

# Kidlington Parish Council Newsletter 2024



## You are invited to attend Kidlington's Annual Parish Meeting

**To be held at Exeter Hall  
On Thursday 23 May 2024 at 7pm**

### Refreshments provided

This is an opportunity for Kidlington residents to put questions to councillors and to let you know what the Council has been doing and how your money is spent in the community.

If you have questions you would like to raise at the meeting please email the Clerk in advance of the meeting at [clerk@kidlington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kidlington-pc.gov.uk)  
Or call 01865372143

## Coronation Garden

Residents may have noticed the changes on the corner of High Street and Home Close where the Council has turned a patch of waste ground into a Coronation Garden to mark the accession of King Charles III. We hope that you have had a chance to sit and rest and enjoy the bee and bug friendly planting. Pictured here are some of our fantastic volunteers who help to look after the garden. If you would like to get involved in some community gardening get in touch with Ruth at [growspace@kidlington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:growspace@kidlington-pc.gov.uk)



## Kidlington Gala Day 2024

This year's Gala Day will be held on Saturday 20 July – the Council will be providing lots of free activities for all members of the family including Go-Karts, Climbing Wall, Donkey Rides, Petting Zoo and Drumming workshop. Come and join us from 11am to 3pm.



## Community Grants

The Parish Council is delighted to award grants to local charities and voluntary organisations. Applications are considered by our Community Committee at least 4 times a year. If you would like to apply, you can find a form on our website or call into the office at Exeter Hall.



## Events & Dates for your diary

Wildlife Open Gardens event: 15 June from 11am to 4pm  
Swift walks (Tuesday 2nd and 9th July, with Thursday 4th and 11th as alternatives in case of poor weather. Starting at 8pm)  
St Mary's Fields volunteer work parties (first Saturday of every month)  
Kidlington Gala Day – Saturday 20 July 2024  
Kidlington Fireworks – Tuesday 5 November 2024  
Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 10 November  
Christmas Lights Switch On – 28 November 2024

You can find out more about Kidlington's nature and environment themed events on the Kidlington Eco Group's website at [www.kidlingtonecogroup.co.uk](http://www.kidlingtonecogroup.co.uk)



## A message from the outgoing Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor David Robey

A great deal of time has been spent in the last year on Oxford United's proposal for a stadium in the Triangle site diagonally opposite Sainsburys. Kidlington Parish Council remained neutral on the issue for some time because detailed plans were not available to comment on. However once Oxfordshire County Council decided to agree in principle to lease the site to the Club, we opposed the proposal on a number of grounds, principally, but not only, because transport and parking issues had not been adequately addressed. Cherwell District Council has now received a planning application from the Club, which we have opposed on a number of grounds.

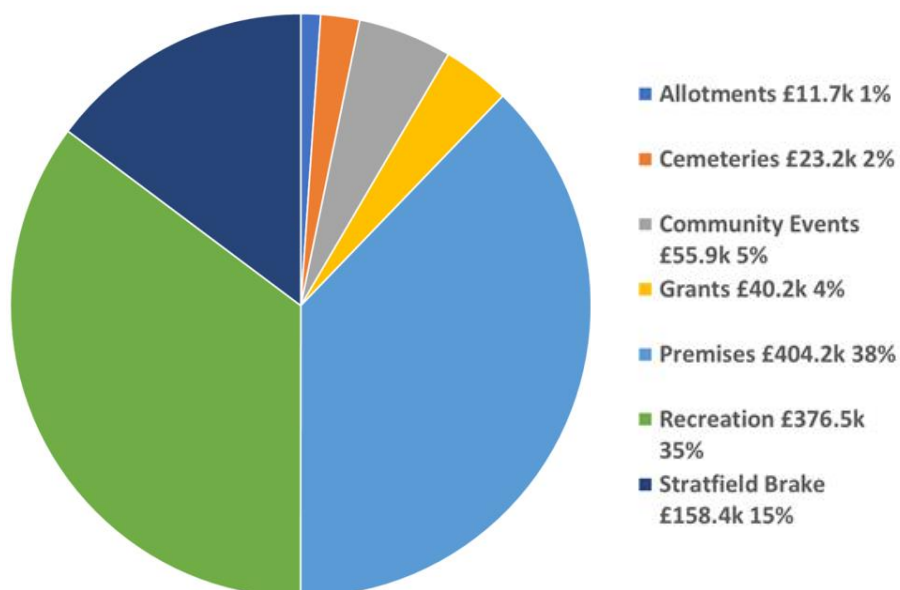
The evidence we have is that a majority of Kidlington residents oppose the stadium. This is clear not only from last year's Parish Poll, but also from the County Council on-line surveys. Nevertheless, if the proposal goes ahead, there will certainly be benefits to the Village and we have been in discussion with the Club with a view to maximizing the benefits if this happens. We also believe that the objections we have submitted to the current planning application will protect residents' interests whether or not they want the stadium to happen.

