

Parish Newsletter Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside

Spring/Summer 2024

Community Centre Update

The Parish Council and Community Association are pleased to announce that we are now in a position to construct the new Chinley & Buxworth Community Centre, having successfully secured £250,000 from the UK Government's Community Ownership Fund late last year. We are still finalising some of the funding behind the scenes but we can now move forwards to realising our dream of a new community building.

TH Michaels (Construction) Ltd have been appointed to carry out the construction works and demolition will take place in the week beginning Monday 13 May. We hope that the building work will be complete around mid-January 2025. Watch this space for details of our grand opening ceremony early next year! The Car Park, Hard Court and surrounding footpaths will be closed for the duration of the project. However, the Playing Field and Skatepark will remain open. The Playground will be open for the majority of the time, however it may be necessary to close it when the Car Park is being resurfaced. The Playing Field & Skatepark can be accessed via

Rhuddlan Place (past the garages).

The Playground can be accessed by



the track between Chinley Bar & Lounge and the butchers and then via the fenced path to the rear of the houses on Lower Lane. We respectfully ask you not to park on the track next to the wall by Chinley Bar & Lounge as access to the site will be required at all times. Signs have been installed to make this clear. There will be no cut-through from Rhuddlan Place past the Hard Court and onto Lower Lane until the new building is opened.

We appreciate that there will be some disruption throughout the works, particularly affecting the residents and businesses most local to the site, however we will do our best to mitigate these. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. We hope that the new building will be worth the inconvenience in the long term! Follow our progress on Facebook – search for 'Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Community Association'.

Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside Parish Council

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Monthly Meetings

Meetings of the Parish Council are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of councillor on the Parish Council. If each month, except August and December, at 7:30pm. As the Community Centre is currently being rebuilt, meetings are once again being held in the Parish Room.

Full details for each meeting can be found on the website and on parish noticeboards as well as on the agenda which is posted in the week before each meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and may raise matters with the Council during 'Open Forum'.

Precept Update

In January, the Parish Council agreed a budget of £72,000 for the 2024/25 year and a precept contribution of £64,133.00 was requested from High Peak Borough Council.

The parish charge on the Council Tax bill for a Band D property is £59.71 for the year, a 3.0% increase.

Co-option

There is currently one vacancy for a you are interested in standing for cooption, please do get in touch.

Grants for Local Groups

In the last financial year, the Parish Council supported local groups with donations totalling £2,000. Groups to have benefitted include Chinley Guides and Brownies, Brierley Green Church, Buxworth Cricket Club, Buxworth Football Club (seniors and juniors), Buxworth Preschool, Chapel Mobile Physio, Chinley and Buxworth PCC, Chinley Coop, Chinley School PTA and Chinley Toddler Group.

Litter-Picking

The Parish Council organised two litter-picks in Chinley and Buxworth in April. Thank you very much to those who came along and helped tidy up our villages. Litter-pickers may be borrowed from the Parish Room throughout the year.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Martin Walton (Chairman)

Cllr Patrick Wilson (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Caroline Rofer

Cllr Damian Fannon

Cllr John Mulryan

Cllr Richard Drabble

Cllr Alastair Knox

Cllr Mike Travis

Cllr Penny Took

One vacancy

Friends of Chinley Park

If you have been in Chinley Park Nature Reserve recently, you may have spotted some of our hard working volunteers, or at least the fruits of our labours.

After a very wet 12 months, many of the routes through the reserve have been getting increasingly treacherous in wet weather, and growing ever wider as people try to avoid the worst of the mud. So 2024 has been christened the Year of the Paths for Friends of Chinley Park, as we reinstate edges, rebuild steps, and lay gravel and branches to contain the paths. Please do try to stick to the paths to allow the eroded spaces to regrow, and the gravel will soon start to blend in.



Admiring the new paths!

In March, we also celebrated removing the last of the rhododendrons, creating a woodland glade which will gradually develop as the soil is rejuvenated and

replenished.

We have also had the joy of supporting the local Guides and Squirrels to learn more about maintaining the reserve, who merrily planted bulbs in the barren areas to encourage more growth. We hope they will come back in future years. Friends of Chinley Park would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who bought a 2024 Chinley Calendar, and to Mark Lomas for his wonderful photos. We raised an amazing £1,300, some of which will be spent on shrubs and bulbs to infill gaps, as well as additional seating to enable more people to enjoy relaxing in nature.

Two dates for your diary - look out for posters around the parish for more details of these events:

Saturday 15 June (TBC) - A Teddy Bears Picnic designed for younger children and their teddy bears to explore and enjoy the woods.

