



Tibby Times

Tibberton Parish Council Newsletter



Autumn 2024

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.

The first sunflower emerged at the end of July, with the others quickly following suit. The tallest sunflower, measuring 231cm was grown by Peter, with Sophie's plant coming a close second at 230cm. The first plant to flower was grown by Kingsley.

See how they Grow

At the Parish Council coffee afternoon at the end of April, children were invited to plant a sunflower seed, take it home and watch it grow. By the end of May the new plants were rapidly outgrowing their coffee cup homes and were planted along the fence line at the village hall.

Thanks to the hard work of a team of volunteers, led by Vicky Baker, who watered and propped up the rapidly growing plants, a stately line soon stood guard.



Thank you and well done to all the children and volunteer helpers who were involved in this project.



Chair's Update

Since the last edition of Tibby Times, the Village Hall has been officially opened and I would like to say thank you to everyone who was involved both on the day and in the organisation itself. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Saturday concluded with an evening of entertainment with the Band 'Come Together' playing to an enthusiastic audience of mixed ages with dancing and karaoke adding to the enjoyment of the evening.



I would also like to thank those villagers who kindly gave up their time for the Big Help and assisted in tidying up the Village Hall on the day after the opening day's events, tidying up the Church Yard, tidying up the hedgerow on Plough Road, adjacent to the telephone box, and 'spring cleaning' the children's playground.

We continue to push Wychavon to install the two new bins on the canal and outside the Parish Hall, as promised some months ago, and liaise on a regular basis with a range of other organisations who affect the quality of village life, including the police, Canal and River Trust, Worcestershire County Council, Platform Housing and Taylor Wimpey.

The Parish Council has also been monitoring and responding to key planning applications affecting the village including:

- The Planning appeal in respect of Kenosha in Foredraught Lane.
- The Court End Farm application for 40 Affordable/Social homes.

By the time you read this report the Parish Council will have submitted its response to the Court Farm application and I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for the time and effort they have put into formulating the response.

The speculative planning applications we are currently having to deal with highlight the importance of having a Neighbourhood Plan for the village which I am pleased to say is now underway. The next stage of which is to submit an application for funding to Locality to enable us to appoint a consultant to assist with the development of the plan.

Robbie Hazlehurst

Chair, Tibberton Parish Council



An update from Wychavon Council by Margaret Rowley

Changes Proposed to the National Planning Policy

The new government has offered support for accelerating the Worcestershire Parkway housing scheme which could help progress the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (SWDPR) and that in turn would hopefully put an end to the speculative developments not in the plan.

However, the government is now proposing changes to the National Planning Policy Framework which will require that the SWDPR, once agreed, is immediately reviewed **again** to meet a higher housing target. The number of new homes per year calculated for Wychavon using the new formula is 959, an increase of 97% over the 486 proposed in the SWDPR.

The proposals also include emphasis on delivery of essential infrastructure including renewable and low carbon energy. The Government's proposals can be seen at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system>.

Comments on the proposals can be made by following the above link by 24th September. If you cannot access the consultation online and would like a paper copy, please let me know.

Annual Electoral Canvass

Wychavon's Electoral Services Department is undertaking its annual review of the electoral register. Electors should be receiving an email, text message or letter to check that they have the correct details for people registered to vote. This is the first year electronic communications have been used. The emails will include a link to register your reply. They will come from a recognised government domain:

wychavon.dc.electoral.services@notifications.vice.gov.uk

Rural Transport Research

The Council is carrying out research into how residents in rural areas currently travel to essential services and activities. There is a short survey which is open to all residents, but the Council is particularly interested in hearing from younger residents (under 25) or those over 65 years old, and also those households without access to a car or van, or access to only one car or van. The survey can be found using the following link:

www.wychavon.gov.uk/community-and-living/transport-in-wychavon/rural-transport-research

Home Upgrade Grant Scheme (HUG2)

This scheme aims to enhance the comfort and energy efficiency of lower income households that rely on heating methods other than mains gas central heating and offers free home efficiency improvements for eligible people. To apply or for more information visit the Home Upgrade Grant Scheme on the Worcestershire County Council website:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/HUG2

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Operation Snap

As part of Operation Snap, members of the public can report and submit digital footage showing potential traffic offences via a secure online form to West Mercia Police.



