

Kidlington Parish Council

Christmas lights turn on event.

Following a day of rain in the build up to our annual Christmas lights turn on, the skies suddenly cleared to allow us to enjoy a dry and very entertaining evening of events. Thank you so much to the choirs from West Kidlington, Edward Field, North Kidlington and Gosford Hill schools who sang so beautifully and to Stagecoach and Kidlington Brass Band for their great performances. We had horses, sheep and goats supporting the live nativity display in the shopping precinct. BBC radio Oxford hosted the night's events and also broadcasted the official turn on of the lights live across the county. There were two amazing stilt walkers along with a host of rides and food stalls. It was great to see so much involvement from local businesses around the village centre too as this made the evening even more enjoyable.

A big thank you must go to Pye Homes who donated £5000 towards the cost of putting on the event.

Exeter Close Play Area

We are pleased to announce that new lighting has been installed on the pathway running through Exeter Close. The lighting works on motion sensors that give out a low level lighting when not needed but will then brighten as soon as anyone gets within the detection area. Being solar powered this will help reduce the Parish Council's carbon footprint as we strive to be more environmentally friendly.

Kidlington Play Areas

Earlier this summer a group of Parish Councillors led by Cllr Neil Prestidge took a tour around all of the existing plays areas within Kidlington Parish to review their current equipment and to see how these can be improved. Cllr Prestidge has subsequently prepared a detailed update and recommendation report for each park. The Council will look to implement these recommendations in the near future.

Website.

The new Council website is now fully up and running. This site provides various details of many different areas relating to the village. These range from The Parish Council, village information, news and events and other useful links.

Please feel free to visit our new site at - www.kidlington-pc.gov.uk

I would personally like to thank all of the Parish Councillors and Council staff who have contributed to a very positive year for the council. I hope that 2019 will continue to see us all working together to achieve our goals and make Kidlington an even nicer place to live. The three big events that we put on each year, the Gala day, Fireworks display and Christmas lights turn on have all exceeded our expectations and the feedback from the local residents has been very positive indeed.

Happy New Year from us all at Kidlington Parish Council.

If you have any suggestions on ways we can improve Kidlington please feel free to contact me via the Parish Offices or email nigel.simpson@kidlington-pc.gov.uk

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