

Charlton Village Monthly News

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The Village Green – what was it?

Cllr Clive Ward – Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

There has been some ongoing correspondence regarding the status of what was formerly the 'Village Green'. I thought it would be worth giving the view of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which has been looking at this for some time and is seeking to ensure that the surviving Local Green Spaces within Charlton are protected from development. There are many who will have different memories and understanding of what happened and when but in essence:

Prior to the development known as Carters Meadow, the area now taken up by Carters Meadow and the land adjacent to it on both sides of the Charlton-to-Andover Road was known as Charlton Village Green and was open and available to residents for leisure purposes – picnics, paddling when the stream was with water - and the like. The land immediately adjacent to the Carters Meadow buildings (not the area in front of the buildings that is private) remained a Local Green Space and accessible to all. But please have respect for the Carters Meadow residents. By agreement, in 2012, the land was to be managed and maintained by Carters Meadow and as part of this agreement the Parish Council agreed to own and maintain the railing that closed off access to the south bank – the one closest to Tesco. This arrangement was to be reviewed after 10 years (4 Sep 2022).

The land on the opposite side of the Charlton-to-Andover road including the bridge area is now jointly managed by the Parish Council (represented by the Parish Clerk) and local residents. The grassed area on the north bank of the stream that flows (sometimes) to Charlie's Lake is also Local Green Space and open to all – again please respect local residents. For a number of years local residents have maintained and enhanced this area at their own expense and a very fine job they have made of it. Going forward the Parish Council and local residents intend to maintain and enhance this important piece of village landscape.

I hope this short piece helps residents to understand that the 'Village Green' is no longer a contiguous area within Charlton. The surviving Local Green Spaces are precious and the Neighbourhood Plan makes it clear that they are not available for development.

Charlton Lakeside High Ropes and Zip Wire

The petition against the High Ropes and Zip Wire as currently proposed had over 350 signatures and was delivered to Test Valley Borough Council. There is still no decision about whether a further application will be submitted. Both TVBC and Places Leisure have agreed to pre-warn the Parish Council if a further application is to be made. Stand by please to make comment if/when a new application is published.

Charlton Village Community Day – 20 June 2020

Charlton Village Community Day 2019 was a great success and it has been decided to hold an event next year on 20 June 2020. **Put it in your diaries now!**

June next year may seem a long way off but we need to confirm what we do next time – more of the same or what? and get our bids in early for the long lead items such as access to the church, tentage, inflatables etc. This year we want to get more elements of the community involved and get volunteers to commit a bit earlier so planning is easier. The very successful and popular **Scarecrow Festival** will be staged again next year and will be part of the overall Community Day event. Kaz Trinder and her team will be leading and have also kindly offered to run the Raffle and help with publicity for the whole event.

The next meeting will be on 9 Dec at 8pm in the Foxcotte Room. If you are willing and able to make CVCD 2020 even better than this year please come along and get involved. If you want to volunteer now please email cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk

