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The background of the poster is a dark, starry night sky. Numerous colorful fireworks in shades of orange, red, and yellow burst across the sky. Several glowing orange paper lanterns are scattered throughout. In the middle ground, the dark silhouette of a church with multiple spires is visible against a lighter, orange-hued horizon. In the foreground, three jack-o'-lanterns with carved faces and glowing interiors are positioned on the left, center, and right. The overall atmosphere is festive and spooky.

# CURDWORTH HALLOWEEN & FIREWORKS NIGHT 2025

**SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2025**  
**KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS, CURDWORTH**

# CURDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

**Parish Councillors are always pleased  
to hear from local residents**



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## MEETINGS:

Parish Council meetings are normally held  
on the 2nd Monday of every month at  
**7.30pm** at Curdworth Village Hall.

## HALL BOOKINGS:

Curdworth Village Hall - **01675 470181**  
**curdworthvillagehall@gmail.com**  
Church Hall - Rev Noel Phillips  
**07498 202262**

## Want to report an issue to HS2?

Please can all residents contact HS2 directly on [hs2enquiries@hs2.co.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.co.uk) if they would like to report an issue about works in the locality. All contacts are logged by HS2 through this route and recorded.

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Annual meeting

May saw the Parish Councils Annual meeting at which Cllr Allcock was re-elected as Chair and Cllr Wilcox elected as Vice-Chair. Our thanks were recorded to Cllr Vaughton for his many years as both Chair and Vice-Chair on the Parish Council, and all the knowledge and expertise he brings to the work of the Council.

## Speedwatch

The Parish Council would like to thank Warwickshire Police for organising Speedwatch training for our volunteers last month. On Police advice we needed to update our equipment volunteers were able to use our new equipment at the training.

## Gates to field

The Parish Council authorised the purchase and installation of some new gates to the King George V Playing fields.

## Village Maintenance

Work continues maintaining the village with work being done to the planters and ongoing work doing minor repairs to the playground equipment.



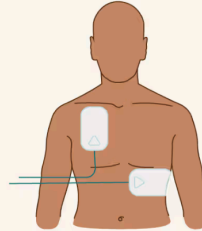
## Community Heartbeat

There have been problems opening the door to the telephone box which houses the Defibrillator, which the Parish Council is currently looking at. We are also looking at repainting the phone box and tidying up the interior.

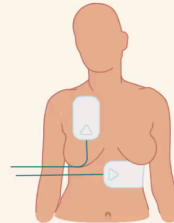
### A QUICK GUIDE TO USING A DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

1. Turn on the AED and follow the voice prompts.
2. Remove all clothing, jewelry, or piercings on the chest of the person in need of help.
  - If necessary, wipe the chest dry.
3. Attach the pads to the person's bare chest following the illustration on them.
4. Plug the pad connector into the AED, if necessary.
5. Make sure no one is touching the person while the AED checks if a shock is needed, and during shock.
  - Press the "Shock" button if it tells you to.
  - Begin or resume CPR if no shock is needed.
6. After the shock, continue CPR until emergency medical personnel arrive.

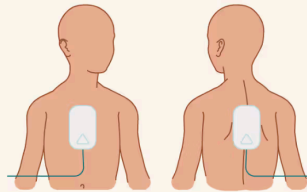
Adult: Flat Chest



Adult: Full Chest



Adult AED Paddles on a Child



## Neighbourhood Development Plan

Our original Neighbourhood Development Plan was drafted during the Covid Pandemic, and in light of revised National Planning Policy Framework and Warwickshire's Local Plan review, as with many Councils we are having to undertake a review. As a result of the Governments house building targets and the recent call for sites, landowners have proposed areas for potential development. NWBC will assess all options for suitability and review the green belt areas due to the Governments new 'grey belt' classification.

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# Curdworth Village Green Improvement Project

The Parish Council is excited to announce that, having recently received professional survey reports on the Village Green, we are now in a position to consult with residents to gather views on how the Green can be improved aesthetically.