This can range from driving dangerously or carelessly to overtaking on solid white lines, using a mobile phone while driving, ignoring traffic lights or dangerous driving around other road users, such as horse riders and cyclists.

Please note; issues with number plates, windscreens and minor traffic offences are unable to be dealt with via Op Snap and general parking complaints should be raised with the relevant local authority. Notification of untaxed vehicles can be reported directly to DVLA, reports of no MOT or no insurance should be logged to 101, not via the Op Snap portal.

Your submission will be sent to West Mercia Police where the evidence will be reviewed by one of their road traffic police officers. One statement is required for each submission/offending vehicle. They are unable to process multiple offences sent as one submission. They will strive to update each submitter regarding the outcome of their allegation. All submissions are dealt with pro-actively to help reduce risk taking and poor driving on our county's roads.

Any footage submitted through the portal can be used by West Mercia Police to help educate other road users and to advise on case results.

Further info can be obtained by googling West Mercia Police Op Snap or posting the link below into your web browser:

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk//police-forces/west-mercia-police/areas/west-mercia/campaigns/campaigns/2019/operation-snap/>



www.tibbertonparishcouncil.gov.uk

A Neighbourhood Plan for Tibberton

The consultation event held on 20th April to launch Tibberton's Neighbourhood Plan sought initial views on living in Tibberton and what future development should look like.

Residents felt that small mixed housing developments were most needed in the village and that large scale developments were inappropriate. The design should fit with existing properties and be compatible with the current ribbon development to retain the village identity. Many comments mentioned the need for carbon neutral and eco considerate housing and sustainable drainage, flood management and improved sewage treatment. The inclusion of green space and maintaining biodiversity were considered most important.

Future developments must have adequate off-road parking with EV charging points to avoid any more on road parking.

A community shop/café/post office came top in the community facilities needed for the future. A playing field and other sports facilities were next most important.

The canal was cited as the most important landscape feature in the parish, with the historic bridge getting a particular mention.

The lack of light pollution was considered an important asset. It was considered most important that there should be no street lighting in any new development. The network of footpaths and green space with open views is an important rural feature which should be maintained.

Traffic and speeding were the most cited infrastructure issues with the need for traffic lights on the bridge receiving special mention. Problems of inadequate on-street parking were also mentioned with a desire for the former layby near Hillside to be restored.

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan is continuing and if you are interested in joining the Steering Group, please contact Margaret Rowley via margaretrowley@tibbertonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Smart Water

Smart water kits are still available. If you haven't yet had one, please email your details to:

clerk@tibbertonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Keeping Tibberton Tidy

If you can spend some time picking up litter in the village or along the canal towpath, there are some litter pickers and waste bags, with hoops to hold them open, stored in the telephone box. There are also some reflective tabards and protective gloves as well as some leaflets giving health and safety advice.

News from the Village Hall

The official village hall opening event on 22nd/23rd June was hugely successful. It was lovely to see so many villagers throughout the afternoon as well as at the 'party in the park' event in the evening. The weather was amazing, making it a thoroughly enjoyable weekend of events. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made it all possible.

If anyone would like to join our growing volunteer group, planning future events, please contact:

enquiries@tibbertonvillagehall.org

The village hall continues to build up its programme of classes and events.

The In-Post Lockers are now fully operational and provide an additional income for the hall and a great service for the community.

After-school club

Tibberton village hall has recently secured an after-school club which will run from Monday to Friday from 3pm to 6pm, from 3rd September. For further information please contact Rebecca Hughes by emailing: Kidsf1rst@outlook.com This after-school club is open to children up to the age of 16.

Parish Hall/Village Shop Update

The Parish Hall Management Committee has put together a questionnaire which you will find on a separate piece of paper inside this edition of the Tibby Times. It is about the future use of the old Parish Hall. Please take time to read and respond to the questionnaire as the committee really appreciate and need **your** views.

