

## Parish Council Newsletter May 2022.

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### Bus Signs

There have been problems with buses blocking the road when they are unable to pull into their allotted space. The Parish Council had hoped to get the areas marked on the road however this is not possible.

Please be aware that, although it is nice to see the village shop being used, it is an offence to park cars at a designated bus stop. Please be considerate of your parking and, if at all possible, walk to the shop.



### Noticeboards.

The new Parish Council Noticeboards are now in use. Hopefully this will make it easier for people to see documentation all in one place.



These pictures show some examples of different community defibrillators you may see in circulation.



- 1) Have you taken a look at our three community defibrillators?
- 2) Have you ever wondered if they are ever used?

I cannot answer the first question as only you can do that. However I can give some answers to the second question. I thought you may like to know that all the defibrillators have been deployed several times. Details are not available about who used them and whether or not successful but I am notified each time they are deployed so that they can be checked and a report submitted. Little Beckford defibrillator has been deployed once; Beckford defibrillator has been deployed three times and Grafton defibrillator has been deployed twice.



In April I arranged to deliver a first aid course which, unfortunately, had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

A new defibrillator is to be installed in Beckford telephone kiosk. It has been ordered and, once fitted, I would hope to run a two hour awareness with a view to delivering a first aid course in the autumn. Everyone is encouraged to avail themselves of, at least, the awareness session; there will be no upper or lower age limit for this.



The cabinet at Beckford Community Village Hall is showing signs of rust and is looking shabby so, although the defibrillator is still functional, the cabinet is to be replaced.

The Parish Council is fortunate in being able to secure funding for suitable paint and the two kiosks will be painted as needed.

You can request training from councillor Mantle

### Councillor Vacancy.

With the resignation of Councillor Revell following his move from Beckford, there are now three vacancies for councillors in Beckford and Grafton. Please consider whether you would like to take part in council business and represent your neighbours on the council. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance; his email is overleaf.

## **A46.**

Information on A46 is sparse but Councilor Nicholds maintains contact. We believe there are to be closures for some essential roadwork. There have been various proposals and the project team email for M5 is below.

*You can email the project team at [M5Junction9@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:M5Junction9@atkinsglobal.com) with any further queries.*

*We will continue to keep you informed as the scheme progresses.*

*If you are concerned about accidents on A46 there is a petition which can be signed online; find it on [Worcestershire Live](#)*

## **Grafton.**

Grafton held a village carol singing finishing with supper out of doors at the home of a villager.

We will have a beacon on Thursday 2nd June for villagers and by invitation. Over the weekend there will also be a picnic and disco.

Grafton has a litter picker kit (cart, grabber, bags, hi-vis jackets etc). If anyone would like to do a litter pick in the village see Nettie.



## **Smartwater**

Smartwater, funded by the Parish Council, has got off to a good start. A good number of residents from Beckford, Little Beckford and Grafton signed up and now have their FREE SmartWater pack. This is not loved by burglars as they cannot tell where items are marked and neither can they remove the marking. Police like it as it is a great help in reuniting stolen goods with rightful owners. To get the amount of cover preferred by the police we will need to get some more households signed up. If you are interested contact a councilor and we will arrange a visit. An awareness event was held at Beckford with our Community Support Officer and we now have 75% of households signed up. Signage, which is a known deterrent to burglars, is now going up.

## **Grants.**

Grants available from various sources.

- Businesses may apply for a small Rate Relief Grant and can obtain more information from Wychavon District Council <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/business/business-rates/business-rates-reliefs> The business grant aims to help new and established businesses by helping out with rate relief.
- Individuals can apply for a Community Support Grant from the Parish Council. Individuals can apply for grants to support community based projects. For further information see: <https://beckford-parish-council.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Beckford->

Your councilors are: Martin Spice (Chairman), Lynette Mantle (Vice chair), Diane Colvin, Anne Worrall and David Nicholds.

The clerk is Dave Roscoe (email: [clerk@beckford-parish-council.org.uk](mailto:clerk@beckford-parish-council.org.uk)) preferred method of contact.

Any contact should, initially, go to the clerk: [clerk@beckford-parish-council.org.uk](mailto:clerk@beckford-parish-council.org.uk)