

## Greenfield Centre Refurbishment

The Greenfield Centre has belonged to Winterbourne Parish Council for nearly 30 years! As well as being home to the Parish Council offices it also houses Winterbourne Early Years and The Greenfield Club. We are also delighted that, since reopening after Covid, we have welcomed many new hirers. Parish Councillors agreed to use some of the Parish Council earmarked reserves for a refurbishment of the kitchens and to re-varnish the hall floor. Both projects are now complete and we are extremely pleased with the results. All our rooms are available to hire with a special children's party rate of just £55 for three hours for the main hall.



### Current Clubs at The Greenfield Centre

- 5678 School of Dance
- UK Dog Training
- Slimming World
- Adorno Community Day Centre
- Pilates
- Kyushindo Karate
- Baby Ballet
- Fascinating Rhythm
- Memory Café
- Paracise
- Frome Valley Art Group
- Quiltspace
- Brockridge Quilters
- Japanese Embroidery
- Yoga
- Sole Sisters



### Parish Precept

The Parish Council are responsible for a wide selection of facilities including The Greenfield Centre, the sports and recreation facilities at the Winterbourne Rec, the wonderful open spaces across Frenchay, Whiteshill Common, the Jubilee Allotments, Flaxpits Duck Pond, The Dingle, Newleaze Community Woodland, Bradley Brook and Monks Pool nature reserves, – great facilities to suit all ages. To pay for these facilities the Parish Council raises funds from the Parish Precept element of your Council Tax. Your Councillors manage finances very carefully to provide these excellent facilities and to invest in new and improved services. Given the high cost to deliver new facilities we save money as reserves in case of unexpected events and so we can continue to deliver new and improved facilities such as the new tennis courts and floodlights, the refurbishment of the pavilion, major works to the duck pond and the new play areas at Whiteshill Common and the Rec whilst being careful to limit the increase on your Council Tax bills.



# Winterbourne

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Message from the Chair, Paul Kembery

As you can see in the newsletter we have continued to invest in projects within our parish to benefit the community. I would like to thank all Winterbourne Parish Councillors who have given many years service who are finishing prior to the forthcoming elections. Also all the volunteers within the parish who give up their time for example, in sports coaching, litter picking, and conservation work.

### New TrimTrail at Whiteshill Common, Hambrook



Winterbourne Parish Council is committed to provide play facilities for all ages across the Parish. Whiteshill Common was identified as an area that would benefit from play equipment aimed at younger children. The initial challenge was to source equipment that would be in keeping with the natural environment. After much investigation a 'natural wood effect' trim trail was chosen. It is hoped this equipment will be enjoyed by many children whether at the local primary school, families visiting the common or children attending sporting events. Due to our careful management of Parishioners taxes, we have been able to save money to invest in projects such as the trim trail.

## WPC Local Nature Action Plan Team Secures Significant Bee-Bold Pollinator Grant for Tuckett Field, Frenchay.

When Parish Councillors Steve Jenkins and Adrian Collins set up the WPC Local Nature Action Plan (LNAP) during 2022, the plan was to use this platform to identify, recover and enhance the key natural habitats held by WPC as part of its key environmental assets.

An acid test of the credibility and relevance of the LNAP to our local environment has been passed by the granting of a significant award from the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) to enhance and enrich the vital pollinating area of Tuckett Field in Frenchay. A five year plan has been put together to make this well used and loved nine acres a flagship project as a start to our LNAP objectives. This wonderful space was conveyed to the Parish in 1928 by the widow of the late Francis Fox Tuckett (who died in 1913) a notable local botanist and explorer. This gift to the residents of Frenchay was made "for the benefit of the inhabitants of Frenchay" and the five year plan enabled by the WECA Grant means that this pollinator enhancing scheme will be complete in time for the centenary of the gift in 2028. The WECA team were particularly impressed with the existing conservation and preservation work undertaken in Frenchay, which has involved many local residents and Duke of Edinburgh award students. The significant achievement in winning this award is that it draws in funds that are available for environmental work that will have a lasting benefit for WPC residents, without taking funds set aside for essential services elsewhere.

By taking the initiative and securing the WECA Bee-Bold Pollinator Grant, our LNAP Team is providing great value for WPC residents and working extremely hard on what can be achieved by 'thinking outside the box'



## New Floodlights and Courts at the Tennis Club

The Tennis Courts at The Recreation Ground are an important asset of the Parish Council. A few years ago, the Tennis Club brought to our attention the need for updated floodlighting and resurfacing of the courts. The club worked very hard to obtain a substantial grant towards the cost and The Parish Council was able to fund the balance of the works from earmarked reserves. The upgrade is due to be completed this year and is hoped that this will enable many more residents to enjoy this wonderful facility.

Further details of the club can be found on their website:

[www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/WinterbourneTennisClub](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/WinterbourneTennisClub)

or contact them: [WinterbourneTC@gmail.com](mailto:WinterbourneTC@gmail.com)

## The Great Wall of Frenchay

The new section of the wall in Frenchay alongside the village hall and Tuckett field has recently been finished as it had collapsed in a few places. We took the opportunity to install a disabled access gate in one part of the new wall. The contractor has done an excellent job and many parishioners have commented positively on its appearance.



## Parish Council Grants

Winterbourne Parish Council is empowered to award grants, at its absolute discretion, to local non-profit organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to achieve an objective which will benefit the Parish.

To be eligible for a grant your project or organisation must clearly benefit residents within the Winterbourne Parish Council area.

Recent grants have been awarded to:

- Winterbourne Sports Association
- Green Community Travel
- Hambrook Sports Association
- Fromside Gymnastics
- St Michael's Churchyard
- St John the Baptist
- The Perry Almshouses

More information regarding grants can be found on our website.

## Winterbourne Duck Pond – New Aerator

There has been an aerator in the pond for many years. Originally one was owned by the Fishing Club but that went out of action around 2012. The Parish Council then arranged for power to be installed at the pond and purchased an aerator.

The aerator oxygenates the water to help prevent the build up of algae and creates a good environment for the fish. The oxygenator provided in 2015 was replaced in February this year as it had come to the end of its life. The replacement is slightly more powerful and will, hopefully, look spectacular!