



Tibby Times

Tibberton Parish Council Newsletter

Winter 2023



Contact Tibberton Parish Council:

We meet at Tibberton Village Hall, Vardroe Way, once a month.

To contact your parish council email:
clerk@tibbertonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Your Parish Councillors are:

Robbie Hazlehurst (Chair)

Sarah Harfield (Vice Chair)

Trevor Knight

Liz Morton

Margaret Rowley

Helen Savage

June Woodland

Rachel Hinton-Jones (clerk)

More information about your councillors can be found on the Parish Councillor's tab on the website.



Progress update: the new village hall

There has been a lot of activity up at the new Village Hall. The lease was signed on 19th October and villagers were finally able to see the lovely facility we now have in the village. There's still a lot to do. More furniture, kitchen appliances and audiovisual equipment is arriving over the next few weeks. The website and social media platforms are now live and you can find these at www.tibbertonvillagehall.org where you can use the booking system to check availability and hire the hall as well as catch up

on the latest news. The Village Hall Management Committee are currently liaising with WCC Highways to arrange road signs to direct people up to the hall which they hope to have in place soon along with a new noticeboard in the centre of the village with information about the growing number of activities on offer. We look forward to seeing you all up there soon for your family celebrations or attending one of the Yoga or Ballroom classes. Zumba, Zumba Gold and Pilates are starting in January! For more information check the website over the coming weeks.

Plans for the Parish Hall

As the new Village Hall has now opened the Parish Hall has now closed and is no longer available for bookings. The Management Committee have donated £25,000 to the Tibberton Community Land Trust Charity to provide equipment for the new Village Hall and much of the usable equipment from the Parish Hall has been transferred to the Village Hall. Most of you will be aware that there has been strong support (96%) from villagers to try and repurpose the older Parish Hall as a Community Hub and could include such things as a meeting place, an information Centre, a café, book and toy exchange and would provide essential supplies.

The Parish Hall is a charitable organisation and as such has to comply with its



charitable objectives. These currently specify that it should be run as a village hall for the benefit of the parishioners of Tibberton. The plan is to seek the Charity Commission's permission to change the objectives to enable a Community Hub to be developed. To do this, we require approval from a public meeting which will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, 14 December 2023 in the Village Hall. The proposed new objectives for the charity (which is a charity to benefit all villagers) are:

Use of property - The said land with the building thereon shall be held in Trust to be used to improve the social welfare of the inhabitants of the parish of Tibberton, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, in particular but not exclusively by provision and maintenance of a building to provide a comfortable community hub, in which residents can meet socially, an information point to promote local activities and a facility providing essential supplies on a not for profit basis for the benefit of Tibberton residents.

Please come to the meeting to express your views or contact Rob Grimer via email at: rob.grimer@btinternet.com

Neighbourhood Watch



Tibberton has a thriving Neighbourhood Watch community, with a third of households already signed up as members. As a concept that promotes inclusivity, support for others and creating a great place to live, it's made stronger by greater numbers. It's simple to join and then link yourself into the Tibberton unique scheme. We have a WhatsApp group, with the local West Mercia Police and community support officer, Vicky as a member. Incidents and any criminal activity can be highlighted quickly and it lets others know, so that awareness is heightened. To add yourself as a member visit:

www.ourwatch.org.uk

We are currently planning an event in conjunction with the safer communities team, so that local police, council, fire and environmental departments can showcase their roles in the community.

Pathway from Plough Road to Hawthorn Rise

This path was cleared and tidied at the start of November, by Taylor Wimpey. It is now much easier to navigate and nice and wide to cater for those school children who are eager to get to the park at the end of the school day! Following a misunderstanding about ownership, Taylor Wimpey will now be providing an annual maintenance schedule to keep on top of this area.

Smart Water: latest news

We are delighted to advise that we have now received our village SmartWater kits. These are unique forensic marking kits, funded by the Parish Council and Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) - usually £60 to purchase but FREE to Tibberton households.

