

Churt Parish Council Newsletter February 2018

As you will all know a diseased copper beach tree was felled recently on the recreation ground and serious damage was caused by a vehicle or vehicles collecting logs. We have now discovered that the offer of free logs was widely circulated on social media, so it is highly likely that someone from outside the immediate area was responsible. Remedial work has been carried out and we are confident that the grass will fully recover.

We have received a small sum of money from Waverley Borough Council. This is a Planning Infrastructure Contribution and the money has been spent on a new bench for the recreation ground. It will be installed soon.

BT has informed us that the grey derelict telephone box on the main road in the village centre will be removed by September this year. This is good news as all the equipment has already been removed and the box itself is now overgrown with vegetation and has become unsightly.

There have been several recent bulletins from the police. It would appear that since Land Rover ceased production of the Defender model they have become prized targets for thieves. All owners are urged to take extra care and ensure that their vehicles are kept securely.

The public counter at Godalming is due to close at the end of March 2018. The nearest police station will, therefore, be at Guildford which will be open to the public from 8am to 10pm daily.

Please beware of people telephoning who claim to be from BT or Open Reach. Many Churt residents have received such calls where it is claimed that there is a broadband performance issue. Advice is given to log onto your computer when you will be asked to carry out particular functions to optimise performance. In truth this allows the caller remote access to the computer who will then render it inoperable until a "ransom" is paid. These people speak with a broad foreign accent and are most certainly based abroad. Should you receive such a call, the police advice is to hang up.

Work on the new Churt website continues. There has been a vast amount of work done and we want to be absolutely sure that everything is just right before we officially launch it. We have been testing the site and are delighted with the progress made and the look and feel of it. There is a little work still to be done before we officially go live.

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place on Weds 21 March in the pavilion at 7.30pm