



## Critical Bleed Control Kits

Critical Bleed Control Kits have been gaining notice as an important part of public first aid measures, vital in helping to provide initial care for people who have suffered serious injuries while waiting for first responders to arrive. The Parish Council has agreed in principle to purchase these for locations throughout the Parish and install them alongside the defibrillator cabinets if possible. We are seeking advice on costs and installation practicalities – but look for these to appear in the coming months.

In the meantime, one of our Councillors has already purchased one such kit as a private donation to give back to the community.

Councillor Jo Bell recently suffered a nasty accident on Main Street in Beckford following an incident with her horse. Residents were extremely kind in response to Jo's plight, helping to look after her while she was waiting for an ambulance.

When she discovered that these bleeding control kits existed, Jo wanted to be able to repay the care she had received by helping to safeguard everyone in our community.

Our thanks to Jo for this kindness, and to the Good Samaritans who helped ensure her safety after her fall.



### *Vacancies:*

#### *Councillor; Tree Warden*

We are always looking for volunteers to join the Parish Council and/or help with local interest schemes – for example we currently have volunteers taking and testing water samples in the Carrant Brook as part of a citizen science project scrutinising the actions of water companies, and are awaiting DBS clearances for a volunteer speed watch group.

We currently have a vacancy for a **Parish Councillor** and would welcome interest.

Almost anyone can be a Parish Councillor. There are no special qualifications. Just individuals with a connection to the Parish and a willingness to donate their time.

If you're over 18, have had a close connection to the Parish (resident, worker/business owner, or live close by) for at least a year, don't have any unspent criminal convictions, and are willing to donate some of your time – you can potentially be a Parish Councillor.

We are also looking for a volunteer to be the new **Tree Warden**. No special knowledge or training is needed for this role, just an interest in trees.

Until we are able to appoint a new Tree Warden, please could residents contact the Parish Council directly with details if they observe any issues affecting local trees.

### Features:

#### Critical Bleed Kits

#### Vacancies:

#### *Councillor & Tree Warden*

#### Fly tipping:

#### *Dumping Green Waste*

#### Wychavon Parish Games

#### New Bus Stop Bench

#### EA update

*The next Parish Council meeting will be on 21 July at 7pm in Beckford Village Hall. All are welcome to attend*

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## Flytipping: Dumping Green Waste

There has been an issue in Little Beckford in the last few months where a resident was observed in the act of dumping green waste in the field behind the children’s playground – using garden access to do this. They were stopped at that time, but soon after someone deposited a large pile of leylandii clippings in the field.

Dumping garden waste in a field is not ‘just compost’ or ‘environmentally friendly’. The field is used for grazing, and many domestic plants are harmful to animals. Leylandii is poisonous to animals including sheep, cattle, horses, and dogs. So the person who dumped their garden material was endangering the animals who use the field. The waste pile was also damaging to the grass.

Depositing green waste like this is fly tipping: a criminal offence. The offender left the field’s tenant with the cost, responsibility, and hassle of removing the waste. A garden waste bin from Wychavon costs £54 per year. Roughly £2.08 per large binful. You can book a one off Wychavon District Council collection of bulk waste for £22 for up to 20 black sacks. The fine for fly tipping is significantly higher. If you observe someone fly tipping and you are able to take a photo and/or note any vehicle registration details (exercising caution in doing so) this will aid investigation.

For residents: fly tipping should, in the first instance, be reported to Wychavon

<https://selfservice.wychavon.gov.uk/cepoformswdc/forms/flytipping/main.jsp>

## Wychavon Parish Games

Wychavon are inviting teams from around the district to take part in the Annual Parish Games event. The Wychavon Parish Games are a series of fifteen events, which are competed for by residents of the various parishes within Wychavon. Events are: Angling; Bell Boating; Bowls; Crib; Cross Country; Ladies’ Darts; Men’s Darts; Dominoes; Men’s Five-a-Side; Petanque; Pool; Rounders; Skittles; Junior Table Tennis; and Senior Table Tennis.

Entry to the games is made via the Parish Council, with a fee of £10 per event (up to a maximum of £80 for access to all events) paid for by us.

If there are (teams of) residents who would like to participate in any of the events, please let us know as soon as possible (and before July) so that we can contact the organisers to make further enquiries about procedures.

### Replacement Bus Stop Bench

The replacement for the Silver Jubilee bus stop bench has now been installed at the stop near to the Village Hall in Beckford – and looks great.

We are grateful to County Councillor Adrian Hardman who used some of his discretionary fund to make the purchase on behalf of our residents.



### Environment Agency update

The Environment Agency publishes annual updates in March for the previous calendar year showing water companies’ reported sewage spills. In 2024 there were 61 spills into the Carrant Brook at Beckford, lasting some 510 hours in total. Hopefully Severn Trent’s current sewerage works upgrades will see an improvement to these figures.

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