

**Wickwar Parish Council  
Annual Parish Meeting**

A meeting for the above Council was held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013, at the Town Hall commencing at 7.30pm

**Attended:**

Councillor T Proffitt (Chairman)  
Councillor M Summers (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor D Howard  
Councillor R Stimpson  
Councillor I Aldous  
Councillor A Carroll  
Councillor S Isaac

Clerk: Mrs P Trull

**Apologies:**

None

Ward Councillor H Gawler attended this meeting.

**Public Time Session**

No comments at this meeting.

**1. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012, were signed as a fair representation of that meeting.

**2. Annual Report from the Chairman.**

Read out at this meeting.

**3. Annual Report from the District Ward Councillor**

Read out at this meeting.

**4. Financial Report**

Report – Councillor M Summers

The Parish Council Accounts are kept in compliance to the Financial Regulations.

Spot audits are undertaken on a monthly basis checking the bank statements and taking random cheques and invoices for inspection and compliance.

It shall be noted that all Parish Councillor will take it in turn to undertake this task.

**5. Report from the Alexander Hosea School LEA Governor.**

No report at this meeting.

**6. Report from representatives of Lower Woods.**

Read out at this meeting.

**7. Report from Neighbourhood Watch representative**

Report read out at this meeting.

**8. Report from Wickwar Educational Foundation**

Read out at this meeting.

Meeting attended by Mr G Teague.

**9. Report from King George V Playing Fields Sub Committee**

Report read out at this meeting.

**10. Report from the Community Centre Management**

Report read out at this meeting..

**11. Report Neighbourhood Beat Team**

Read out at this meeting.

**12. Footpaths Report**

PROW Committee set up to improve and to monitor public rights of way in the Parish of Wickwar. Grant application for equipment for the group has been successful. The Group will access information from Gloucester Archives to seek rights of way that may not be in full use and to reinstate if deemed necessary. Report given by Councillor D Howard.

**13. Any Other Business**

Report by Councillor A Carroll – Wickwar Cemetery read out at this meeting.

Chairman Mr T Proffitt closed this meeting at 8.40pm

## PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE 2013 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

### Youth Centre

1. Last Autumn South Gloucestershire Council decided to withdraw funding from the Wickwar Youth Club. There was a great desire amongst parishioners that the Youth Club should continue and a bid to run it was made in November last year. It took South Gloucestershire Council four months to decide to accept that bid. An application for money from the South Gloucestershire Council Positive Activities fund was made to the Frome Vale Area Forum and was successful. Together with pledges of funding from local firms, organisations and individual parishioners, this has created a sound basis for continuing the Youth Club, which in the light of the new arrangements has been re-styled the Wickwar Youth Centre. The Youth Centre Committee has signed a Tenancy-at-Will with South Gloucestershire Council to enable use of the building whilst the formal lease for the building is negotiated.

2. There is much work still to be done but a clear way forward is now visible. It is very gratifying to see that so many parishioners have expressed an interest in the Youth Centre succeeding and I am most grateful for the dedication of the Youth Centre Committee towards continuing this valuable service and to ensuring a successful transfer from South Gloucestershire Council. We all wish the Youth Centre a successful future.

### Lighting at night

3. The proposal to switch off most of the village street lights from about midnight to early morning as our contribution to a greener society was implemented in March 2012. Following an incident there, residents near the car park at Turnpike Gate complained about the reduced lighting level. South Gloucestershire Council's Highways Department have applied strict criteria in re-assessing the lighting level there and the outcome is that they will not switch that light back on. Furthermore, their policy is not to allow trade-offs between individual lights.

Notwithstanding this application of strict criteria, South Gloucestershire Council has stated that if the Parish Council were willing to pay £30 per year they would switch back on a single light. There is an inconsistency here which must cast doubt on the validity of the criteria being used.

