

County Councillor Report – Councillor Linda Cohen

North Nibley Parish Council

October 31st, 2021

1. My next monthly meeting to allow residents to meet and discuss concerns and new initiatives will be at The Keepers on Symn Lane in Wotton on Saturday 27th November at 11.00am. Due to safeguarding, if residents would like to attend can they inform me in advance by email or phone. Details below. It would be useful if this information could also be shared on the Parish Council website. This will be the last surgery before 2022.

2. Community Recovery Fund

The first North Nibley application for £5,000 for the Children’s Playground has been approved and passed to the Council for payment.

3. Speed Monitoring – TS7125

Results of the survey have been sent by Paul Helbrow. The mean speed fall within the appropriate range for the posted speed limit. To discuss at Monday’s meeting.

4. Leaf It Out

The county council have launched a new ‘Leaf It Out’ campaign encouraging members of the public to help keep their local drains clear of fallen leaves during the autumn and winter months.

Across the county there are 130,000 gullies and kerb weirs. These are regularly inspected and cleansed on a routine basis but at this time of year they can become blocked more quickly. It is suggested that this is done on the day of garden waste collection and that leaves are put in garden waste bins. Clearing leaves from the garden is also helpful in reducing the incidence of leaves making their way to drains.

Only clear a drain or gully if it’s safe to do so. Stay safely on the pavement or verge. Use a long broom, stick, fork or spade. Clear and pick up leaves, do not push into the drain.

To encourage engagement and thank those acting against flooding residents are asked to share a before and after photo on Twitter or Facebook using the hashtag #LeafItOutGlos

5. Staying safe this winter

Please can we remind residents that the best way to stay safe this winter is through vaccination and encourage everyone who is eligible to take advantage of the Covid booster vaccination programme and to have a flu jab.

The Category 1 ambulance response times in the Cotswolds are currently the worst in the district. We have written to William Warrender the Chief

Executive of the South West Ambulance Service asking for evidence of a detailed plan to equalise the situation in Gloucestershire and to ensure all of our residents have the best possible chance of surviving a life threatening condition.

6. COVID-19:

Testing: Our nearest Mobile Testing Unit location is:

Dursley Rugby Club, Hounds Green, Dursley GL11 6AJ (Monday-Tuesday)

Lloyds Pharmacy Wotton-under-Edge provides on site testing for people with no symptoms - 43 Long Street, GL12 7BX. Opening hours 9am-6.30pm (Monday - Friday), 9am-5pm (Saturday).

Cases

In the week Monday 18th October - Sunday 22nd October there were 5,585 confirmed cases of COVID 19.

Of these cases:

- 939 Gloucester
- 1109 Cheltenham
- 991 Tewkesbury
- 1167 Stroud
- 724 Cotswold
- 655 Forest of Dean

The rate of cases in the last 7 days per 100,000 is 937 in Gloucestershire. In the week 9th-15th October, there was 1 death mentioning 'novel coronavirus' which is 1.0 % of all deaths.

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