

People Against Bureaucracy Group



Members' News Sheet

Dear Members and Supporters,

June 2023

Coronation Year – a new King on the throne. Let us embrace this new era with hope and positivity.

HIGHGROVE HOUSE GARDENS - TETBURY.

King Charles bought the house and gardens more than 40 years ago and its garden has been ranked sixth in the popularity list of royal gardens.

Although the private residence has always been closed to the public, we are hoping that the extensive gardens will continue to be available for guided group tours.

BLUEBELL WOODS.

The Spring bluebells, in all their splendour, have been out for some time now, but what better way to celebrate the King's coronation than a visit say, to the Dowdeswell Lineover Wood, where one can enjoy the great outdoors and a great British sight in one of our woods.

The Lineover Wood is managed by the Woodland Trust.

RIVELANDS ROAD – SWINDON VILLAGE.

Plans for a 55 foot tall 5G mast in the centre of the village and on the edge of Cheltenham have been rejected.

We understand that the mast would have needed six supporting antennas, two equipment cabinets and an electric meter cabinet.

Not an attractive addition to a pleasant green area only a few yards from the ancient Church of St. Lawrence.

SANDFORD PARK LIDO.

The popular Cheltenham Lido, like many swimming pools across the country, will face closure unless Cheltenham Borough Council gives permission for the installation of solar panels at the popular Grade II listed outdoor swimming pool.

The applicants say "financial difficulties has forced them to consider ways of generating their own electricity."

We understand Cheltenham Borough Council planning committee voted to allow the solar panels, which will make a small contribution to the heating of the Sandford pool water. Currently, the water is heated by gas.

THE 'K' BUS SERVICE – UP HATHERLEY TO THE TOWN CENTRE.

Thankfully, the 'K' bus service continues to run after the Stagecoach contract ended in February.

The regular users, and others, are grateful to Swanbrook Coaches for keeping the bus service running. The message is clear – **'Use it or lose it'**.

TELECOMMUNICATION MAST – SWINDON LANE.

A new application for a telecommunication mast in a less prominent location in Swindon Lane close to the Hunting Butts has been submitted for approval.

We understand the Parish Council has no objections.

CHELTHENHAM TO BISHOP'S CLEEVE CYCLEWAY.

The A435 Cheltenham to Bishop's Cleeve Cycleway is part of the Gloucestershire Cycle spine, which extends from Stroud in the south to Bishop's Cleeve in the north of the county.

The scheme, which is scheduled to be delivered in two sections, will include a new and improved cycleway and footway along the A435 Evesham Road.

Cyclist and pedestrian improvements will be made to junctions and roundabouts, which will include new and improved crossing points.

It sounds good and we will keep you informed.

CHARGROVE LANE – SHURDINGTON.

Chargrove Lane is a green and pleasant land with lovely views of fields between Shurdington and Badgeworth as well as views of Leckhampton Hill and Chosen Hill.

We have no difficulty in including a request by a reader to include a comment about the awful person who thought that Chargrove Lane was a 'dumping ground' for his or her fridge-freezer.

It was a selfish and disgraceful act. What a pity the culprit got away with it?

MOBILE PHONE MAST – PRESTBURY ROAD.

A planning application to install a 15metre high phone mast on a grass verge in Prestbury Road has been rejected by Cheltenham Borough Council.

A most unsuitable site, not least because of its proximity to residential properties.

THE OLD MILL AT LOWER SLAUGHTER.

The Old Mill at Lower Slaughter, near Bourton-on-the-Water, a popular attraction in the Cotswold is due to close its doors after 35 years.

The news has saddened many thousands of people who have enjoyed visiting the Old Mill's gift and craft shop together with its interesting museum.

The water wheel, which was built in the 19th century, was still in use commercially right up until 1958.

FARM SHOP SITE – UP HATHERLEY WAY.

There is still concern regarding the continued operation of the fencing company on Green Belt land off Up Hatherley Way.

It is important to note that this Green Belt is the smallest in the country. It prevents the merger of Cheltenham and Gloucester, so it is very important.

Apart from the fencing company, there appears to be other activities, which must be stopped before the site becomes 'out-of-control.'

Local residents report the 'burning of waste' on the site, which is also unacceptable.

Reminder:- Don't forget the AGM on June 12th at 7.00 p.m., Prestbury Library, for more useful information.

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