### King George the Fifth (KGV) Playing Field

4. Following discussions surrounding the possibility of a new pavilion for the KGV playing field, it became apparent that a more practical approach would be to retain the existing pavilion but to upgrade it, especially the kitchen area. Discussions will be held with the Football and Cricket Clubs on the scale, content and timing of such refurbishment.

### Buthay Lease

5. Agreement has now been reached between the Parish Council and Merlin (a housing association to whom South Gloucestershire Council passed their social housing stock) on the terms of a new lease concerning the garages and land at the Buthay.

### Localism

6. Following the coming into force of the Localism Act, local parishes now have a greater say in developing their neighbourhoods. A Neighbourhood Plan is one such avenue. Last year I reported on the difficulties that such a plan would create for the Parish Council and the fact that it could not say where development was not wanted, only where development would be permitted. An alternative approach would be to join in the development by South Gloucestershire Council of their Places, Sites and Policies Development plan and they have re-affirmed their commitment to involving Parish Councils when drawing it up.

### Quarry Liaison Group

7. The Quarry Liaison Group continues to meet quarterly and is a useful forum to discuss issues raised by residents (chiefly noise and pollution) and to examine them to see if there are any patterns or trends. Individual complaints are dealt with at the time they are raised either by

CEMEX or South Gloucestershire Council who both continue to be very responsive to issues raised. Parishioners are grateful for the grants given by the CEMEX Community Fund to assist in capital costs of repair/refurbishment for local organisations. Thanks are also due for the day of volunteer effort provided by CEMEX employees which enabled the Cemetery to be tidied up and restored to a pleasing appearance.

Appreciation

8. I am very grateful to our Ward Councillor on South Gloucestershire Council, Howard Gawler. His assiduous attendance at our monthly Parish Council meetings is most helpful in enabling us to find the right person to approach to deal with problems and his willingness to take on issues ensures their speedier resolution.

9. And finally, I wish to record the Parish Council's great appreciation of the work of our Clerk, Pat Trull. Her wise counsel keeps us on the straight and narrow path. She is involved in a great many local activities and groups and her tenacity in pursuing grants is legendary. The community would be immeasurably poorer without her significant input. Our heartfelt thanks go to her.

Terry Proffitt

Chairman, Wickwar Parish Council

**7th May 2013**

## **WICKWAR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> 2013.**

South Gloucestershire Council changed to a Committee System for decision making at its Annual Meeting in May last year. Each Committee has a Lead Member from each Political Group. I am Lead Member for Regulatory, Audit and Accounts, Chair of Public Rights of Way and a member of D.C. West Planning Committee. All meetings are open to the public with the agendas published on the Council's website. Members of the public are able to address a Committee on issues relevant to it.

Financial cutbacks continue to dominate. The Children & Young Persons and Adults, Housing, Health & Social Care Departments have now amalgamated into the Department for Children, Adults and Health. The Council is no longer running Youth Services apart from 2 sessions per week in deprived areas. In most cases the Youth Centres are being taken over by other providers and there is a Positive Activities Fund to assist with either provision at the Youth Centres or other activities for young people. In Wickwar we have agreed a base funding for three years partly because of the hard work put in by your Chairman whilst negotiating the lease for the Centre.

As part of the Localism Agenda there is an increasing number of decisions made at Area Forums by the Local Councillors, in our case the Frome Vale Area Forum. The Positive Activities Fund referred to above is allocated in this way and the New Homes Bonus which currently the Government pays to Local Authorities for each house built. There do not appear to have been any applications from Wickwar for their money as yet. As with the Small Grants and Capital Grants, the applicants are invited to attend and speak to their bid. The delegated funding for local Traffic Management schemes has been increased and all the decisions related to the chosen schemes will be made at the Area Forums. This makes it easier for local residents to attend and put forward their views. The Forums also provide the opportunity to raise local issues and problems with Councillors and Officers.

