

**8TH JULY 2017 12-4PM
VILLAGE DAY**

**VILLAGE DAY
IS A GREAT WAY TO
BRING THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY TOGETHER
AND IS ALWAYS A GREAT
DAY OUT FOR ALL
THE FAMILY.**

This year at Chorleywood Village Day we will have some fabulous attractions on the Common, including an Environmental area which will showcase the new Natural Trail. We will also have a birds of prey display in the arena, Artistic Blacksmith and of course the fun dog show!

A children's area this year has a whole array of fun things for children, including Free Face painting, a Punch & Judy Show, the ever popular Ark Farm, Creation station and much more.

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENJOY
THIS GREAT COMMUNITY EVENT!**

We would like to invite stall holders to join us at village day. You can be a local business, organisation or charity. If you would like to get involved then please contact **Laura Hamilton** on **01923 285594** or email **info@chorleywood-pc.gov.uk** to request an application form.

ALLOTMENTS TO RENT



Allotments are available at two of the three sites in Chorleywood Currently. They are Dog Kennel Lane & Copmans Wick. If you would like more information about renting an allotment plot then please contact the office on 01923 285594 or email **info@chorleywood-pc.gov.uk**.

Councillor's contact details are available from the Parish Council Office, Parish notice boards, or from the Council's Website.

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Chorleywood Matters



NATURE TRAIL

How many children can resist clambering over a fallen tree whilst out walking with their family? Not many we venture, and that is the very basic idea underpinning the Parish's new Nature Trail on the Common. Councillors recently gave the go-ahead for the commencement of this project, which we anticipate, will be open to visitors by Village Day, Saturday 8th July.

Recent debates about the provision of play areas within Chorleywood ultimately saw the Parish Council reject the concept of a formal play area on the Common. But we have listened to the discussions and have added these thoughts to our own ideas for suitable activities on the Common to develop a new circular walking trail joining the trail at any point from Christchurch to Darvells pond, skirting the Common perimeter past Gun Dell and Shepherds Bridge, past Cherry Tree Dell and behind the Black Horse.

In following the Trail, visitors will encounter natural dens, woodcarvings, and organic play and climbing equipment, designed to appeal to children of all ages and their families. Working in partnership with Wildwood UK, two custom-designed play structures - built entirely from natural materials - will be placed on the Common. Wildwood UK has extensive experience in building natural play equipment

(similar play areas can be seen at the Ashridge Estate near Berkhamsted) which will encourage young visitors to use their imagination as they swing, slide, run, and balance along the carefully designed tree-trunk structures, in a way that is freer and more varied than traditional playground equipment allows. These unique play structures are specifically designed to sit seamlessly within the natural environment of the Common.

As visitors continue around the Natural Trail, other treats will present themselves, including gnome houses, a Fairy Ring, carved animal sculptures, a story-telling area, and den-building materials, all made from timber harvested from the Common.

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The Nature Trail is not just about fun and recreation, however. Another benefit of the Nature Trail will be the ability to educate visitors about the Common through play and exploration. Special Treasure-Hunt maps will be available on the Parish website for children to try and find symbols and carvings hidden along the Trail. New signage and information boards are proposed which will provide information about the heritage and ecology of the Common, and our Rangers will be incorporating elements of the Trail into their growing programme of educational visits to the Common for local schoolchildren.

Not only does the new Nature Trail address the issue of play provision on the Common, we are also very proud of the fact that - unlike the TRDC's proposed formal play area - the cost of the Nature Trail is NOT being funded by

Chorleywood residents! Not a single penny of the Parish Precept is being used - monies received via the Community Infrastructure Levy are wholly funding the Trail, the carvings and the two Wildwood Dens.

This is a very exciting new project for the Parish Council and we are confident that it will meet with the approval of all our residents and visitors. Please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk if you would like further details.



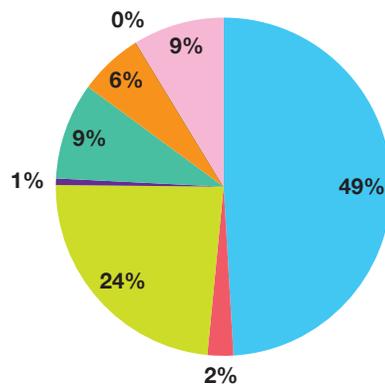
PRECEPT 2017/18

The precept is the tax set by the Parish Council to finance its functions and is collected by the District Council as part of the Council Tax.

This year the precept has increased by £11,630 to a total of **£450,000**, which equates to **an increase of £3.49 per annum or 7p per week** for the equivalent of a council tax **band D property**.

During the last year money has been set aside for capital projects which have funded the renewal of the entrance and exit ramps at the War Memorial Hall permissive parking area, refurbishment of Hollybush Hall, new screen at the War Memorial Hall, projector in the Common Room and new noticeboards. The Council has also grant funded the new drop in sessions for the Citizens Advice Bureau held at Chorleywood Library on the first Monday in the month and financially supported Chorleywood Film Festival. Over the next 12 months the Council will carry out works to the Bullsland Hall, carry out refurbishment works to the Parish Offices to keep in line with Health and Safety legislation.

NET EXPENDITURE 2017/18



- Administration, Buildings and Fees
- Allotments, Footpaths
- Open Spaces
- Village Halls
- Cemeteries
- Police Community Support Officers
- Other
- Contribution to Reserves

NEW FACES AT THE COUNCIL



The Parish Council welcomes two new Councillors representing Chorleywood North and Cedars Wards.

Carol Kristian - elected in February and Stuart Marshall co-opted at the council meeting in late March.

We said goodbye to PCSO Harriet Robinson who has been transferred to Hatfield, and welcome Lauren Maberly who joins Jessica Hill as the Chorleywood PCSOs.

Sadly our caretaker of the Bullsland Hall passed away suddenly in January. He worked at the hall for the past 10 years and will be sadly missed. We now welcome Len Smith who lives locally and will be working as the new caretaker.

And finally you may have noticed a new face on the Common, Dan Dynes joins our Rangers team assisting Andrew Goddard maintaining Chorleywood Common. Please stop to say hello.



Four Defibrillators in Chorleywood

We are pleased to announce that Chorleywood will shortly have four defibrillators installed in and around the village thanks to Chorleywood Public Access Defibrillator Scheme (CPads) together with sponsorship and support from the community, and contributions from: *South East Ambulance Service* (provision of the defibrillators), *Chorleywood Parish Council*, *Chorleywood Golf Club*, *Chorleywood Cricket Club* and *Chorleywood Care*.

Survival rates for cardiac arrests improve significantly when defibrillation can be administered to a patient within five minutes of the onset of a cardiac event. CPads are installed in locked security cabinets opened by a security code, which is provided by the ambulance service when a 999 call is received and the control room operator identifies a patient is having a cardiac arrest. No prior training is needed by individuals.

The defibrillators can be found in the following locations:

- Outside **John Roberts Estate Agents**, Lower Road WD3 5LQ (diagonally opposite the Co-op) (operational)
- Outside the **Cricket Club Pavilion** on the Common WD3 5SG
- Outside the **War Memorial Hall**, Common Road WD3 5LN
- Outside the **Bullsland Hall**, Bullsland Lane. WD3 5BQ

For further information please visit the CPADS website (www.cpads.org)

The Parish Council would like to thank all those involved with this important project, with special recognition given to Cllr Tony Edwards who nominated CPADS as one of his chosen charities whilst Chairman of the Parish Council and has devoted considerable private time to raising additional funds for CPads.