Saturday 14 September - Picnic in the Park - designed for all ages - join us for fun and games as we celebrate our community and our nature reserve.

A final thanks to all our volunteers who give their time, energy and support to maintain the Nature Reserve. We meet at 10am at the Stubbins Lane gate on the **second Saturday** of every month - new and returning volunteers (age 16 and over) are always welcome.

Chinley Community Coop - focus on volunteers

You may already know about our notfor-profit community shop - Chinley Coop - that has been set up and is run by local people to help us live more sustainably at a fair price. If you haven't been to visit us yet, do look for the **flyer delivered with this magazine and come in to claim your 10% off**. If you are already a customer, please enjoy 10% off as a thank you for your support. We recently welcomed our 10,000th customer!



Denise, our 10,000th customer!

Chinley Coop is run entirely by volunteers. Our community shop would not exist without our dedicated band of volunteers.

Volunteers not only work in the shop, but do lots of work behind the scenes too. There is always something to do, right now some of our volunteers are working to implement a new electronic point of sale system to improve the service to our customers as well as make check-out and stock control easier for us.

We are all "local" but some of us travel from as far afield as Chapel, the

Wash, Hayfield, Combs, Whaley Bridge and Buxworth!

Our volunteers say that it's a great way to meet new people, both other volunteers and customers.

"Having lived in the village for 20 years, but working full time for the vast majority of that time, I didn't

know a lot of
people here other
than my
immediate
neighbours. I have
now met and got
to know lots more
people in the
village." ~ Helen



"What I like most about volunteering in the shop is chatting with the lovely and very varied customers we have. We talk about all sorts of things and I always end a shift having learned something from them, be it a recipe or tip for tackling insomnia! There are always plenty of laughs too." ~ Di

"I have met so many really interesting and admirable people whose day jobs are extraordinary to me, e.g. animal rights legal representation, social historian, community radio entrepreneur, emerging artist, all fascinating. I also love meeting and talking with younger people whom I really think I would not have met any other way. Talking about their lives and ideas gives me hope." ~ Sara

"I like that we have a growing group of regular customers." ~ Angela

"Often we have regular customers so we enjoy chatting to them too." ~ Jill Volunteers find it satisfying to help us to reduce the carbon footprint of our parish.

"I feel as though I have achieved something." ~ Jeanette

"I enjoy being part of a positive and shared venture which enhances people's lives locally and makes a small contribution to a wider good." ~ Sara

"I like that the shop is doing something positive by providing an ethical resource for the village." ~ Angela

Every week we have 16 shifts each lasting 3 hours. We always work in pairs and new volunteers always work with experienced volunteers at first. Volunteers can sign up to work any shift at their convenience but some volunteers have a favourite day. "I like to do Mondays as I like getting the delivery in and getting everything priced and out for sale." ~ Helen "I usually try to do Thursday evenings as I have commitments during week days." ~ Angela

"Friday afternoon, I book the shift with a friend so we can have a regular catch-up. Friends and family also know when we are on duty so pop in too." ~ Jill

"Saturday morning - lovely group of regular customers often buying weird spices for recipes." ~ Judith

Volunteering is also a great way to

hear about recipes and try new foods.

"Helped me make healthier eating choices and widened my range of menus. Customers give plenty of cooking tips." ~ Jill

"Getting to try out new products love some of the crisps and chocolate as well as cereal, fruit and nuts." ~ Judith

We are a sociable bunch and enjoy social gatherings as well as meetings to discuss changes to how we do things in the shop. New volunteers are always welcome so if you think

able to donate us three hours of your time every 2 weeks we would love to hear from you. Steve Minter is our volunteer coordinator and you can email us at

you would be



Steve Volunteer co-ordinator

admin@chinleycoop.org.uk or pop in to the shop and chat to us.

On behalf of the management committee at Chinley Coop, all of whom are volunteers themselves, I just want to say a big thank you to all our fantastic volunteers and we are looking forward to welcoming more volunteers in future.

Chinley & Buxworth Transport Group (CBTG)

Rail News

The Hope Valley Railway Upgrade has now been completed and uninterrupted schedules restored. This could signal improvements to service provision: we await with interest. Passenger numbers are down on even 2018 so we should not expect too much.

A great deal of campaigning bore fruit last autumn when the Department for Transport withdrew its directive to train operators to close ticket offices. Northern Trains would have been the worst offender so well done to all who responded (critically!) to the consultation. Some other issues yet divide operators and workforce so journeys should still be carefully planned to avoid disruptions due to industrial action.