The Core Strategy, that will guide planning decisions, has taken much longer to complete than hoped as the Government Inspector considering it has required several "modifications", all of which have to go through a statutory consultation process. Sites for a minimum of 28,355 new homes between 2006 and 2027 had to be identified in South Gloucestershire. There is also a requirement for a "buffer" to ensure that there is always a 5 year supply of "developable" land. To cover this requirement South Gloucestershire Council identified how 9,343 dwellings could be accommodated in the period up to 2016/17. Locally there was considerable relief that the Inspector did not identify Engine Common as one of these sites. A different Inspector has now turned down the proposals to build there. He gave considerable weight to the strong case against the proposed development put forward by local people. He did, however, accept Bloor Homes case that South Gloucestershire Council has in reality not identified enough sites to ensure that a 5 year supply of developable land is available. Because of this, although the consultation on the Inspector's latest modifications to the Draft Core Strategy closed on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. the Council has indicated further discussion is needed before he can give his final approval so that South Gloucestershire can adopt its Core Strategy. This is because there is still the possibility of legal challenges to both the Core Strategy and the decision on Engine Common.

Currently consultation is taking place on a new regime for cutting grass verges, emptying litter and dog bins etc – Localism of the Street Scene. A member of Streetcare is visiting all Parish Councils to discuss their requirements in order to bring all Parishes, and non parished areas, in line with each other.

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Signed.....Chairman.....Date

Verges will normally be cut twice a year by tractor at no cost to yourselves. However if areas like Yate and Bradley Stoke wish to continue to have their verges cut to Amenity Quality, which will be 14 times a year, it will be a lot more expensive.

Similarly if you have 10 dog/litter bins which are emptied and you only pay for 4, that will change and you will have to pay for all 10. Dog and Litter bins are now the same, as dog faeces, as long as they are in a polybag, can be put in a litter bin.

There is also an on-going consultation on Green Bins for garden waste. People who don't want them will have them withdrawn whilst people who wish to keep them will be charged £36.

However you will still be able to take your garden waste to the recycling depot in Yate and leave it for nothing. This will also help to reduce the urban problem of too many bins having to be left in the front of houses.

There is currently a speed limit review on the Wickwar to Sodbury road. It seems likely that the 40mph will be reduced to 30mph, to extend the limit to the end of the built up area , whilst the 60mph will be reduced to 50mph, with no changes at the Sodbury End.

I am fighting to get a footway between Frith Lane and the woodyard to create a safe path for both Frith Lane residents and to create a safe circular walk for other village residents. It has been requested that this should be a multi-user path for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders which would make it both wider and more expensive. I am hoping to get some of the S106 money from the Yate North Extension (Peg Hill) on the basis that traffic will increase through Wickwar and therefore extra safety measures will be needed.

West End was flooded in the Winter when the culvert under the road got blocked. This caused problems for Councillor Isaac as it created a river down one of his fields washing away some of the top soil. There is still some rebuilding work to be done.

The extension to Wickwar Quarry has been successfully started and there is now a substantial hole on half the site. They will be clearing the surface of the other half later this year. The work that the Quarry Liaison Group has done with Cemex has proven to be very successful and we have not had one single complaint from residents for over 6 months.

Last, and not least from my point of view, I am pleased to announce that I have been elevated to the position of Vice Chair of South Gloucestershire Council. This is a non political position and consists of flag waving on behalf of the Council – visits, openings, concerts and even a few dinners. Last Saturday I was at the Yate Choral Society's excellent concert at St.John's Church in Chipping Sodbury. This time next year I will be Chair and the workload will be ratcheted up.

Howard Gawler  
Member for Ladden Brook Ward  
Vice Chair of South Gloucestershire Council

## **GLOUCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST LOWER WOODS NATURE RESERVE**

### **REPORT FOR WICKWAR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2013**

Changes at the Wildlife Trust, Lower Woods Warden and Management Group

Dr Gordon McGlone has left his position as Chief Executive of the Trust to run his own consultancy and has been replaced with Roger Mortlock, who was previously Deputy Director of the Soil Association and Chair of the Food for Life Partnership. Sarah Mason, formerly Head of People and Wildlife and Neil Lodge's boss, has left to head up the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust. The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust is now seeking to appoint a Head of Community Programmes and a Head of Land Management.