As a Village Green, the space will continue to predominantly be an 'open space' for community enjoyment and use by all ages. Our Village Green is an integral part of the village, but would benefit from improvements to refresh it aesthetically – not just for the activities that take place throughout the year but for the collective enjoyment of residents all year round.

For this reason we are undertaking a community consultation so that the Parish Council can consider residents' views in our decision making. For example, as you may be aware the current surface of the Village Green has a number of different levels – would you want to see it all one level or more? Where would you like the pedestrian routes to be on The Green? What would improve the space visually?

Of course, as a registered Green there are some things legislation restricts us from doing. For example we are required to ensure residents have access to the whole of the area and it is 'retained for lawful sports and creational use', which means that we can't do things such as enclose it with a fence, over clutter so it is no longer an accessible open space. There may also be things we have to retain eg the Holly bush as it has a Tree Preservation Order.

We would welcome your views and involvement in taking this project forwards. Included in the Crier is a form you can complete to feedback your views, there is also a map of the area which you are also welcome to use to visually give us your ideas. Alternatively you can write or email the Parish Clerk. We would like to receive all responses by 31st July 2025 so that we can consider them at our August Parish Council meeting. Residents are also welcome to attend Parish Council meetings in person to give their views.

**Help us by working in tandem with us to design, shape and introduce a revitalised Village Green area to remain the true focal point of our village!**



**How do you use the Village Green and how would you like to see it used?**

**What are your views on the trees, bushes and greenery in general on the Green?**

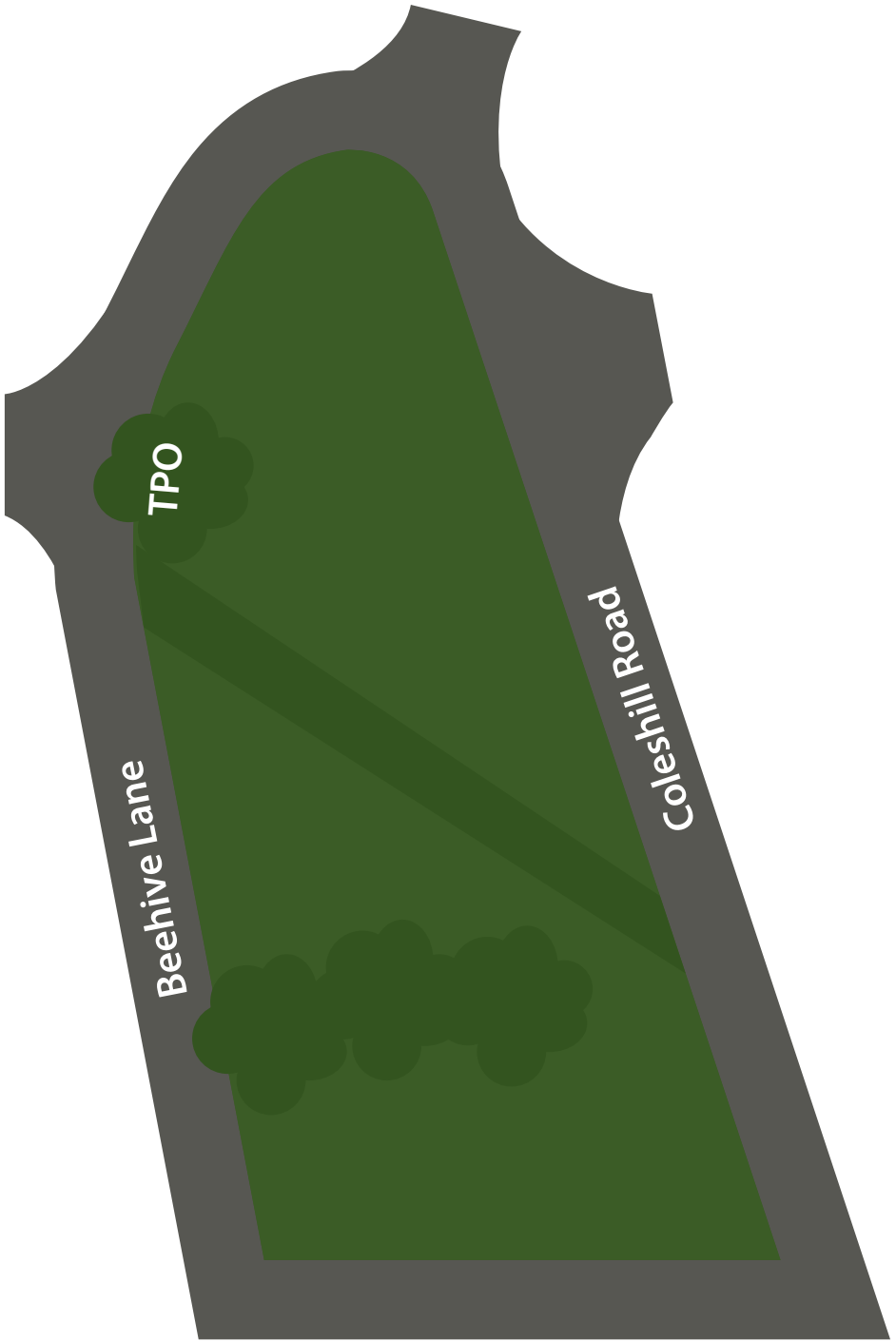
**What else would you like to see on the Village Green:**