Meanwhile, in remarkable synchronicity with the doubling of the Hope Valley Line track at Dore & Totley, rail services are now reduced to single line working from New Mills towards Manchester because of land subsidence at Hague Bar. Rail journeys from Chinley are now via Stockport or via rail replacement buses to New Mills to access the one remaining usable line to Manchester. Unfortunately, it seems that this will be the case for some months.

Our Access for All bid for funding for level access, made in April 2022, has apparently vanished into thin air, as has our 'Chinley for. . .' signage on the

platforms. We will continue to press for updates.



New platform 1 at Dore & Totley with new footbridge and lift towers - what we'd like to see in Chinley

Car Parking Charges - Chinley Station

Both the Transport Group and Parish Council strongly objected to Northern's proposal to introduce charges in the station car park. Unfortunately, Northern has since decided to introduce charges here, but has agreed to delay their introduction until 2025 once the Community Centre has been rebuilt and the Car Park there re-opened.

Bus Updates

The High Peak 190 bus continues to serve the village and is slowly but steadily attracting more use. Derbyshire County Council's subsidy is safe for this year at least.

Travel Survey

If you have not already done so online, please detach and complete the enclosed survey. The results will enable the Transport Group to determine priorities going forwards.

Please stay up to date:

www.chinleybuxworthtg.co.uk

Help us improve how to get around locally



Complete a Travel Survey about Chinley and Buxworth Parish

Either online



tiny.cc/ChinleyTravelSurvey

Or detach this middle page, complete it, and drop off at:

- Chinley Post Office
- Green Lane Social
- Chinley Co-op

Closing Date: Friday 31 May 2024

From Chinley and Buxworth Transport Group

chinleybuxworthtg.co.uk



Walking and Wheeling 1. How comfortable / safe / easy do you find it walking and / or wheeling in and around the parish? 1. How comfortable / safe / easy 2. 3. 4. 5 Very comfortable / safe / easy ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
 Would you like to walk or wheel more often within / between the residential areas of the parish? Yes □ Maybe □ No □
3. If you could choose one place (or one route between two places) in the parish for improvements for walking or wheeling to or from it, where would it be?
 What improvements would make it easier, more comfortable, or feel safer for you to walk or wheel in Chinley parish?
Cycling 5. How comfortable / safe / easy do you find it cycling in and around the parish generally?
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6. Would you like to cycle more often within / between the residential areas of the parish?
Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No ☐
7. If you could choose one place (or one route between two places) in the parish for improvements for cyclng to or from it, where would it be?

8. What improvements would make it easier, more comfortable, or safer for you to cycle in the parish?
Train 9. How comfortable / safe / easy do you find it taking the train to / from Chinley station generally?
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10. Would you like to take the train more from Chinley station? Yes □ Maybe □ No □
11. If you could choose one thing to improve about the station or the train service, what would that be?
12. What improvements would make it easier, more comfortable, or feel safer for you to take the train?
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19. Imagine if there was an affordable, accessible, reliable hourly bus service to/from the following places which of them would you be likely to use? (This helps us focus our campaign for additional bus services)

Chinley (village centre)	New Smithy	Hayfield
Chinley train station	Chapel-en-le-Frith (centre)	Glossop
Buxworth	Whaley Bridge	Buxton
Chapel Milton	New Mills	Stockport
An accessible train station	A train station Buxton to	Castleton (to connect with
on the Hope Valley line	Manchester train line	buses through Hope Valley)
Local supermarket	Other:	

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Chinley & Buxworth Women's Institute

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Our WI is continuing to seek ways to attract new members with interesting speakers and different

activities to try - we recently tried curling, which was great fun!



Trying out curling

We aim to include open meetings a couple of times per year, and in March we learnt about the cave rescue in Thailand with Bill Whitehouse. The next open meeting is on 2nd July when Nicola Sutton will talk to us about the science of sleep, sleep issues and how they impact every aspect of our lives.

Many of you will now be using the WI Hall to access services from the Community Association whilst their new Community Centre is rebuilt. We are pleased to support them whilst they continue to offer essential services during this time.

You will also notice the building activity taking place at the WI Hall. We are improving the toilet facilities

to bring us up to date with the needs of our users which will also release space in the building for meeting and storage facilities. This has taken a huge amount of planning and we are happy work is now underway.

We have continued to plan our Ladies who Lunch for members. It is a wonderful opportunity to try out local restaurants and cafes in the company of friends. Many thanks to Polly who co-ordinates our differing needs! Our plans for the summer include a trip to see Evita, a visit to an Open Garden in Buxton and a trip to Marston Montgomery to see Notty Hornblower and her exhibition of Downton Abbey costumes.