Completed questionnaires need to be posted into the post box on the old Parish Hall on Plough Road, by 30th September.

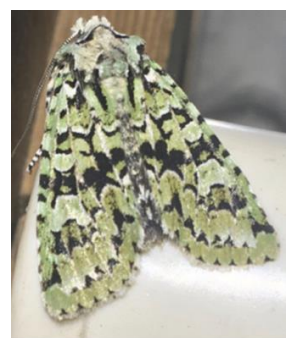
Tibberton's Autumn Moths

by Roger Scase

We are fortunate to be living in a village surrounded by trees and fields, offering a variety of different habitats and species living there. One family of insects that has gained a poor reputation is moths. This is undeserved: only a few species of moth like to visit and live on our clothes and carpets. Moths are important pollinators and food for bats. Many are rarely seen by day yet there are hundreds of species around us in the village. Moths' habit of being attracted to light can be used to lure and catch them in a trap where they can rest, be studied and released unharmed. Some are very attractive, especially a number of species that appear in the late summer and early autumn. The predominant colours displayed are autumnal shades of brown, orange and yellow and sometimes green, presumably to act as camouflage when roosting by day.

One attractive group is known as thorns. These are orange and yellow moths which settle with their wings in a characteristic half-open/half-shut way. One of the commoner ones is the Dusky Thorn and another, particularly attractive one is the well-named Canary-shouldered Thorn (pictured left).

Sallows is another group of moths coming in



autumnal colours. Two examples are Centre-barred Sallow and Barred Sallow.

There are also beautiful green moths such as the Green Carpet and, best of all, the Merveille du Jour, a moth that appears in late October (pictured above right).

These are just a few examples of the moths that are flying in and around our gardens in the autumn. Maybe fix up a light and hang a white sheet behind it. You never know what you might catch.

Vampires have too much bite for Smashers



Littleton Vampires visited Tibberton Village Hall on 11th June to take on the Tibby Smashers. This was Tibby Smashers first ever competitive game.

Littleton Vampires put together a strong team which included the Worcestershire County School's Individual U19 Girls Individual Champion - Pippa, and two of the Worcestershire County Schools U16 Girl's Team Champions - Phoebe & Elmarie. They were supported by Rupert, Brendan and Helen.

The two teams were like a Labradoodle & Dachshund meeting for the first time in the park, sniffing each other out, not sure if they were going to be friends or not. After a nervy start by both teams, they settled down and had great fun.

Playing best of three matches Littleton started strongly and raced into a 4-0 lead. Tibberton started to find their feet and pulled a match back and were unlucky not to make it two. Whilst the Littleton players had more match experience on their side, it was obvious from the match scores that the Tibberton players were beginning to relax, and this was reflected in the scoring as gradually they began to pick up some games and push the Littleton players a bit harder.

There had been great excitement from the girls before the match because I had informed them that there would be a surprise player on the Smashers side. For some reason they got it into their heads it would be 'Harry Styles'! Pippa was equally thrilled to find out it was actually her former P.E. teacher from St. Egwin's Middle School, Mr. Taylor. Pippa seemed to remember how Mr. Taylor used to out fox her with back spin when she was only 12 at St. Egwin's after school table tennis club. She showed him no mercy now with an emphatic 11-3,11-6 (2-0) win.

The final score was: Tibby Smashers 2 - Littleton Vampires 21

The scoreline does not reflect how well the Tibberton team played as there were some excellent competitive matches.

Tibby Smashers meet every Tuesday evening at Tibberton Village Hall from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. If you would like to join you can turn up on the night or contact Stu in advance on 07788 995590. New members are always welcome. Please note this is a club for over 18's.

An historic sweet treat for Tibberton's children

by Chris Mowbray



Our article about the history of the Worcester to Birmingham Canal, which runs through Tibberton, has rekindled happy childhood memories for the village's oldest native-born resident.