Neil Lodge is now over a year into his role as Lower Woods Warden and has settled in really well both to the job and his accommodation at the Lodge.

In the light of Neil's appointment it was decided to wind up the Management Committee and replace it with a smaller Management Group, whose primary role is to support Neil and provide him with good advice. This is now in operation, led by Dr Mike Martin.

Woodland Management and Nature Conservation

#### **1) Selective Felling, thinning and coppicing**

Coppicing of the primarily hazel understorey has continued in various carefully selected coupes, mainly this year in the Stiffs, East Stanley and Oakhall areas of the woods. This has been combined with selective thinning and felling of the overstorey, including taking the opportunity to remove many of the non-native hybrid poplars. This work rejuvenates the understorey, provides space for the development of future mature trees, allows in more light to benefit woodland flora and also improve habitats for many species of wildlife.

The work has been carried out by Lower Woods staff helped by volunteers and local coppicers. Woodland products such as firewood, beanpoles, charcoal, etc., arise from the work and are available for sale as well as benefitting the local coppicers in return for their work which benefits the woods.

Woodland management work has greatly benefited by the Wildlife Trust investing in new equipment to make extraction and processing of firewood more efficient and lessening the impact on the woodland floor and tracks.

A start has been made on conifer felling in the southern part of the Woods. A small area of Norway spruce and Scots pine has been felled and extracted by contractors in the Bays Wood area, retaining broadleaves and some scattered good specimens of the conifers. Larger areas of selective felling are planned to follow next Winter, concentrating on the Western Red Cedar. An open canopy of conifers will be retained plus all the broadleaves in these areas. There are some fine old broadleaves scattered amongst the conifers and great care will be taken to protect them. Whilst some natural regeneration will occur and be encouraged, some planting in the gaps following the felling will be desirable, primarily using Oak grown from seed local to the woods. Such planting will also be needed in some of the coppiced coupes.

#### **2) Ash Dieback disease (*Chalara fraxinea*)**

This serious disease of Ash spread to the UK during 2012, introduced on imports of Ash plants and also by windblown spores from the continent where the disease has been rife in many countries for years. Mainly present in east coast counties of England so far the disease has yet to appear in Gloucestershire or Lower Woods but is expected to appear this year. It causes dieback and death of all Ash, happening more quickly on young trees. Unfortunately widespread death of Ash is expected in Lower Woods over the coming years which will greatly change its appearance and habitats. National organisations including the Wildlife Trusts are working on ways in which the spread of the disease can be slowed and its impact ameliorated, including the breeding of resistant Ash planting stock. Similarly the Lower Woods Management Group is reviewing how the impact on Lower Woods can be managed and reduced.

The Management Group led a workshop for the whole of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust in order to share views and expertise and influence policy. This of course included how surveys may be organised to locate the first appearances and spread of the disease both in the county and Lower Woods.

### 3) Ride clearance and management

Widening and edge management work has continued primarily on Horton Great Trench, Abrahams Walk and Green Trench. Annual cutting at various appropriate times is carried out on all the rides (trenches) to maintain access and benefit ground flora.

### 4) Surveys

A full programme of surveys has continued on woodland trees, woodland flora, flora of the trenches and other open areas, plus animal species notably dormice. A Lower Woods Survey Group has been formed to lead and co-ordinate much of the survey work.

Specialist conservation groups also carry out surveys of various species/groups of species, eg, bats.

## Events and Public Access

### 1) Guided Walks

A full programme of guided walks has been carried out covering a range of topics and areas of interest.

On the 9th June the Wildlife Trust is holding its annual charity 'Walk for Wildlife' in Lower Woods.