You can request a kit by quoting Tibberton SmartWater and sending your name, address, postcode and a contact number or email address to communitysafety@wychavon.gov.uk or by calling 01684 862550.

The PCC will be providing up to twelve free A1 and A2 signs for placement around Tibberton, which is a proven deterrent to criminals. This is subject to a minimum of 70% of the kits being registered - please don't delay in requesting your kit, it benefits your household and the village.

Community Speed Watch



The Speed Watch Team had a visit from Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner Paul Middlebrough last month, as part of the National Speed

Enforcement operation promoting road safety. Paul was able to see our team in action and we were able to make a number of points about the Community Speed Watch operations which he said were interesting and helpful.

The Parish Council will continue to press the police to provide more support to the Speed Watch Team.

A Neighbourhood Plan for Tibberton

Developing a Neighbourhood Plan is a way of helping local communities to influence the

planning of the area in which they live. It can be used to:

- Develop a shared vision for the village,
- Choose where new homes should be built,
- Identify and protect important green spaces,
- Influence what new buildings should look like.

Tibberton Parish Council has decided to work towards developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. The first meeting of the group received a presentation on Crowle's Neighbourhood Plan. Crowle started developing their plan a year ago. They have held two public meetings open to all residents and have carried out a survey. They aim to complete their plan early in 2025. We plan to hold our first consultation event in March. If anyone would like to join the group please let Margaret Rowley know by emailing margaret.rowley@tibbertonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

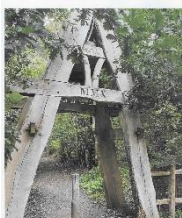
Lengthsman

A message from Jeremy Moore, your parish lengthsman:

My duties are to undertake minor works on the highway such as cleaning signs and ensuring the drainage is working correctly. I work directly for Tibberton Parish Council. I have a background in quality assurance and nature conservation but moved into highway management. I have undertaken such duties for 19 years, mainly in Worcestershire but also in Herefordshire. I'm born and bred in Ledbury and proud of it! In the course of my work thus far I have met many of you. Many thanks to all the people that have let me park on their drives in the more difficult areas of the parish to work, much appreciated! Straight away I have found the lovely village of Tibberton a welcoming and helpful place to work. My best wishes to you all and I look forward to seeing you when I'm out and about.

Tibberton Community Orchard

After a successful open day in September the Canal and River Trust is now planning another tree planting and protection day in February for the village to attend. They are also, if



sufficient funds can be arranged, planning an entrance archway, similar to that in the photo. Another idea for the future, which was suggested by a Tibberton resident, is to have a boat pick people up from the village and take them to the orchard event where we can press fruit juice in a few years' time when the trees start to produce a lot of fruit.

Plough Meadow update

The Planning Inspector dismissed the appeal by Mactaggart and Mickel Homes for outline planning permission for 100 homes and associated infrastructure on Plough Meadow following the hearing on 8th August. Trevor Knight and Margaret Rowley spoke and represented the Parish Council at the hearing, supported by a number of villagers who attended to highlight the widespread concerns about the proposed development.

In a balanced report published on 15th September, the Inspector's reasons for dismissal reflected many concerns raised by the Council and villagers. It concluded that the proposals altered the development boundary, its scale was "disproportionate and out of context with the existing settlement size" and that Tibberton did not have the necessary services and infrastructure. It noted an open field with multiple public rights of way and views to the open countryside would be replaced by a sizeable extension to the village with a "managed appearance" and concluded the proposal would "materially harm local character".

Macmillan coffee morning

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all those that came along and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September.



It was a huge success and raised a whopping £638! This amount could help pay for a Macmillan Support worker for a week. Macmillan Coffee Mornings have been going since 1990 raising over £310 million so far. Your support helps those living with cancer, supporting Macmillan nurses, answering calls on the Support Line, financial support and more.

Once again, many thanks.

