 and 50 mph with just 3% above 50.

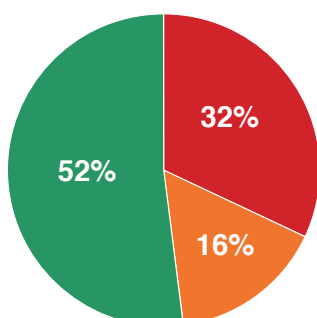
Now that we have this data, we are in discussion with the County Council and their highways team over what actions we can take to help slow traffic and make our roads safer. We have also looked at concerns expressed about the speed of vehicles between Bricklehampton and Little Comberton, particularly for those riding horses and using bridle paths over the hill. For an area that has so many equestrian facilities and horse riders, it is strange that there are no horse & rider warning signs.

We are discussing the options with the Highways Team.

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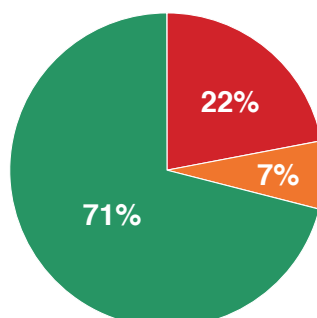


Netherton Lane



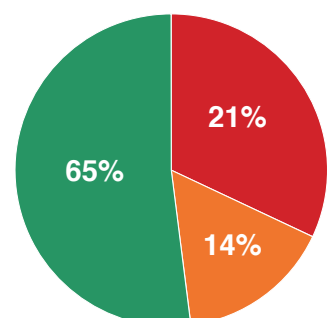
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Main Street (Opp Village Hall)



● Over 36 ● 31 to 36 ● under 30

Bricklehampton



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Planning & Development

We all want a voice in the planning decisions that affect our community and our villages.

Since the election in May, the Parish Council has reviewed and commented on six planning applications across our villages. We are keen to take the views of residents into account when making our comments to the Planning Department so if you would like to raise any concerns on a specific application please let the Parish Clerk know as soon as possible.

You can, of course, also comment on any application directly, either online <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/how-to-comment-on-planning-applications> or by letter to Planning Services at Wychavon District Council.

The Planning and Development Working Group has met with Brodie Planning Associates to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan and we will soon be making a formal application to Wychavon District Council to request that the relevant villages be accepted as the designated area for the Plan. Once this is approved, we will be consulting all community groups and residents and arranging a meeting to start looking at the key issues. The Neighbourhood Plan covers all aspects of

village activity from business to the environment and we are keen for as many parishioners as possible to take part in this exciting project. If you would like to register an interest, please contact the Parish Clerk

**Working Group Lead – Cllr
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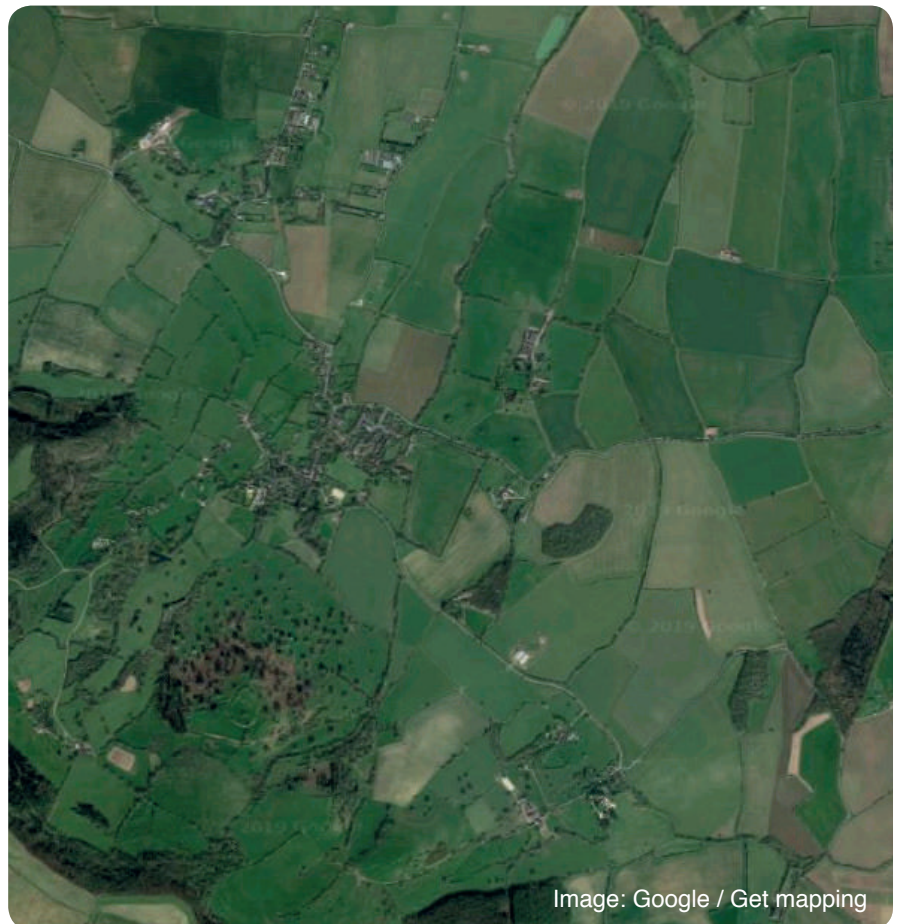