### 2) Jubilee Orchard

Last October the Wildlife Trust held a major event at Lower Woods to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. Eighteen Gloucestershire fruit varieties were planted as an orchard by the Lodge with accompanying displays in marquees in the meadows on wildlife and archaeology, plus refreshments were provided. Guests included the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, GWT patrons and funders, GWT Trustees, Lower Woods patrons, management committee and volunteers, plus a range of other guests.

### 3) Horse riding

After much deliberation the Wildlife Trust/Lower Woods management committee took the decision to end permissive horse riding in Lower Woods, out with the public bridleways, following the demise and ineffectiveness of the licencing system and increasing damage occurring throughout the woods. This was done with regret and opportunities are being sought to see whether limited permissive horse riding can be reintroduced. To this effect a circular route is to be opened in the southern part of the woods linking with Horton Great Trench and utilising in part the hard tracks which have been created primarily for timber extraction.

### 4) Parish Liaison

I am aware that it was mooted last year that communication for and with Wickwar Parish Council /Parishioners could be enhanced perhaps by some sort of information event(s). Whilst this was not followed up last year I am keen that it should be this year and Neil Lodge is certainly willing to contribute. Perhaps therefore the concept/format for this could be briefly discussed at the Annual meeting so that it can be taken forward in liaison with the LW management group.

Bill Heslegrave, on behalf of Lower Woods Management Group

**May 2013**

## **WICKWAR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH VILLAGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR THE 2013 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

### **Summary**

1. I am pleased to be able to report that over the past year once again overall crime within the village has remained at a fairly low level. There have been a few incidents, the main one being damage to cars in the High Street on New Year's Eve.

### **Letter of complaint**

2. In August 2012 I wrote on behalf of Wickwar Neighbourhood Watch to the District Commander (Chief Superintendent Sarah Crew) to acquaint her with our feeling of being out of the loop. As a result, I was visited by Inspector Gerry Treacy and Bridget Whittle (the NHW Administrator). It was a productive meeting. I explained our views and it was agreed that there were some simple actions which would improve things considerably. For example, instead of using a strict flow-down system for disseminating watch-out messages, Bridget would include all the Wickwar NHW co-ordinators on the e-mail messages she sent out. The reply from the District Commander also announced the re-introduction of the local Inspector's evening. That for our area was held on 10th April in Thornbury with Inspector Andy Workman. It was a very useful meeting updating those attending on Police priorities, constraints and aspirations.

3. I am pleased to report that the information flow from the Police has improved and it is particularly satisfying that the local Inspector's evening has been reinstated to strengthen the two-way dialogue with the Police.

### **Police matters**

4. We remain part of the beat area combining the Charfield and Laddenbrook areas, administered from Thornbury. PC Lee Bainbridge continues as our beat manager, assisted by PCSOs Hayley Bromley and Shaun McKinnon. We thank them for their support. I congratulated Hayley on her marriage last year and wished her every happiness. Hayley continues to provide a policing update in our Parish Magazine which is a powerful way of keeping parishioners informed.

5. The Town Hall continues to be made available for the Police to hold monthly beat surgeries where residents can raise any issues with the Police and provide useful local background information which may enable the Police to complete the jigsaw and identify perpetrators of crime. It is a cause of great sadness that notwithstanding the low levels of crime in our area so few parishioners take advantage of this opportunity.

### **Security**

6. May I once more stress the need to secure property; lock doors and windows, do not leave keys in doors or vehicles, do not leave valuables visible in vehicles, and secure gardening tools and equipment.

### **Thank you**

8. I wish to record my thanks to all the Wickwar NHW co-ordinators for their dedication and good work. I am sure that without this voluntary effort the village would feel less secure. A warm welcome awaits anybody willing to become a NHW co-ordinator for their area of the village and pass on the watch-out messages. The task is not onerous.