Helen Rose

Tibberton – the village founded by the generosity of King John

by Chris Mowbray

Tibberton's main claim to historical fame is the 1806 contract killing of the Rector of Oddingley which was planned by a group of angry farmers in the bar of the Speed the Plough. The unfortunate cleric had annoyed them by reintroducing the old practice of collecting tithes (a tenth of farms' annual output) and giving it to the poor.

A number of books have been written about how the conspirators escaped justice on a technicality. By the time the authorities found the proof they needed some 20 years later, the chief conspirator had died and, in his absence, the rest of the gang could not be convicted under existing regulations. This caused such a national outcry that it led to a fundamental repeal of British criminal law.

The history of Tibberton, however, started a long time before that. We have to go back to around 1190 when a self-contained village started developing here after King Richard the Lionheart made the local church lands free from forest taxes in recognition of the efforts of monks from Worcester in bringing this part of the wild Forest of Feckenham into cultivation.

The first church for the farming community was built on the site of the current one in about 1225, a small cluster of houses gradually sprung up round it and, as the village's prosperity increased, the first windmill was built shortly before 1291. (A windmill stood on or near the same site until the early 1980's when the last mill, by then dilapidated and unused, blew down in a gale).

The village went about its rustic business for the next 450 years and then a major new development took place. The Worcester to Birmingham canal was built through Tibberton in the 18th Century to provide a direct navigational link between the emerging industry of the West Midlands and the port at Bristol. Through this first industrial thoroughfare, the output from Birmingham and Black Country factories was exported to the rest of the world and delicacies like spices from the Orient, cocoa from Africa and rum from Jamaica flowed back in return. This led to new houses being built in the northern part of the village around the canal and previously isolated rural families were exposed for the first time to the influences of the outside world.

The enormous significance of this cannot be overstated because this was an age when country people rarely travelled farther from their homes than five or ten miles in the whole of their lives. The village, which already had a blacksmith's workshop (demolished about 20 years ago) to cater for the needs of the farming community, now had a second one built alongside the canal to shoe the horses which pulled the canal company's barges. This workshop is now a private house.

All the activity on and around the canal inevitably increased the population. Whereas the village's population was static at around 180 people from 36 families throughout much of the 18th Century, the ten-yearly censuses introduced at the start of the 19th Century show that by 1881, the population had increased to 347 – a rise of 92 per cent. The community needed extra facilities and the village's first school was built next to the church in 1860,

The first evidence of village shops in Tibberton appears in a record published in the same year showing that of the 15 local people involved in commercial businesses, two were shopkeepers. One of

them is named in the record as Mrs Sarah Tandy, a very old surname of Anglo-Saxon derivation thought to be from the same Ancient Greek root as Andrew or Andrews meaning “strong or brave man”. The Tandy name died out only a few years ago though descendants through a female line still live in the village.

In 1868, the 13th Century church was deemed to be too dilapidated for modern use and was replaced by a new building in the same style on the same site and incorporating some timber and reclaimed stone from the original church. It has the unusual dedication of St. Peter Ad Vincula (St. Peter in Chains), which is found at only two or three other churches in the entire country. This was followed in 1874 by the building of the present school in Plough Road and, due to the demand, this was enlarged in 1895. A Parish Room was built by the church authorities in 1905, but in 1930 the church gave it to the village on condition that it could still be used for church business free of charge six times a year. It is this old village hall that is now being proposed for use as Tibberton’s new community shop.

In writing this history, I am indebted to the help and knowledge of Chris Hartwright (former Chairman of the Parish Council for 40 years), Lyn Jameson (owner of the last village shop), former residents Bob and Julie James who wrote a history of the village and the late Roly Morris (dairy farmer and churchwarden for many years).



Local Businesses in Tibberton

Passaro Hair Design

Emma-Jane opened her hair salon at Fern Cottage, Plough Road in 2019. Her beautifully decorated salon overlooks the canal creating a calm environment. Emma has 25 years experience and offers a variety of treatments from a dry cut for children, cut and blow dry and various colour treatments with complementary Olaplex treatment. To book an appointment ring Emma on 07342 967793.