In addition to the planning process, Oxfordshire County Council has stated that it will not agree to lease the site to the Club until a number of requirements have been met, the most important from our point of view being transport and benefits to residents. There is a major issue over the proposal by the Club to close the main Oxford Road before and after matches. We have opposed this very strongly, and we believe that the County Council also views it as unacceptable.

On other planning matters, we have been consulted on Cherwell District Council's draft 2040 Local Plan. There were two large issues in this to which we have objected. The first was the calculation of housing need numbers, and the second, resulting from what we considered an exaggerated calculation, the proposal to build 300+ houses on a Green Belt site North-East of the Moors. There is an undoubted need for more housing, but it is for affordable housing for local residents, not for market housing that could be purchased by buyers from all over the region. While opposing the proposed development off the Moors, we are continuing to press for better affordable housing provision. Recognizing, however, that the Moors development could go ahead despite our objections, we have had some discussions with the developers on the potential benefits. mainly sporting and recreational facilities. that the project could bring to the Village.

### Your council tax

Kidlington Parish Council has requested a precept of £854,049 for the year April 2004 to March 2025. This means an average band D property in Kidlington pays under £170 per year for the services we provide for the community. You can see how we spend that money in the chart below.



### Yarnton Road allotment visit from a local primary school



West Kidlington School  
litter picking



**PEDAL POWER** - Back in 2021 the Kidlington Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan was agreed upon. Three years into this 10-year plan, we are now starting to see changes being implemented. The goal is to make our community safer for all of us to walk and cycle on our daily commutes and in our leisure time, because more of us choosing to do that helps improve our health, improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion.

Earlier this year the 20 mph limits on our roads were introduced as part of this. The improvements currently being made to Rosie's Roundabout near Sainsburys are also part of this, with significant upgrades being made to the cycle and pedestrian routes by making them wider, more visible and removing tricky obstacles.

Some of the future improvements that are scheduled for our community in the next few years include

- Protected cycle lanes connecting key areas such as along the Oxford Road between Bicester Road and Sterling Road Approach.
- Improvements to the junction at the Oxford Road end of the high street to make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Improvements to the Canal Towpath and its access points, for example at the Yarnton Road bridge.

Combined with getting our younger residents out and about using our zoo trails we hope that all of us can make use of these improvements as we get them and be patient with the roadworks needed whilst they are being built.



## WILDLIFE GARDENS OPEN DAY (FREE)



### Kidlington

**Saturday 15th June 11am-4pm**

Please book via Eventbrite so we can send you a digital map of the gardens to save paper

Or, printed maps can be picked up from Exeter Hall from 9am on Saturday 15th June

Rhiannon Young, Wild Kidlington and  
Ruth Mo, Growing Spaces (pictured)



## Kidlington Eco Group (KEG)

KEG is a network of ecologically-minded agencies, groups, and individuals working towards a greener Kidlington. You can find out about all their upcoming nature and environment themed events on our website. You can also sign up to our blog or join the Facebook group to find out what we're up to as we seek to live more joyfully and sustainably in our locality.

**Our Projects:** Together, we're working on a 'Green Living' framework to set up our strategic vision for the village. The framework involves 5 themes:

- **GREEN** → Open spaces, wildlife conservation & biodiversity
- **BLUE** → Water – our streams and rivers – and protection from flooding
- **GREY** → Our air and atmosphere and the effect on air quality and global warming
- **RED** → Alternative (non-fossil fuel) energy including electric vehicles
- **ORANGE** → Waste avoidance & management, recycling & circular economy



**Come and chat to us at Kidlington Gala Day on 20 July 2024**

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