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### 2024-25 Chairman's Report by Cllr. B. Phillips

"This is my 3rd time of being chairman and I must thank Chris Holford who I took over from. He handed the baton to me with KFPC in good health after a period of turbulence. I must also thank Elsie our clerk who has always made my time as chairman as easy as possible. She has been there on the end of the phone for every issue our parish has faced. Over the past 12 months, parishioners voted that Habberley Park was to be transferred to Kidderminster Town Council. This is something KFPC instigated in a bid to keep its rural identity for a little longer. Our lanes have again been looked after Chris Bunn and the parish council works very closely with him to rectify problems as they arise. This year we welcomed a new parish councillor Sue Thompson who has a wealth of knowledge from many years living in Trimpley and serving the community in numerous roles. She joins a wonderful team here at KFPC. Unfortunately Becky Norton decided to step down as a councillor which I reluctantly accepted as she had been just what KFPC needed and I wish her well and thank her for the time she put into to our council. We also saw Ian Hardiman retire as our county councillor. He has over the years made our parish a better place to live. We now have 2 new county councillors Jenny Shaw and Dan Morehead so I wish them well in their roles for the community. I'd like to end and thank each and every councillor for the time you put in each month and the support I have received in my year as chairman."

### New Councillor

We are very pleased to welcome our new councillor Mrs. Elise Nolan-Thompson to the Parish Council. Elise lives locally, and brings experience with a background in engineering and public infrastructure.



### Promoting the Parish



Please come and talk to councillors who will be manning our stand at the forthcoming **Trimpley Vintage Rally on Sunday 3rd August 10.30am—4pm.**

Councillors will be on hand to answer any questions you may have in respect of life in the parish. There will also be another stand manned by our local **Police Neighbourhood Safety Team.**

### Road Safety in local lanes

We are concerned about traffic in local lanes, with speed and inconsiderate or inappropriate driving for such areas. Our concern is heightened for the safety of children and animals, who are often subjected to potentially dangerous incidents. In particular, we are aware of large passenger buses using the lanes. If anyone has dashcam or photographic evidence of near misses, we would be interested in gathering details of such occurrences.

### Parish Council - Please visit our website : [www.kfpc.org.uk](http://www.kfpc.org.uk)

The public are welcome to come along to any Parish Council meeting and speak and/or discuss matters with councillors in the Open Forum at the start of each meeting. Verbal contributions later in the meeting are at the discretion of the Chair.

Opposite are the dates of the next meetings, which are usually on the **3rd Monday of each calendar month**, (unless altered for special reasons) and are held in Trimpley Village Hall.

**Please see agenda, posted before each meeting on the website or noticeboards, for details.**

**Next Meetings (starting at 7.30pm) are: 18th August, 15th September and 20th October 2025**

**Your Current Parish Councillors are :**

**Mr. B. Phillips : Tel: 07760450567 (Chair)**

**Mr. C. Grainger : Tel: 01299 212174**

**Mr. C. Holford: Tel: 07836 333030**

**Mr. R. Roberts: Tel: 01299 401048**

**Mr. S. Leigh: Tel: 07305328817**

**Mrs. S. Thompson : Tel: 01562 752389**

**Mrs. Elise Nolan-Thompson**

### Sad Loss of former Parish Stalwart

A fitting tribute was paid this month to the memory of Ben Corfield, with a well attended funeral service held at St. Mary's in Kidderminster, followed by interment at Holy Trinity, Trimpley, - a testament to the man who touched so many lives in so many ways.

Ben sadly passed away on 4<sup>th</sup> June at the age of 92. Born and raised in Nash near Tenbury Wells, he arrived in Trimpley in 1958, alongside his wife Val, and worked at Holbeache Farm for the remainder of his working life, alongside lifelong friend Chris Holden. The young couple, Ben and Val, and their family soon integrated into village life. He was always ready to lend a hand, in a humble way, and could turn that hand to many country skills. He was particularly proud of his lovely garden, from where he could look back towards his native Nash. Alongside farm work, he helped in most local events - Trimpley bonfires, playing cards locally, was active in Trimpley Village Hall and Club, and Holy Trinity Church affairs, but not least he served for over 45 years as a Parish Councillor with several terms as Chairman. He accumulated a vast amount of local knowledge, and was always happy to give good advice when consulted. Nowadays, village life is losing many of these long-term residents, and characters, and Ben is one of those who will be greatly missed for many years by those whose lives he touched. Our thoughts remain with Val and all the Corfield family. RIP our, and I am proud to say my, dear friend Ben. (Ed.)



