

4. Chair's Report Jan 10th 2023

Firstly, Happy New Year! Jane and I welcomed 2023 by dashing to meet the Village News deadline by Jan 5th-it was so hard to think forward to Feb & March. There was a lot to report but we also included some signposting to support villagers through the energy cost of living crisis as well as explaining what our assistance could be if the weather became very cold.

Things we can do: establish a short-term blanket and warm sweater bank, request donations of warm packs and meals that can be heated in a microwave. There are also several activities offered by the Village Hall that would help with isolation and cold homes including a hot lunch at minimal charge on January 26th 12 noon to 2pm.

Last month I reported on the success of our December food bank collection. Since then, St. Mary's Church has donated £230 collected over the Christmas services. There was also an opportunity for folk to donate food and so this has added to the donations from the village. The response has been heart-warming.

Following on from the helpful Planning Enforcement Seminar, CDC Councillor Angus Patrick has offered to see if he can arrange a Planning Seminar.

We need to consider plans for the Coronation in the spring. Perhaps thought could be given to some action to commemorate the occasion.

Finally.....dog issues. There have been complaints over the break regarding dog fouling on paths & in fields. Dogs off leads are an issue as they potentially pose a threat to other dogs or may simply frighten people. I've included some firm words in the Chair's Report quoting the Countryside Code and OCC's rules. The contact details of the Dog Warden are also included.

Thank you!

Diane