Terry Proffitt  
Village Co-ordinator  
22nd April 2013

## **King George V Playing Fields Annual report to the Parish Council 2013**

This has been another steady year for the committee. Research into options for upgrading the facilities continues. Headline requirements have been identified but more work is required. The trustees of the KGV playing fields are committed to full consultation at the appropriate point. The maintenance of the grass and pitches by the clubs continues to work well. That said the clubs have raised some points regarding the current usage agreements so the management sub committee continue to keep the agreements under review to make sure they still meet the needs of all parties.

The revised inspection regime has ensured that additional safety inspections have taken place. I would like to express my thanks to all members of the Sub Committee for their involvement through the year and look forward to the challenges ahead.

Finally, on behalf of all the trustees, I would like to thank Pat for the commitment and work she has put in, making sure the Playing Fields stays at the heart of the community.

Councillor D Howard

23 May 2013

Pat Trull  
Parish Clerk  
Wickwar Parish Council

Dear Pat

Report for Wickwar Parish Council re Wickwar Educational Foundation

There have been 32 Student Grants awarded last year, which is considerably more than the previous year. There were also 2 grants for educational visits plus donations to the Alexander Hosea Primary School.

Audited accounts (published on the Charities Commission website) for the year ended 31st January 2012 shows Income of £3,267 and Expenditure of £5,214

Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2013 are only in draft form – however, these show a further fall in income and we will have to make some changes for the next year in view of our limited income.

After many years' service to us as clerk, Heather Pearce has resigned. We are currently undertaking a review to see how we should take the position forward. Heather has been a fantastic servant to the village with past involvement as clerk to the School Governing body and also heavily involved in the Village Fayre and other community activities.

Graham Teague

cc clerk to Wickwar Educational Foundation

## Report for Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 29th May 2013

The Community Centre is, relatively, a fairly modern building adjoined to Alexander Hosea Primary School with some of the areas (mainly the Hall) having shared usage with the school. This does mean that, most fortunately up to now, the maintenance requirement is low with, mainly, an annual deep clean of the surface areas and some decorating when the walls are looking 'tired'. There are two long-standing main users on weekdays that provide the Centre with the majority of its income and, currently, two regular users during the weekday evening. We are pleased to have all those, where the relationship is, on the whole, amicable, but there are spare evenings available. Because of the shared facilities we remain aware of the school's needs and so we try to ensure any problems are sorted out expediently as soon as we are made aware. Both the school and ourselves understand that things will happen and, when necessary, we obtain recourse from the user, if we can. To make this more aware to any user we now insist on a 'bond' in the form of an extra payment in advance, which might only be released once the Centre is satisfied the user has fulfilled their obligations. This could mean the 'bond' being used partly or wholly to return the Centre to the state it was at the start of the hiring. The rates of hire were reviewed four years ago and there has been no need to change them since that time, despite the rise in costs, particularly utilities, we have all seen over the past few years. We are mindful that the current financial climate is not that good and wish to see the Centre remain a competitively priced option. We are also aware we cannot be 'all things to all people' and sometimes the Village Hall (for example) provides a more appropriate place to hire.

Tullio Vettori retired as caretaker at the end of 2011 and Pat Trull took on the job. By her very nature of involvement in village matters she is more than just the caretaker, also being a co-ordinator and, at times, a mediator. This helps to keep the Centre running as smoothly as it can and also 'nip things in the bud' before problems have a chance to 'fester'. We are very fortunate to have someone so diligent.

Kirsty Minter retired as Bookings Secretary, effectively, from the end of last year. Kirsty had been doing the job for quite a number of years and was a mainstay in the running of the Centre. In the end it was the demands as a teacher that stopped her being able to do the job as efficiently as she thought was required. At the Centre's A.G.M. last November, after a bit of hesitation, Emma Grose and Helen Weston (of Wickwar Pre-School) 'put their heads above the parapet' and said they would, jointly, take over. They, obviously, 'hit the ground running', but have managed to get to grips with the requirements of being the Bookings Secretary quite quickly. The Centre is pleased to have the job in capable hands, with the added benefit of both residing locally.

