

A Message from the Chair

As summer approaches, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the strength and spirit of our community. The past few months have seen inspiring acts of service, thoughtful discussions about our shared future, and plenty of exciting developments. Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to making Kidlington such a vibrant and welcoming place to live.

Celebrating Our Volunteers

We were delighted to host the **Kidlington Volunteers Awards Event**, a special evening dedicated to recognising those who give their time, energy, and hearts to our community.

Held at Exeter Hall, the event was an uplifting reminder of the generosity and commitment of our local volunteers. This was attended by the Lord Lieutenant and was a wonderful evening of celebration which we hope to repeat next year. Congratulations to all the nominees and winners – your efforts make Kidlington a better place for everyone.

If you know someone whose volunteering deserves recognition, keep an eye out for nominations opening again early next year.

Annual Parish Meeting: Community Engagement in Action

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Annual Parish Meeting** on 24 April 2025. Due to the new structure of this year's Annual Parish Council Meeting, residents had the opportunity to not only listen to the Parish Council's presentation, but also to speak individually with representatives from various organisations and developers to have their questions answered directly. It was encouraging to see so many residents taking part in discussions about local priorities, from green spaces and planning developments to flooding concerns and youth services. The Council values your input and encourages ongoing feedback. For those who preferred to be anonymous, question forms were also available at the meeting. Completed forms are being reviewed, and responses will be emailed individually to the residents.

Summer Events Around the Parish

Don't miss these upcoming community events:

Kidlington Gala Day – Saturday, 19 July on the Exeter Hall grounds. Fun for all the family with live music, games, local food, and craft stalls.

Nature Walks with Friends of St Mary's Fields – Monthly guided walks to explore the wildlife of our cherished green spaces.

Visit our website for further details.

Planning & Development Updates


The Council continues to review key planning applications and infrastructure proposals. We're actively working with Cherwell District Council and developers to ensure any future development is sustainable, sympathetic to our environment, and supportive of local needs. Public consultation will remain a core part of this process—stay involved by attending Planning Committee meetings or submitting your views online.

Get Involved!

Whether you're interested in volunteering, joining a working group, or simply sharing your views, we want to hear from you. You can contact the Parish Council via:

 Email: clerk@kidlington-pc.gov.uk

 Website: www.kidlington-pc.gov.uk

 Phone: 01865 372143

And don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for the latest news and updates.

Kidlington Parish Council

Serving our community – Working together for a better future.

Lesley McLean

Chair, Kidlington Parish Council