**You may also write or email the Clerk to the Parish Council. Overleaf is a map of the area which you are also welcome to use if you wish.**

Name (Optional) .....

Address .....  
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Please return to : **Clerk to the Parish Council, 47 St Pauls Crescent, Coleshill, Birmingham, B46 1BB by 31st July 2025 or email to [curdworthpc@hotmail.com](mailto:curdworthpc@hotmail.com).**



# Chairman's Annual Report

## Introduction.

Following our Annual Parish meeting, thank you to all that attended and for those that were unable to attend, please find a summary of the key points from my Annual report from the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is made up of a compliment of up to seven members, A Chair, vice Chair, Treasurer, and group members covering safety, Planning etc, all members with valuable knowledge and specific expertise, for which I thank all councillors. The Council has again benefited from the guidance of our Clerk and I wish to record my personal thanks for her commitment particularly as it has been a difficult year for her and for helping to train up a 'stand in' Clerk who has also supported us very well. We currently have two vacancies for Councillors and would encourage residents to find out more about the role and how you can support your local community.

## Village maintenance

Maintenance work around the village continued, with trimming of trees and hedges, notice boards cleaned and repaired, a couple of new litter and dog waste bins installed and ongoing tidying up work on the playing fields and Village Green. The group of litter pickers and waste bin collectors again did and continue to do a great job in keeping our village tidy and our thanks goes to them.



## Pathway to playing fields

Early in 2024 we were given the green light to look at proposals for a suitable pathway linking Oaklands, Breeden Drive, up through the copse, to the top of Church Lane and on to the play and exercise area. Suitable contractors were approached and quotations received however, the necessary grant funding applications have still not been approved, we continue to pursue this activity.

## **Village community events**

June 2024 saw our Coronation celebrations take place in the village, despite the bad weather, the village event went ahead. Many thanks to all who supported this collaboration between the Parish Council and the Church led by the Events Committee, who again worked tirelessly to provide an enjoyable event for everyone.

The Halloween event took place at the end of October, and again the weather played its part and with good weather it was a great success. Thanks again to the Events Committee and the volunteers for preparing and clearing the field. The Council were pleased to be able to financially contribute towards the fantastic firework display.

The Christmas lights switch on event on the Village Green was again a great event, thanks to the Events Committee and all helpers, which once again all residents enjoyed. Our thanks once again to Severn Trent Water for donating the Christmas Tree. The Parish Council were pleased to support with new lighting for the Christmas Tree after last years was destroyed in the high winds and also new lights around the Village Hall. The Events Committee are keen to recruit new volunteers to try and keep village events going, and welcomes contact from any residents who have a few hours to spare.