We are members of the national WI and each year take part in the annual voting for the campaign for the WI to focus on. This year we are working towards providing dental health care for everyone. This comes at a time when so many children and families are struggling to find dental health in their community. Our campaigns demonstrate how women can bring about change from a local level to a change in legislation. This year we voted to encourage the development of improved dental services to ensure that future generations can access dental services from birth.

We would love to see you at our meetings. Please see the notice boards outside the WI Hall for details about contacts and activities.

No Mow May & Biodiversity

In May we are encouraged not to mow our lawns and other grassed areas. There are lots of reasons to leave the mower in the garage.

This is the month we start to see so many flowers emerge – campion, oxeye daisy, borage, yellow rattle, cuckoo pint and daisy, to name just a few. Even dandelions are an important food source for emerging bees. All these flowers are essential food for bees and other insects that are emerging from their winter sleep. Without these insects we would not have pollinators such as bees, butterflies and moths for our flowers and vegetables.

Many of these insects in their adult state rely on nectar and pollen from these first flowers and longer grass is an important food source for many of their caterpillars. These insects and caterpillars are an important food source for the birds we love to hear in our gardens like thrush and wren. Hedgehogs also love the longer grass. By not mowing your lawn you create new and valuable habitat for insects to thrive. It is something easy and simple to do to give children the opportunity to identify different types of plants and insects and appreciate the importance of conservation and biodiversity.

The Parish Council are in the process of setting up a Biodiversity Working Group. If you'd like to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Local Church Information

St Mary's & St James'

Sunday Services are currently being held at 10am at St James', Buxworth on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and at 10am at St Mary's,



Chinley on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. For up to date information visit:

www.chinleybuxworthcofe.jimdofree.com

Brierley Green Church

We are a friendly church



group at Brierley Green and typically have 20 - 25 attend the Sunday services at 3pm.

We also have a discussion and study group midweek. We open occasionally on Thursday mornings for quiet prayer or a chat from 10am - 12pm. Check noticeboard or Facebook for details.

For any enquiries or for pastoral support contact Rev Rob Cross on 01663 750435 or email brierleygreenchurch@gmail.com Chinley Independent Chapel

If you would like to join us in worship or to find out about any other matter, please contact Foday on:

ministerchinleychapel@yahoo.com or phone 01663 750571. www.chinleyindependentchapel.org.uk

County & Borough Councillors Councillor Surgeries

Derbyshire County Cllr Ruth George and High Peak Borough Cllr Angela Benham are holding joint surgeries to cover all council issues. Do come along to raise issues or have a chat:

- 1st Wednesday of each month at Chinley Women's Institute Hall 10:30 – 11:30am
- 3rd Wednesday of each month at Bugsworth Memorial Club 6:30 – 7:30pm

Cllr Ruth George

ruth.george@derbyshire.gov.uk

Derbyshire County Council are asking residents for suggestions for improving options to charge Electric Vehicles (EVs). Homes without offstreet parking need support to be able to charge an electric vehicle and Derbyshire have commissioned a company to connect charging points to 500 lamp-posts around the county. If this would be helpful near your home, or you have any other suggestions for public charging points, please complete the survey on www.derbyshire.gov.uk - search for 'Electric vehicles'.

Cllr Angela Benham

angela.benham@highpeak.gov.uk

There's a lot going on in Blackbrook thanks to the commitment of so many residents. Parents in Buxworth have been taking action to discourage dog mess being left outside school. Speedwatch volunteers are giving



Community Speedwatch in action!

their time to educate drivers about the dangers of speeding through our villages. Toad patrollers have been helping migrating toads cross the highway safely and Chinley & Buxworth Transport Group continue to meet regularly looking to improve all means of travel in our area.

Meanwhile, the Friends of Chinley Park continue to look after the nature reserve and at the same time the Community Association has been working tirelessly for months raising funds for the new Community Centre, whilst running a full programme of activities and organising a smooth transition from the old building to temporary accommodation.

We are very fortunate to have all these committed people in our community. This includes our Parish Council working behind the scenes to deliver a new Community Centre. As your Borough Councillor I see my role as supporting our different community groups and helping Blackbrook residents where I can.

What's On across the community

Whilst the Community Centre is demolished and rebuilt, many of the activities that used to take place in the old building have temporarily been relocated.

Many of the Community Association activities are now taking place at Chinley & Buxworth Women's Institute Hall (the WI Hall). Details may be found on our posters published monthly and posted around the village, on our website (see over) and on Facebook. For further information, please contact Phil on the details overleaf or Linda on 01663 750448 or email lpage999@gmail.com.

Community Association activities:

Book Swap Café & Library

The community café is currently taking place in the WI Hall from 10am - 12pm every **Wednesday**.