Sylvia Avery, who was born in a cottage owned by her grandmother in Foredraught Lane 88 years ago, has been in touch to give us further information about the horse-drawn narrowboats owned by Cadbury's which used to transport chocolate crumb between the company's factory in Worcester and its headquarters at Bourneville, Birmingham.

She has recalled that during her childhood in the 1940's and 1950's, the boatmen transporting the crumb, which was used in the manufacture of Cadbury's chocolate, would often hand pieces of it to village children who were standing on the towpath watching the boats and horses go by.

"It was flaky and tasted like chocolate and they also used to leave pieces of it at The Bridge so the licensees, Maude and Walter Tandy, used to give it to us as well when we went to the pub with our parents," said Sylvia who has lived in the village all her life.

"It was lovely to see the horses and we also used to walk the short distance down to Offerton sometimes so we could see the boats going through the locks. Incidentally, the lock keeper down there was the grandfather of Brian Parker who is the lock keeper now. Brian's father also held the same post there for a time."

She first heard about the chocolate crumb from her mother, Nora Bradley, who once worked at the company's Worcester factory as a sorter of the nuts which were used in the manufacture of nut chocolate. Nora had to give up her job when she married Sylvia's father because the company, like many firms at that time, had a policy of not employing married women. Sylvia still has the Bible her mother was given by Cadbury's when she left.

Nora first met Sylvia's father, Eddie Mardell who was a native of Tibberton, while he was breaking in a horse as part of his work for a local farmer and the couple settled in the village which at that time had only 89 houses in the entire parish. Foredraught Lane, where the family lived at first in a cottage adjoining her grandmother's home, had only half the number of houses it has now, most of them small cottages which have since been demolished to make way for more modern homes.

Sylvia, who is currently working on her memoirs about old village life, was educated at the village school and then later worked there for a number of years in charge of school meals and as a playground supervisor. Her father was also educated there and so were her son, Paul, and granddaughter, Jenny. Her great grandson, Reggie, is currently the fifth generation of the family to attend the establishment.

The picture shows Sylvia on Tibberton canal bridge in 1950 when she was aged 14. She says: "I wouldn't stand there now – it's far too busy."

Diary Dates

Parish Council Meetings, dates for your diary



Thursday 12th September 2024 @ 7:30pm
Thursday 10th October 2024 @ 7:30pm
Thursday 14th November 2024 @ 7:30pm
Thursday 12th December 2024 @ 7:30pm

Meet your Parish Councillors (and Bingo!)

The next coffee afternoon will take place on Saturday 19th October from 2pm – 3:30pm at Tibberton village hall. Come along for coffee and cake as well as a game or two of Bingo. Fun for all ages.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

SATURDAY
2ND NOVEMBER 2024
AT
Tibberton Village Hall
from 4:30 pm

CHILDREN'S TICKETS £5
TO INCLUDE A HOT DOG
AND A DRINK

ADULTS FREE - FOOD
AND DRINK
AVAILABLE

WEAR YOUR SPOOKIEST
FANCY DRESS

Contact Sarah on 07984 066854
for tickets

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 27th September
Tibberton Village Hall
9.00am until 12pm

Hello everyone, I am arranging a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September from 9.00am to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses. I would love it if you could come along and support this great cause – if you can donate a cake, even better!

I am planning on starting at 9.00am. If you are bringing a cake, could you please drop it off from 8.30am. Could you please message me if you can donate a cake and what cake you plan to bake.

Last year's coffee morning was such a success, but I would like to raise even more to help this very worthy cause. Our funds helped raise a total of £18,041,302 last year. This was enough to fund 288 Macmillan nurses for a year.

If you cannot make it but would like some cake – no worries. Please let me know and I can put some aside and deliver later.

Cash or donate via the Just Giving page:
[justgiving.com/CM24024117](https://www.justgiving.com/CM24024117)

Thank you so much for your continued support.
Helen Rose – tel. 07910 885 090.

Mobile Library Dates

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

Upcoming Events at the Village Hall

Barn dance /Ceilidh 22nd March 2025 (TBC)
Proms in the Park style event 21st June 2025
More details will be available nearer the time.