Please feel free to contact them (or the Clerk (see overleaf)) on any matters of concern re life in the Parish, or come along to the **Public Open Forum** at the start of every meeting.

# Trimpley Village Hall & Social Club

## Upcoming Events

— Save the Date —



FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST 2025

### KILLA PIZZA / PUB NIGHT

Back by popular demand - Wood fired artisan pizza at its finest



FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST 2025

### SOCIAL PUB NIGHT

Laughter, locals & a laid back Friday



SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2025

### PUB NIGHT + AUTUMN BBQ

Grill & chill under the stars - good food, great tunes



SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2025

### GUESSIN' AND STRESSIN'

Games, drinks and fabulous company

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FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

### SOCIAL PUB NIGHT

Catch up, wind down, and enjoy a good night out

## Annual Audit

The Annual Audit is now complete and finalised. A simplified accounts summary can be found below, with full details being available on our website.

Accounts Annual Summary for year 2024/25	
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Lengthsman's Work on Highways	2694
General Admin. Insurance and Room Hire	2329
Employee Salary inc. PAYE	8512
Chairman's Allowance	100
Subscriptions to CALC/NALC + Training	811
Projects in the parish	903
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15349</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
Brought Forward	27709
Precept	5220
VAT Refund	651
Lengthsman Grant	2694
Bank Interest	354
Grants	307
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36935</b>
Less expenditure	15349
<b>TOTAL Balance carried forward 1.4.25</b>	<b>21586</b>

## Please keep our Parish safe and Clean

The Parish Council are mindful of the extremely hot weather conditions we have been experiencing of late. In respect of this we have contacted the Severn Valley Railway to take every measure they can to prevent embankment fires, and in addition we have alerted Arley Estate to potential forest wildfires with concern for the woodland at Eymore and elsewhere locally. Arley Estate are currently proactively erecting signage asking everyone to be extra vigilant about leaving litter, discarding cigarette ends, and asking people not to have barbecues which could get out of hand in these dry conditions.

## Holy Trinity Church, Trimpley

We had to bring forward our Plant Sale to the end of May - plants, encouraged by the warmth and sunshine, were desperately needing their new homes. The path leading to the church was a riot of colour and, as usual, it was a very popular event which raised over £500.

Holy Week was celebrated in the church with self-guided prayer stations. The service on Easter Sunday began outside with the congregation gathered around the Easter Garden. There was an Easter egg hunt for the children in the churchyard afterwards.

To celebrate Rogation weekend, a Pound the Bounds walk saw people walk a circular 3 miles through the parish then on the Sunday a Rogation Service took place walking through the village.

And finally, after years of fundraising and the hard work of volunteers, Holy Trinity, Trimpley is proud to now have a NatSol composting toilet!

We are grateful to all of you who have contributed in whatever way, to the whole Trimpley and Low Habberley community for their fundraising efforts and to the National Lottery Awards for All programme.

To mark this milestone we invite you to a celebration evening on **Wednesday 23rd July at 7.00pm** where you can find out more about how the composting system works and during which Bishop Martin will dedicate the toilet.

This week, **21st - 27th July**, across all 6 churches in our new group there is a Children's Festival - a whole range of free activities around the theme **'Under Construction'**



At Holy Trinity there is a churchyard trail connected with the new toilet. So, if you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews...or know someone who does...do have a look and come and join in the fun.

## Changes in Parish Administration

### Community Governance Review

In a recent Poll, voting from parishioners was in favour of the Habberley Park being part of Kidderminster Town, and so steps are now being taken by the District Council to remove this field from the Parish area of Kidderminster Foreign. More will be advised, as this becomes official.

### Changes to Parish Website and email

Before the next newsletter, this Parish Council, in line with Government legislation and for improvements to security, both the website and the parish email address will be **changing to .gov.uk**

This improvement should help prevent any cyber attacks and improve Parish Council security. More on this will be advised in the next newsletter.

## And finally ... Dog poo !!



We are plagued with inconsiderate owners who do not pick up after their dogs. This makes our lovely parish so unpleasant for walkers and is a danger to all, including wildlife. Please could we ask that all owners pick up after their dogs, wherever you are walking them, and dispose of bags appropriately—not leaving them in our lovely countryside.