You are assured of a warm welcome with our usual hot drinks, bacon butties, teacakes etc on offer for a small charge.

The library is temporarily housed in with no meet the Parish Room at 3 Lower Lane next All welcome. to Jackson Carpets (and just over the road from the WI Hall) and will be open from 10 - 11:30am to swap/drop/borrow books and jigsaws.

Citizen's Advice

We continue to offer a Citizen's Advice outreach session with free and confidential advice available at the WI Hall on the **1st Wednesday** of each month from 10 - 11:30am. The session will take place in the private, small meeting room. No appointment needed, just drop in.

For urgent advice, please contact the Advice Line on **0808 278 7954** (Mon-Fri 9am - 4pm).

Musical Memories

Our singing group for all affected by dementia or poor mental health now takes place in the WI Hall on the **2nd** and **4th Wednesdays** of each month from 1:15 - 2:30pm.

"Friday" Friends

We now meet on a **THURSDAY** at the earlier time of 1 - 3pm in the WI Hall with our usual fun programme including bingo, quizzes, films and beetle drives etc. Our monthly coach trips will continue to be on a Friday with no meeting on the day before. All welcome.

Craft Club

Chinley Craft Club now meets at the Women's Institute Hall every **Tuesday** • at the earlier time of 1 - 3pm. All are welcome to join our happy group of knitters, stitchers etc. Subs are £2 to include tea and biscuits. Free for your first time! Please phone/email Linda for more details on **01663 750448** or **lpage999@gmail.com**.



Calorie free afternoon tea! Sarah's delicious creation in felt

Other Local Groups/Activities

Other community activities formerly held in the Community Centre are taking place at the following venues:

- Chinley Table Tennis Club -Buxworth School
- Yoga with Sarah Chapel Town Hall
- FootyTotz Mechanic's Institute, Whaley Bridge
- Book Group St Mary's Church, Chinley

- Parent & Toddler Group Scout Hut
- Brownies Chinley Independent Chapel
- Guides Scout Hut
- Chinley Tunes Brierley Green Congregational Church
- Pilates Bugsworth Memorial Club
- Relax Yoga with Sarah Chinley Independent Chapel

For information on any of the above activities, including contact details, please see **www.chinleyca.org.uk** or call Phil on **01663 750100**.

Garden Open for Charity

Ashen Clough on Maynestone Road will open its garden for the National Garden Scheme once again on **Sunday 16 June** from 11am to 4pm. Admission is £5 with children free. Ticket sales all go to the National Garden Scheme which last year donated over £3.4m to medical and nursing charities.

Refreshments will be available to purchase and will include teas, coffees, cake and prosecco, as well as Big Stone Beer from the onsite micro brewery. All proceeds from the refreshments and a raffle will go to Blythe House Hospice.

Full details available on https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/45419/ashen-clough.



Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside Community Association

Caretaker - Phil Manford - 01663 750100 bookings@chinleyca.org.uk

Moving Out!

When our long-held dream of a new Community Centre finally became a reality, having secured sufficient grant funding along with the Parish Council, we needed to plan our "evacuation" from the old building. The priority was to find temporary accommodation for all our users during demolition and rebuilding. We were very fortunate that our newest committee member Sam Green took on this challenge and she brilliantly liaised with all the existing user groups and local organisations offering appropriate facilities to try and ensure all activities could continue elsewhere. We are pleased to say that this was satisfactorily achieved with everyone moving out before the Centre closed for the last time on 1st March.

We are very grateful to Chinley & Buxworth Women's Institute, 1st Chinley Scouts, Chinley Chapel, Bugsworth Memorial Club and others who have welcomed our users. Hopefully, everyone will thrive in their temporary homes but will be eager to come back to our lovely new building when it is finished! See over

for more details of where groups are operating from in the interim.

After closing the Community Centre we needed to sort through all our belongings. All equipment unsuitable for the new building was offered in our "Closing Down Sale" a week later. Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported us in raising the magnificent sum of £875 which will be put towards new chairs and furniture in the new building. Unsold, suitable items were donated to charity and the rest was taken away for recycling. All other equipment is now in storage ready for demolition!

Thanks to our Sponsors

We would like to acknowledge and thank very much the following for their recent and essential financial support towards our various projects:

- Derbyshire County Council and Cllr Ruth George (Christmas bags)
- High Peak Borough Council and Cllr Angela Benham (Musical Memories) and Cllr Daniel Capper (Citizen's Advice)
- Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside Parish Council (Defib Project)
- High Peak Lodge of Freemasons (Musical Memories)

Visit www.chinleyca.org.uk for up-to-date information for Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside Community Association