We remain grateful for the support of Wickwar Parish Council (the tenants), to whom we are reportable. On the whole, though, they are satisfied with how the Centre is being run, although there are some policy issues to be sorted out (e.g. storage). We continue to make annual payments to the Council in respect of the loan taken out for the original building works and a total of £28,000 has been made so far.

**Councillor M Summers**

Crimes in Wickwar 01/06/2012-29/05/2013

19/03/13- Failing to keep a dog under control. Joint visit by neighbourhood policing team and dog warden. Owner agreed to written under taking to keep the dog under control at all times i.e. on a lead, muzzled when in public.

31/12/12-01/01/13- Damage to vehicles in High Street x7. Finger prints lifted but no match on our systems. Filed due to lack of evidence.

19/12/12- Failing to keep a dog under control. Owner spoken to by beat team and dog warden. Written under taking completed to keep the dog under control.

19/12/2012- Theft from Vehicle. Not detected. No forensics. House to house negative.

09/11/2012- Damage to vehicle- Vehicle damaged from shotgun. Accidental damage from nearby farm during a shoot.

25/09/2012- Burglary, youth club. Forensics left at scene. Negative for any matches in the system.

25/09/2012- Burglary, Brewery. Forensics left at scene, negative on system no arrests.

13/08/2012- Burglary. One arrested, insufficient to proceed.

04/08/2012- Theft from vehicle. Filed no scope, house to house negative.

02/07/2012- Burglary. Brewery. Forensics left at scene. 4 arrested and cautioned.

04/07/2012- Criminal damage, Pub. Forensics left at scene 2 arrested and cautioned.

26/06/2012- Theft from vehicle. Filed no scope house to house or forensics. (wheel stolen from under vehicle)

There have been a number of domestic related incidents in Wickwar, not mentioned as not in the public interest.

There were a small number of calls regarding ASB in the village but these remained low compared to previous years.

Cold calling is still an issue in the village and surrounding areas (door to door sales)

PCSO Haley Bromley

### **Wickwar Cemetery Open and Closed areas Report 2013**

Not the easiest of years as regards the weather.. I took on the mowing contract at start of year but had to give it up due to injury.. I sub-contracted the work to Dave Howse who already does The recreation area in KGV. He carried on did an excellent job.

We finally got the tree work done by A Lawrence Tree services.. A Goat Willow, 2 Conifers, Maple, Elder & one diseased Cherry removed at the end of the summer. Other low growing brush removed in that area too..

This is to make way for the new Ashes area at the South end of the open Cemetery.. Which I shall start to prepare this piece of ground during 2013..

We also had three trees planted on the Open area.. Two Paul's Scarlett Hawthorn & also a bush growth Magnolia. These have now been adopted & paid for by Parishioners..

The Closed area needs attention to the Laurels & some trees also.. The grass area showed good signs of recovery as regards the bulbs & wild flowers from the decimation of a few years earlier.. Plans are to promote the growth of Wild flowers in this area as we do not cut until the end of June at earliest.

Cemex came & gave Pat & I a days voluntary labour by the Bosses! A lot was achieved on that day as they all worked so hard.

In the open area we cleared all the brambles from the walls.. Levelled the ground ready for new Ashes area.. Cleared the paths of weeds.. We also planted 500 mix of Daffodil bulbs to naturalise in clumps along gravel path.. Planned to continue this Autumn..

In the Closed area they tackled the brambles along the walls & most importantly the low over-hanging growth on the Laurels.. It looked superb after a hard days work.. Pat and I have met with Chris Wright S Glos & he has given us advice as to what to do with the trees needing attention.. I now have to meet again with S Glos regarding which trees are ours & what planning consents are needed so I will work out a plan of works to put before the Parish Council in due course..

Councillor A Carroll