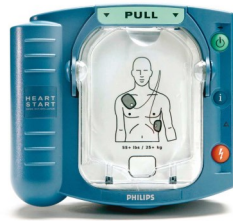


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hour Emergency First Aid course for which they received certification.

Beckford, Little Beckford and Grafton now have a good number of trained people with up to date skills. Our defibrillators are checked monthly by a team and reports entered with the national scheme.

For further information and to request training speak to councillor Mantle



Councillor Colvin has been busy organizing village gates and speed reminder signs on entry to the village. These have had some success in reminding people to reduce their speed in residential areas.

The council has had some success in improving bus access opposite the Community Village Hall. It was not the result we wanted but there is definitely some improvement.

Other things you may have noticed include the commemorative plaque dedicated to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We had been asked whether we intended to do anything to commemorate a long life and a long reign. Many compliments have been received and only one complaint. We hope you like it. The posy consisted of flowers from councillor Mantle's garden, and was placed on what would have been Her Majesty's birthday. WI members came to observe the placing of the posy on 21st April.



The Parish Council subscribed to new trees within the grounds of the Community Village Hall and has helped toward upkeep of cemetery at St John's Church. More recently shelving has been installed in Little Beckford bus stop to create a library. We understand this is not fully accessible so will look at possible solutions.

A46 and M5.

We have received no information. If you wish to know anything about these matters please contact the [www.taagroup.co.uk](http://www.taagroup.co.uk) as they are very active and receive communication from Gloucestershire and Highways authority.

*We will continue to keep you informed should we have information, and as any scheme may progress.*

#### **Pollution into Waterways and Planning**

We continue to lobby Severn Trent with reference the amount of release into waterways. We understand that the current sewage works and treatment is not adequate however the answer is to increase capacity and not to release sewage into waterways.

The Parish Council has little influence on planning applications. However we take any comments seriously and forward them on your behalf. Should there be anything contentious we will have a public meeting but, if there is time planning goes into the agenda of regular meetings.

#### **Councillor Spice**

The death of Councillor Spice came as a shock to us all. Martin had been ill for a long time but his health went sharply downward in late 2022. Martin was passionate about doing the right thing for his community and everything he handled was completed with full research. We will miss him.

Your councilors are: Lynette Mantle (Chairman), Diane Colvin, Anne Worrall, David Nicholds(vicechair), Mike Wing, Alison Cort.

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