Image: Google / Get mapping

Community Groups: News & What's On

Elmley Castle Church of England First School

The school welcomed a number of new pupils at the start of the Autumn term on 4th September.

On Sunday, 22nd September at 4.00 pm there will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the school's 150th anniversary followed by a procession down Main Street to the school and further events to mark this special occasion. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Elmley Castle Cricket Club

As the Trustee of the Elmley Castle Playing Field and Recreation Ground Charity, the Parish Council has reached an agreement with the Cricket Club that will give them formal rights to occupy and use the land. This will help them to raise money from bodies such as Sport England. We have agreed heads of terms for a lease for the ground on which the pavilion stands and a licence to use the recreation ground for playing cricket. Formalities should be complete by the end of October.

In a future newsletter we shall explain the key points of the trust and the use of the land to 'further the physical recreation of all village residents'.

We are delighted to see that it has been a successful season for both the 1st XII and the

2nd XII teams. Each won their respective divisions of the Cotswold Hills League, the 1st XII winning promotion to the Premier Division and the 2nd XII promotion to the Sixth Division.

The Bricklehampton, Elmley Castle & Netherton Community Hall

Our community hall hosts individual events and is available for private hire. Regular monthly events include:

The Village Hall Market takes place on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 9.30 to 11.30 am.

Please note: in September

the Market will take place on Thursday 19th to avoid a clash with road closures on 12th.

The Monday Club meets at the Village Hall on the 1st Monday of the month from 2:30 pm. There is a talk followed by tea, coffee and cake.

St Michael's Church, Bricklehampton

A big thank you to everyone who came to the Bricklehampton Hall and Church Fete. Good weather helped to draw large numbers.

Working Group Lead – Cllr Dave Thompson (david.thompson@elmleycastleparishcouncil.gov.uk)



**Market Gardening Heritage
Open Day**
Sat 21st Sept, 11-4

Field Barn, Cleeve Prior, WR11 8JX

Come along to discover the story of a market gardening time capsule, which is one of three buildings being restored, and find out more about the project!

Bring your own **apples for pressing** (and bottles, preferably freezable!), join in the **bug hunt**, take a short **guided walk** around Cleeve Prior (starting around 12 and 2pm) and discover what **specialist tools** of the trade growers used and invented. **Homemade refreshments** available throughout the day.

www.explorethepast.co.uk/projects | 01905 766352

 HERITAGE FUND

Parish Council Events

Village events draw in more visitors to our villages and encourage our community to spend more on entertainment locally, increasing total funds raised for all our community groups.

Plans are finalised for the Family Fun Halloween Party on Saturday, 26th October. Events start on the Playing Field from 4.00 pm with a firework display at 7.00 pm. For the adult residents, there are Halloween cocktails and a themed disco at the Queen Elizabeth during the evening.

The Queen Elizabeth Inn

Our thriving community run pub has several special events during September and October. Dates for the diary include:

Friday, 20th September

Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning. 10.30 am in the Queens Café. Homemade cakes, tea & coffee, raffle & good company. All proceeds to Macmillan Nurses.

Thursday, 26th September

'Greek Night' helping you to bring back those summer holiday memories with fantastic Greek delicacies on a special dinner menu. Booking essential.

Tuesday, 1st October

Quiz night, starting at 7.30 pm.

Thursday, 24th October

Back by popular demand: the Gourmet Fish Night. Booking essential.

Saturday, 26th October

Halloween Disco with Ghoulish

Cocktails available from the bar. Look out for '2 for 1' Cocktail Vouchers in this newsletter!

Wednesday, 30th October

Charity fundraising quiz night starting at 7.30 pm.

Regular pub events:

Steak nights

Great offers every Tuesday evening.