## **Community Heartbeat**

Our thanks to the volunteers who have continued to maintain the village defibrillator. During the year, the Parish Council commitment to taking responsibility for the Community Heartbeat Scheme, financially funding the ongoing maintenance of the the Village defibrillator and associated subscriptions. Some residents indicated they would still like to donate money to its upkeep, and residents may still do this if they wish. We are very grateful to the volunteers who complete the monthly check and advise of any out of date equipment etc. We are now looking at providing 2 first aid / blood kits to be held, 1 with the defibrillator and 1 in the bus shelter on Kingsbury road.

## **Local planning consultations**

During September 2024 we heard the bad but not entirely unexpected news that developers were considering a huge development of warehousing and other employment opportunities on land between the canal and over towards Wishaw.

IM properties are the developer, with the development being part of their Thrive programme. Although only partly in the Curdworth Parish it does have major implications for our neighbours in Wishaw and Moxall Parish.

We were also informed that a further application for commercial use of the land to the north of the lorry park proposal was also pending, this time from a developer called Asteer planning on behalf of Richborough estates. Again, we await a formal planning application to respond to.

Late in September we were informed of another planning proposal on behalf of Severn Trent to take water output from the Minworth facility and send it to the south east via a chain of pipelines, pump houses and use of the canal network. This was initially seen as not an issue for Curdworth, however we then were in-formed at the public consultation event that the proposal included a new single storey water treatment building which was to be built on Severn Trents own land to the rear of Oaklands. The Parish councils initial response has been for Severn Trent to consider its neighbours and to site the building as far away from boundary of Oaklands as possible. There is still a great deal of work to be done to confirm a suitable location etc and please remember this is a long term plan, several years away.

## Neighbourhood Plan

Following recent revisions to the national planning policy document and revisions to Warwickshires local plan the Parish Council have undertaken a review of the neighbourhood plan and in line with many other parishes it will be updated and re-issued as the Curdworth Neighbourhood Development Plan. It will have similar content as before, just slightly re aligned to tie in better with the key themes of the plan covering the environment, housing, economy, leisure and the history and heritage of our village, the key attributes we all wish to protect from inappropriate development.

## Village consultations

The Parish Council undertook two consultations with residents over the last year, and many thanks to those residents who took time to reply. The first was regards to some 20 trees in Millington copse, the feedback from which was that 78% of respondents were against any tree felling or harvesting. However the Parish Council agreed to look at reducing the height only of 1 or 2 trees. The second consultation was regarding a request from the Church to consider financial help with maintaining the Churchyard, After a recent change in the law this was a perfectly reasonable request, however this would necessitate an increase in the Parish councils Precept if we were to fully fund. The results were very close with 52% against increasing the precept to fund, however, as it was so close the PC agreed to consider possibly making a contribution to the maintenance costs from within existing budgets, the church were formally informed of the decision.



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## Play equipment

The annual playground and exercise area Inspectors Report was completed, again no major issues and the minor points are being addressed over the spring and summer to ensure the area remains safe to use.

## Playing Fields

Into November two issues were brought to the attention of the Council by residents, firstly a mole trap used on the playing fields was exposed on the surface. Our contractor was informed and an investigation held to determine how it had been unearthed (they are placed 150mm underground) it seemed unlikely that it was an animal as the earth around it had been replaced, one suggestion was that a metal detectorist had unearthed it and not replaced it however this was the first instance in 8 years of using this contractor to keep the playing fields clear. The contractor confirmed that fully legal and compliant traps are utilised, installed correctly, at the correct depth and inspected in line with regulations. The second issue was a report of waste other than dog waste being placed in the dog waste bins, such items as bags of cat litter and general waste have been noted. This is unacceptable, dog bins are for dog waste only, please have respect for the people who empty these bins and do not have to sort through inappropriate items.