Jade Jordan Photography

Jade Jordan Photography offers heartwarming, natural family, couples and pet portrait sessions in Tibberton and surrounding areas. Fun, relaxed and natural shoots creating timeless memories. No need to choose your photos - they're all included and available to download from your private gallery. There's the option to order prints here too!

We also offer gifts vouchers, the perfect Christmas gift!

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10% discount on portrait sessions

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Claire Sidwell - Utility Warehouse

Utility Warehouse are a Which? awarded company on the London stock exchange.

I provide a free bill review which can be done remotely or face to face. I look at Energy, Broadband, Mobiles and Insurance as well as offering a fantastic cash back card which takes money off your utility bill whilst you do your normal shopping. One of my friends who has energy only with me, takes an extra £40 a month off her bill by using this.

I enjoy helping save people a lot of money each month, something that's very important to us all at the moment.

Contact Claire on 07969 896 489 or take a look online at: www.uw.partners/claire.sidwell



Taste of Tibberton Beef

Andy, Nicola & Lizzie Morris, Eatons Farm off Church Lane

We have been farming in the village since 1990. In 2006 we became organic 100% pasture fed beef farmers. This means that apart from salt and minerals our small herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle is fed entirely on grass, hay or haylage.

In August 2023 we launched Taste of Tibberton Beef.

On 29th November we are launching our Soup and Beef Stew recipe boxes:

easy seasonal recipes, all packaging is either reusable, recyclable or can be returned.

To order please E-mail, phone or Private message on Village WhatsApp

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The Bridge Inn: Lynne Bisset

Before taking on The Bridge, Lynne Bisset previously worked at Café Rene in Gloucester but had wanted to run pub of her own for some time. She looked at a number of opportunities but was immediately attracted to The Bridge, because of its lovely canal side village location and its great potential. She signed the lease on 28th February 2023 and, worked hard to be able to re-open the doors and welcome back customers very shortly after, on 10th March.

The Bridge and its beer gardens have long been a popular destination for Tibberton villagers and visitors, and Lynne has been delighted to continue welcoming a wide range of customers including canal users, holidaymakers, cyclists, and horse riders! Lynne's objective is to ensure The Bridge remains a family friendly pub at the heart of village life offering a good atmosphere and good food. She recently introduced a Sunday carvery which is already proving popular and was delighted to host a children's Halloween party in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Future plans include "Fizz Fridays", a Christmas menu and New Year's Eve party plus potentially occasional music and entertainment. Asked if she had a message for Tibberton residents Lynne stressed her appreciation to everyone for making her feel welcome and adds, "Thanks for your support".

Claire Mullan – Floral Designer

Claire has loved flowers ever since, as a little girl, she collected and pressed them in books. A few years ago she made time to pursue her interest completing a two-year part-time floristry course at Moreton Morell College and working voluntarily with top florist and floral designer, Fiona Perry, creating floral decorations in some amazing venues. Claire now combines a full-time teaching career with designing floral arrangements for churches, weddings and events along with individual commissions gained largely through personal recommendations and "word of mouth". She has set up a floristry club in the school where she works, enjoys running the popular Tibberton wreath making workshops and hopes to teach some floristry for beginners and textile classes at the new village hall next year. Contact Claire on 07990 587695

Speed the Plough: Tom Chance

The Speed the Plough public house has been an important business in Tibberton for centuries. It was previously known as God Speed the Plough until forced to change its name because of its association with The Oddingley Murders in the early 1800s. Tom Chance has worked in the hospitality trade for over 16 years and started running Speed the Plough on 31st May 2019. He quickly established a thriving trade attracting new customers from Droitwich and surrounding villages before the Covid pandemic struck. Initially concerned that this would end his dream, Tom was delighted to see a surge in popularity as the country emerged from lockdown and people were keen to meet and socialise once more. Tom is solely and independently responsible for the running of the business – everything from the décor to its range of drinks and entertainment. Providing Sky sports coverage and hosting varied weekly entertainment to suit all tastes have become popular features.