Pie, fish & chip shop

Every Wednesday. Eat-in or dine at home with our takeaway service.

Village Coffee Morning

Queens Café, 1st Friday of the month – 10:30 am until noon. All welcome.

Cancer in the Community support group

Queens Café, 2nd Tuesday of every month at 10.30.

Finally, it's that time of year and the pub is already taking bookings for Christmas! The plans for opening times over the Christmas and New Year period are similar to previous years.

1st – 23rd December

Our fabulous Festive Menu will be available in the Queens' Restaurant which will be 'decked' for the occasion. Book your table now.

24th December

We will be serving our Festive Menu at lunchtime only. Enjoy a selection of Christmas nibbles on the house in the evening. 25th December – the Village Bar will be open for lunchtime drinks on Christmas Day between 11.00 and 14.00.

26th December

Our special Boxing Day Lunch is on offer. There is limited availability so book early to avoid disappointment.

27th – 30th December

We will be open and operating as normal, including our Traditional Sunday Roast on Sunday 29th December.

New Year's Eve

At our New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday 31st December, we will be serving a selection of filled baps. At lunch time, our normal lunch menu will be on offer

New Year's Day

We will be open until 20.00, serving our lunch menu from 12.00 until 16.00 on Wednesday 1st January.

We are also in the early stage of planning a major village weekend event in the summer of 2020 to mark the granting of a market charter to the village by Henry III in 1254 and the visit to the village by Elizabeth I in 1575.

Working Group Lead – Cllr

Jane Martin (jane.martin@elmleycastleparishcouncil.gov.uk)



The Queens Greek Night

Thursday 26th September

Tonight is a sharing meal – you will be given everything shown below, and then you can fight over who has what – but please, no throwing of plates!

Starters to share

Hummus with Vegetable Crudites (v,g)
Greek style Fried Sardines
Braised Eggplant with Potatoes and Tomato (v)
Chicken Kebab marinated in Greek Yoghurt & Mint (g)
Pitta Bread (v)

Mains to share

Moussaka (g)
Traditional Greek Salad (v,g)
Stifado (Beef Stew) with Crusty Bread (gr)
Yemista (Stuffed Peppers and Tomatoes) (v,g)
Prawn Saganaki (g)

Desserts to share

Baklava
Halva
Portokalopita (Orange Cake)
Vanilla Ice cream

Fixed price inclusive menu
22.50 per person



The Queens Fish Night

Thursday 24th October

Tonight we are pleased to offer our 5-course Tasting Menu. Please enjoy.

A Shoal of Shellfish !!

Cajun King Prawns, Fresh Crab Cake, Scallops & Drunken Mussels

Lemon & Elderflower Sorbet

The Queens Bouillabaisse

served with Sourdough Bread and Aioli

Steamed Red Snapper

Cooked in Coconut Milk with Peppers, Tomato & Asparagus. Served with Rice

Lemon, Orange & Passionfruit Tart
with Honeycomb Ice Cream

Fixed price inclusive menu
29.95 per person



Ask The Council - Questions & Answers

We have been asked a few questions since our first Update & News, here are the answers to some of them.

Why are the Parish Council spending money printing a glossy magazine?

We think it is really important that you know what your Parish Council is doing and have a say in what goes on in your community. The Parish Council Update & News is written, photographed, designed and delivered free by members of the council and other volunteers. The only external cost is the printing, which is provided to the Council at cost.

If we could produce a pdf version and deliver it via email, the publication would be entirely free. However, a few older residents in the community have not yet embraced the internet, so to keep them informed and allow them to participate in the community consultations we need to print physical copies. We think it is worth the small print cost to ensure that we do not exclude anyone in our community.

Won't the extra events proposed by the Parish Council take money away from the fund raising activities of Community Groups?

Most of the money spent on entertainment by people living in our community, is spent outside the villages they live in. We are looking to provide them with more opportunities to spend some of that money on their doorstep. We are also focused on events with broad appeal to surrounding villages and towns, so we can bring in new visitors (and their money!) who would not normally attend village fund raising events. We are in contact with all community groups and will be careful to avoid dates on which they have activities planned. Finally, we are inviting community groups to have their own fund raising activities at our events and we promise to share all the money we make between the community groups in the villages.

Wouldn't it be better if the Parish Councillors came around and talked to us, rather than rely on newsletters, questionnaires, website, emails, etc.?

Parish Councillors would love to talk face to face with everyone but it would be impractical to see all the residents in our villages on a regular basis. We do try to give everyone as many opportunities as possible to talk to us. If you have a specific issue that you would like to raise, you can drop us an email, talk to one of the Parish Councillors when you see them around the villages, use the open forum at the start of all Parish Council meetings or give the clerk a call to arrange a specific face-to-face meeting.