## Website

Lastly in November, after several issues over the summer the Parish Council after the website company ceased to trade and we lost our website, the Council had to commence work on a new website. This involved retrieval of our domain name, revised design with revised pages for meeting agendas, minutes etc. and transfer of email domains. The work was planned for a minimum of 16 weeks and we have heard this month that it is about to become live shortly.

## Precept and budget

At the beginning of the year we review the Precept, which is the Parish Councils financial request to NWBC for the coming year. Through diligent budgeting we were able to submit a zero increase in our Precept request. This together with income from the hire of the football pitch and some VAT refunds, interest etc provides our income to cover expenditure for the year. Any requirements for additional or large amounts of expenditure will be covered with a request for grant funding, In order to assist with requests from local voluntary organisations to the Parish Council for financial assistance, we agreed and implemented a set of grant application guidelines and an application form to be completed by each organisation requesting support from the PC. Details and application forms are available from our Clerk.

## Warwickshire Police

We also benefited from the presence of the local police at our meetings who in-form us of progress they are making in not only reducing the crime figures for our parish but in improving communication with residents. The Parish Council are keen to facilitate a means by which residents can engage directly with the Police and have agreed to fund the room hire for regular 'Cuppa with a Copper' events. The events are also attended by other organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch, Fire Service etc, and we would encourage residents to attend and support this dialogue to keep our village as safe and crime free as possible.

## Village Green

Following last years' removal of the dangerous boundary wall on the Village Green, we commenced the scoping activities for the planned re-refurbishment of the Village Green to understand what is around and under the ground. We can now start to look at ideas for updating and obtaining initial quotations, all residents will have an opportunity to be involved.



### **Fly tipping**

Sadly in early April, we had an incidence of Fly tipping in Millington copse at the top of Breeden Drive. What made it worse was the perpetrator is a resident who when challenged then refused to remove his rubbish, despite being given an opportunity to do so. The Parish Council arranged for the area to be cleared, the associated costs are being perused from the resident (via the Courts if necessary). The incident was also reported to the Police who will be following up what is considered a criminal offence on private property. Clearly this resident who has no consideration for his neighbours will find his actions have re-percussions as will anyone found dumping their rubbish in this village.

### **Sharing what we do**

All Agendas and minutes are displayed on the Parish Council noticeboard which is in Farthing Lane, next to the Village Hall. Communication with residents continues via the Curdworth Crier and our forthcoming new website. The Parish Council Facebook page allow timely reminders of events, meetings and links to the website.

### **High Speed Rail 2**

Works relating to HS2 continue in our area despite the slow down, My thanks go to Members of this council who attend HS2 meetings on our behalf.

### **Representing the parish**

Parish Council continues to be involved with many activities on your behalf including attending training sessions by WALC on a regular basis and involvement with the Airports noise monitoring committee. One important group we are involved in is the North Warwickshire Area Committee. This group regularly brings together all of the Parish, Town, Borough and County Councils, to review and exchange ideas etc.

In closing, I would like to record my thanks to my fellow Parish Council members, who give their time on a voluntary basis and to the Borough and County Councillors and the MP's office for their continued support of Curdworth Parish Council.

It is therefore important that if any members of the Parish who believe they would like to help out make themselves known please over the next few weeks to the Clerk as it would be unfortunate if the good work undertaken in the last few years is unable to continue.

So that's it for this annual report, I can open up the meeting to yourselves for any parish matters, any questions you may have or comments, if not and you are all happy can I just say once again thank you for your support over the last year and after a short break we will move on to our Parish Council meeting and AGM.

The main areas of expenditure are those associated with the Clerk's salary and items of general village and playing fields maintenance that the Parish council are responsible for. Details of course are shown in the accounts for the Parish Council and are available to view on the Council website or if you wish to examine in greater detail, by appointment with the Clerk. An external audit of the Parish Council account records was as usual carried out approved and signed, confirming there was nothing that would give concern that all relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

**CLlr Steve Allcock.**  
**Chair, Curdworth Parish Council.**  
**2021 to 2025**

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