Asked about his goals for the Speed the Plough Tom says they can be summarised in three words: welcoming, community and proud. He wants the pub to be a welcoming place for customers old and new, from Tibberton and beyond. He warmly invites villagers to visit, get to know him and see it for themselves. He's keen for it to be a genuine community pub – a friendly local that is accessible to everyone. He is also wants to continue the pub's historic legacy of playing an important part in a thriving village and a business of which Tibberton can be proud.

Local Produce at Rose Cottage

Graham and Bev have been sourcing and supplying locally grown fruit, vegetables, eggs and plants for eight years on their stall outside Rose Cottage, on Plough Road. Frequently getting rave reviews on the village WhatsApp group, Graham works hard to source in-season fresh Worcestershire produce offering on the doorstep convenience for villagers.



Chair's Update

A lot has happened since the previous edition of Tibby Times:

- The new Village Hall opened on 1 November which was preceded by an open morning hosted by the Parish Council,
- We have supported the Tibberton Community Land Trust, (TCLT), with their successful grant application of £25,000 from Wychavon's Rural Fund and provided match funding support of £8,100 to assist with equipping the new hall so it can meet the needs of our residents.
- Our new Lengthsman, Jeremy, has started work and we are already seeing the benefits of his work.
- The Parish Council in conjunction with the Police and Crime Commissioner has purchased 222 SmartWater kits which are available free of charge to every household in the Village.

Work has commenced on the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish which alongside the South Worcestershire Development Plan will help to protect the village from speculative planning applications from developers in the future.

Looking forward we will be working closely with:

- The Parish Hall Management Committee to develop a Community Hub and Shop on the site of the old Parish Hall,
- The Police and Worcestershire Highways to determine what additional measures can be introduced to reduce the speed of traffic through the village.

We are also committed to responding to the needs of our residents. If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve the village please send them to clerk@tibbertonparishcouncil.gov.uk. or speak with one of your Councillors.

On your behalf I would like to thank my fellow Councillors, the Clerk and the Lengthsman for all the hard work, time, and effort they have put into helping to improve our village over the past six months.

Finally on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish you all a **Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.**

Robbie Hazlehurst – Chair Tibberton Parish Council



Mobile Library dates

Did you know that Worcestershire County Council's mobile library visits Tibberton and the surrounding area on the first Wednesday of each month? This is where you can catch up with it:

9:40am to 9:55am - Tibberton, Gordon's Farm
10:00am to 10:15am - Tibberton, School

Fish and Chip Van

The fish and chip van will be back in Tibberton on 9th December from 5:15 – 8:00pm

Parish Council Meetings, dates for your diary

Tibberton Parish Council
Meeting Dates:



Thursday	14 th December 2023 @ 7:30pm
Thursday	11 th January 2024 @ 7:30pm
Thursday	8 th February 2024 @ 7:30pm
Thursday	14 th March 2024 @ 7:30pm

Meet your Councillors (with coffee and cake)

The next coffee afternoon will take place on Saturday January 20th from 3pm to 4pm at Tibberton Village Hall.

Children's Christmas Party

Hosted by 'Potty about Parties', this fun event is suitable for children up to the age of 12. Come along to the Village Hall for some pre-Christmas fun, disco lights, music, bubbles and pass the parcel. Refreshments will be provided. Tickets cost £5 per child and must be booked in advance. For more information and to buy tickets contact Sarah on 07984 066854.

Support Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Last year Tibberton residents generously supported a women's refuge charity by providing much needed toiletries. This year we are highlighting Birmingham Children's Hospital's Celebration Toy Fund. Your donation could make a difficult stay in hospital, over the Christmas period, a more magical and fun experience. Donate online at:

www.bch.org.uk/pages/category/celebration-toy-fund