



Chairman's Report 2018-2019

This was my second term as chairman and as with my previous stint in this role our clerk Elsie has been invaluable. Her support through some tricky times has made my job so much easier and for that I can't thank her enough!

As I took up the chairmanship we welcomed our new councillor Chris Jordan who replaced the late Ron Jennings who we miss very much; however Chris has settled in to our team extremely well. The main topic in the first few months was that of the Crocky Trail on the former Habberley Golf Club site. The August meeting was by far the busiest when a great number of parishioners came to talk to us about this proposed development, the parish council and the clerk worked extremely hard on this subject to achieve the best possible outcome for now.

One item that continues to be a problem for our parish is fly tipping. During the past 12 months we have seen many areas blighted by dumped rubbish. I hope with the use of modern technology we can identify the culprits and make sure they face the relevant penalties; recently a £300 fine was handed out for one such offence for litter dumped in Mary Moors lay-by.

Our quarterly newsletters continue to be a useful source for us to communicate with the public about matters that concern us all; these are very professionally put together by our clerk and distributed by the councillors. Despite in recent years having a reduced budget the lengthsman scheme still works efficiently and numerous jobs are done by the Archer Brothers throughout the parish.

It was nice to see a good turnout at the litter pick that the parish council organised in March. This worthwhile event cleared the parish of unsightly litter and proved the residents of the parish cared for the environment in which they live. An extremely worthwhile addition to the parish was the installation of 3 defibrillators at Crundalls Lane, Trimpley village hall and Trimpley sailing club. While we hope these will never be needed it's nice to know they're available to use.

I wish Cllr Carole Gammond well as she takes over the chairmanship from me and I look forward to serving as chairman again in the future.

Cllr. Ben Phillips—Retiring chairman.

Local "What's on"

Trimpley Village Hall Take a look at their website : www.trimpleyvillagehall.org to check availability and see the variety of events booked.

They are also looking for new people to join the committee. They are a friendly group, meeting 3 or 4 times a year, dealing with the management of the village hall. Anyone interested, please contact Carole on 01299 402929 or e-mail carolegammond@gmail.com

Report from Trimpley WI—With approx. 30 members, meetings are on the **third Wednesday of each month** in Trimpley Village Hall at 7.30p.m. Contact: 0797 112 7857.

Other Local Event Dates for your Diary

Bewdley Cherry Fair—20th/21st July 10a.m.—4p.m.

Trimpley Heavy Horse Show—Sunday 28th July

Trimpley Auction & Vintage Rally—Sat 3rd/Sun 4th Aug.

Showcase of Services for Older People— 26th

September 10.00—1.30—Kidderminster Town Hall

Volunteer & Skills Fair—17th October—Stourport Civic C.

Trimpley Oil Club (TOC)

TOC are looking for a new co-ordinator, to negotiate advantageous rates for the local supply of heating oil. If you feel you could perhaps take on this role, please get in contact with Liz Pass on ukeap@yahoo.co.uk

Smartwater—we don't buy crime

Are you new to the parish? If you have recently moved in and would like to mark valuables with Smartwater, please get in touch with the local police to obtain a kit.

Also, please check if you already have a kit that it has not gone past its expiry date.

Newly Co-opted Councillor

We were delighted to welcome back Cllr. Gordon Yarranton as a Councillor, to fill the vacant parish council seat, when he was co-opted at our June Parish Council meeting on a majority vote by the 6 Councillors who had been re-elected in May. Therefore, the complete Parish Council of 7 current councillors are as shown opposite.

Holy Trinity Church, Trimpley

The church recently held a meeting to discuss changes to give the building more modern accommodation. They hope to provide running water to the main building, and a place to provide refreshments, along with a small open area for a wheelchair user, a comfier chair for those who find sitting in a pew difficult, and a space for little ones. Also, in the church grounds, they hope to provide a disabled access Eco toilet. Services are usually held on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9.30a.m. Check noticeboards or follow on facebook [@HolyTrinityChurchTrimpley](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityChurchTrimpley) Everyone welcome.

Want to have your say on local policing?

Rural Crime has been the focus of a live question and answer session hosted by the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion, who said "Building safer, more secure rural communities is something that, I and the Chief Constable are committed to. I get clear feedback that this priority is shared by our communities. I'd encourage people to take advantage of this opportunity" There are a series of summer roadshows planned, or you could email : getinvolved@westmercia.pnn.police.uk For more information visit:

<https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved>

Parish Council Matters — www.kfpc.org.uk

The public are welcome to come along to any Parish Council meeting and speak and/or discuss matters with councillors and usually local police in the Open Forum at the start of each meeting. These are the dates of the next meetings, all held in Trimpley Village Hall @ 7.30p.m. -

Monday 19th August, Monday 16th September and Monday 21st October

Your Current Parish Councillors are: Please feel free to contact them (or the Clerk (see overleaf)) on any matters of concern re life in the Parish, or come along to the **Public Open Forum** at the start of every meeting.