Why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan, won't that encourage more development?

Currently we have little influence over what may or may not be developed in our villages. A Neighbourhood Plan, introduced under the Localism Act 2011, gives a community greater control over the type, size, location, design and pace of any proposed developments in their



area. It does not encourage more development, it does give the community a greater say over planning applications by producing an agreed document that becomes part of the overall area development plan.

Why would you want to build the tennis court/multi-games area in Elmley Castle – couldn't it be built in one of the other villages to share resources?

The Parish Council does not own any land in Bricklehampton or Netherton, although we agree that more community assets throughout our villages would be very positive. The Wychavon Legacy grant application would be very unlikely to cover the cost of land purchase (even if a suitable plot was available) so we need to consider sites that are available to us.

The recreation ground in Elmley Castle is the only land owned by the Parish Council. ▼

Do Parish Councillors get paid?

The role of Parish Councillor is voluntary and unpaid. Councillors give up their own time for community benefit.

The Councillors don't represent my views, what can I do?

This elected Parish Council is fully committed to the democratic process and community involvement. We will ensure that any significant actions taken by the Council have the support of the majority of the community. We have already introduced community consultations, opened the Council Working Groups to everyone in the community and published the "Update & News" to be open and transparent about everything we are

doing. There will always be a variety of different views in any community, sometimes they will conflict, but we want to take all views into account before making any important decisions.

Netherton view ▶





Community Consultations

Thank you to everybody who provided us feedback on our last set of questions.

We had 106 responses to our 1st Community Consultation, this is one of the highest ever levels of engagement for a Parish Council survey. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Village Gates

The results between the three designs were very close. There was a narrow victory for the 3-bar wooden gates (39%), followed closely by white gates (37%), then the 4-bar gates (24%). We are now working on the 3-bar design and shall approach the County Council for final approval.

New Homes Bonus

You liked both of the ideas put forward for the spending of the new homes bonus with the result close between them. 46% of you felt that re-surfacing and an additional ride for the playground would be the best thing with 40% voting for a village marquee. Only 14% of you voted for other ideas.

Amongst the other ideas proposed were; a bowling green, tennis courts, further development of the community orchard, outdoor gym equipment, a play park, a skate

park, upgrading/expanding the car park and warning speed signs. As soon as the costs and scope of the Playground upgrade have been agreed we will apply to Wychavon to release the New Homes Bonus Grant Money.

Wychavon Legacy Grant

The results on the potential use of a legacy grant, if obtained, was much clearer, 67% of you liking the idea of a multi-use games area, including a tennis court.

As soon as the exact equipment and costs have been ascertained we will submit our application for funding.

We also had a number of new ideas for major capital projects including; more designated car parking, more multi-games hard standing and all weather areas, purchasing additional land for community use, cycle paths (particularly towards Bredon Hill Middle School), a community equine facility and completing the church bell fund. These will be investigated and, if viable, put forward for community consultation.



Community consultations: voting form

Vehicle-activated signs (VASs) are electronic speed signs which only become visible when approaching motor vehicles exceed a pre-set speed.

Tests have shown that after installation of a VAS the number of motorists exceeding the speed limit drops by 18 to 34 percentage points, the effect continues even 12 months after installation. (Data from <https://www.trafficchoices.co.uk/somerset/traffic-schemes/vas.shtml>)

On the other hand many people find them obtrusive and unattractive to look at, particularly in a rural environment. They cost around £4,000. (Although grant funding is available from the Police and Crime Commissioners Office for at least 50% of this amount until March 2020).



Do you think the Parish Council Should Invest in a Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed Sign to Reduce the Speed of Traffic Through the Villages?

☐ Please tick

Option 1: Yes

☐ Please tick

Option 2: No

If yes, what locations would you like to see it used?

Name: **Address:**

Email:

Please cut and return to: Lorna Hendey Grove Farm, Main Street, Elmley Castle (opposite Village Hall) by 7th October 2019.
By providing your email address you are consenting to receive future community consultation surveys via email.

Get involved

We would really like more people to be involved in our working groups.

Full community involvement is key to our philosophy. If there is one of these groups that appeals to you and your particular interests and skills please contact the Parish Clerk and register.

Contact Details

Update & News is published by the Bricklehampton, Elmley Castle, Kersoe and Netherton Parish Council. For more information or to contact us see: **www.elmleycastleparishcouncil.gov.uk**

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