

# CHAIRMAN'S OCTOBER REPORT



Cllr Maurice Billington recently spent several hours in the High Street being pelted with wet sponges in aid of his Cherwell District Council Chairman's Charity. Along with his soaking there were cake stalls and a tombola which together raised over £1000 for his nominated charities. These include local youth football teams and the Kidlington Children's Community Hub.

## [Cherwell Local Plan Review – Oxford's unmet housing need](#)

Kidlington Parish Council continue to fight the plans for the proposed 4400 houses planned for the area and have re-instructed our planning consultant to continue to represent the Parish at the forthcoming preliminary meeting with the Planning inspector. This is due to take place at Bodicote House on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

A copy of our updates response can be found on the Kidlington Parish Council website.

## [Bicester Road Cemetery](#)

We are constantly reviewing the drainage situation at Bicester Road Cemetery which has caused a few problems over the years. We are currently looking at ways of addressing the issue once and for all. We have received 3 separate solutions from specialists drainage companies and we will be recommending one to proceed with the works very shortly.

## [Exeter Close Play Area](#)

Our new play area and outdoor gym have been a massive success over the summer months with many local families enjoying the great new facilities. There is still some work to be completed on the site including new benches and bins inside the play area, landscaping and planting within the flower beds, new turfing on exposed areas and new picnic benches.

This work will be completed over the next couple of months to ensure the facility offers the best experience for all users.

We are also looking at improving the street lighting through the Exeter Close site. We have received 3 different proposals to install new solar powered LED lighting and are currently assessing which will provide the best option.

## Kidlington Children's Community Hub

Excellent news, our recent bid with Tesco's Bags of Help was successful resulting in the group being awarded a grant of £4000. This will go a long way in allowing the group to update their old equipment.

Thank you to all who supported their bid over the last couple of months.

Congratulations also to Kidlington Evergreens who finished runners-up and will receive a grant of £2000.

## Dates for your Diaries

KPC Annual Fireworks Display: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Lights Turn On: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November

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](mailto:nigel.simpson@kidlington-pc.gov.uk)

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