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Mr. C. Grainger : 01299 403231

Mrs. L. Green : Tel: 01562 747180

Mr. C. Jordan : Tel: 012909 861484

Mr. B. Phillips : Tel: 01299 861661

Mr. G. Yarranton : Tel: 01299 403835

Report from Parish Paths and Recreational Route Warden for 2018/19

Again this year the parish received a grant of £500 which covered the cost of our Contractors clearing the seasonal growth from many of our rights of way. They do an excellent job keeping the paths open and my thanks go to them for the efficient way they carry out the work.

The main issue this year seems to have been fallen trees. These are the responsibility of the landowners and we are grateful that once reported, clearance off the paths has been carried out without delay, thus keeping our rights of way clear and accessible.

Whilst waymarks have been replaced where necessary, I regret that we are still waiting for the installation of replacement sign posts by the County Council - 3, 2, and 1 years respectively.

I was disappointed with the lack of response from the County Council with regard to the planning application for an Adventure Trail on the land of the former Golf Club at Low Habberley. This would have been an opportunity to improve the safety of the bridleway access at the entrance, but despite chasing this up and being assured that a response would be included with the Highways Report, no response was received from the Rights of Way Dept.. If a new planning application is submitted for this land then I hope there will be appropriate consideration given to possible improvements to the bridleway by the RoW Dept..

Cllr. Mrs. C. Gammond

Advisory Note from the Parish Council

Please, when walking, always keep dogs under control, and keep to the definitive route of the Right of Way; do not wander at will anywhere across fields, in order to minimise impact on crops and livestock, and preserve the goodwill we at the Parish Council have nurtured with local landowners. There have recently been incidents of bad feeling between dog walkers, and local landowners. Please note, there is no obligation on landowners to make provision for dogs to get through stiles, and it is totally unacceptable to make holes in fences for this purpose. Dogs must be lifted over stiles if they are unable to get through. And can we please ask dog walkers **not** to leave "poo bags" hanging on trees or fences. Take it home and dispose of it responsibly. There has also recently been some damage to footpath signage and property in the Low Habberley area by irresponsible shooting. Not only is this dangerous to other users, but also illegal, the shooting especially being without any permission from local landowners.

Our Local (297) Bus Service

Recently proposed plans by Shropshire County Council to end the Saturday local bus service, we understand, have thankfully now been shelved. However, we would encourage all those who value the local bus services to have their say on the **Worcestershire Passenger Transport Consultation Form**. The County state that the need for this consultation is "to fully understand the contribution that the service makes to the local economy and the value in terms of community health and well-being". Please take the time to complete a form before the deadline of **13th September 2019**. It can be accessed at:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/passengertransportstrategy> or if you do not have internet, contact a parish councillor who will provide you with a hard copy for completion.

Alternatively, **please give your views to a parish councillor**, particularly if you wish the Parish Council to submit a response on behalf of the parish as a whole.

Habberley Valley News

After a closure of 19 years, the **Habberley Valley Visitor Centre** has recently re-opened under new management.

It will be a fully-functioning café, serving hot and cold drinks, a selection of sandwiches, cakes, and ice-creams from 9a.m. every day. Closing times will vary depending upon demand and the weather. There will also be a noticeboard promoting future events in the valley, as well as giving information about the flora and fauna, courtesy of the Wyre Forest District Council Ranger Service. Our best wishes for a successful venture long overdue in the Valley.



Fly tipping and Recycling

We are extremely grateful to two local parishioners for challenging two flytippers dumping their loads in the parish. They confronted the perpetrators, who immediately picked up the rubbish, and left the area. We commend their actions, and ask everyone to remain vigilant, to take details of any such incidents, including VRN's, and report any flytippers they see. May we remind everyone that they are liable to receive a fine if any flytipped rubbish is traced back to them—however innocent you may be and even if removed by a third party. It is the responsibility of the originator of the rubbish to make sure it is being disposed of properly.

Could we also remind parish households that there is a "Go Green" recycling bin situated at Trimpley Village Hall for your cans to be deposited in. The proceeds from recycling these cans goes to charity.

Trimpley—Riverbank Works

We have been made aware of construction works which are to take place on the river bank adjacent to Trimpley Reservoir. The work is required to protect the bank from erosion, and will require the transportation in to the site of 3500 tonnes of rock in large transportation lorries, commencing 16th July. The lorries will be travelling via Low Habberley to Trimpley. The work on the riverbank itself within the Reservoir site will commence in September, and take approximately 6 weeks.

Park Attwood House

This large 18th Century house is to be demolished, and planning has been approved for six new dwellings to be constructed on the site, which was latterly a private clinic, a country club/hotel, and was used by the army in WW2.

Local Plan Re-consultation

There will be a further consultation on the Local Plan covering local development up to 2036, with drop-in sessions for you to view/comment from 2nd September to 14th October. Changes are not expected to the sites currently identified for development, but will address infrastructure support issues such as transport, and schools. We would encourage parishioners to keep themselves fully informed of the Local Plan by going to one of the drop in sessions, when details of these are published.