

FAIRFORD NEWS

FAIRFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION

Fairford Town Council has launched a new grant fund for capital grants from £1,000 - £5,000.

Who is eligible to apply?

- The group must be either a registered charity, volunteer-led community group or sports club.
- The group should be based in Fairford or primarily benefit Fairford residents.

What will grants be awarded for?

- Equipment
- Capital projects

What is the maximum that can be applied for?

- The maximum awarded to any one group, in any one financial year, will be up to £5000 or 50% of the cost of the project – whichever is the lesser amount.

Applications must be submitted by 31st October 2026.

All the details and the application form can be found in the projects section of our website:

www.fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk/project/community-project-grant-scheme-sept-2026/

We are fortunate to have recently been joined by three new Councillors – you can find out more about Sandra, Lyn & Richard in the Newsletter.

As many of you are already aware, the CDC Local Plan has allocated around 1300 new houses in Fairford. The Town Council is working hard, with the help of a Planning Consultant, to prepare a submission to the Reg 19 consultation. You can find out more about what we are doing in this Newsletter.

Plans are already underway for the Festive Market and the Christmas lights, which may look a bit different this year. Rest assured, Fairford will always sparkle at Christmas!

Best wishes Adie

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Cllr Adie Baker
Fairford Town Mayor

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FAIRFORD & DISTRICT U3A

What does £12 buy you these days? Not much I hear you say. But did you know that it will get you a year's membership of your local u3a and all that goes with it? That's 12 months of access to over 40 interest groups ranging from the physically active to the brain challenging. On the first Tuesday of the month there's an interesting talk in the Palmer Hall with tea, coffee and biscuits. So if you're no-longer working full-time or raising your family come along to the Community Centre on Wednesday 30th September between 10:00am and 12:00 noon to find out more about us. Can't make it? Visit Fairfordu3a.uk to find out more.

MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILLORS

Cllr Lyn Burns

I moved to Fairford in 2020. Having lived in East Anglia for over 35 years, I was somewhat apprehensive about moving somewhere where, apart from family, I knew no one. I needn't have worried. Fairford is a friendly town and, having joined the Bowls Club, U3a, Pilates, the Wednesday Coffee Morning and the pick up line outside Fairford School, I soon made friends.



Popping in and out of the Community Centre, I started chatting to our hardworking trio of Vanessa, Roz and Carly. It was through talking to them that I became aware of the varied roles and responsibilities of the Council and its importance in setting the tone of the town. It was by talking to them that I was made aware that my skills and expertise could, potentially, augment those of our current Councillors. They encouraged me to apply and I was duly elected.

Whilst I am aware that there are many opportunities here for people of my generation, I am also aware of the need for an evaluation of the provision for the younger generation be they toddlers or teens.

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Or visit our website:
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NEXT MEETINGS

The next two Full Town Council Meetings will be on Tuesday 13th October and Tuesday 10th November at 7.00pm in Fairford Community Centre.



MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILLORS

Richard Lewis

Richard is a former Royal Marines Commando who saw operational service during his military career. Since leaving the military, he has held senior leadership roles across education, government and the not-for-profit sector in both the UK and Middle East, with experience in strategy, governance and organisational leadership. He now works in extreme and remote medicine. Richard is actively involved in



the local community, volunteering as a Community First Responder and playing and coaching at Fairford Rugby Club. Rugby has been a major part of his life from an early age, including playing at a high level, and he remains passionate about the role grassroots sport can play in a strong community.

As a new councillor, Richard is looking forward to learning more about the work of the Town Council and contributing his experience where it can be useful. He has a particular interest in sport and recreation and would like to see high-quality sporting opportunities, facilities and coaching available locally, reducing the need for people to travel outside Fairford to access them. He is also interested in strengthening links between local organisations and supporting Fairford as a strong and active community.

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Sandra Lewis

Sandra has lived in Fairford for most of her life, giving her a strong and long-standing connection to the town and its community. She has spent much of her career in education and care, including as Head of Care at Coln House School and in senior leadership roles within schools, supporting vulnerable children and young people. Sandra has also lived and worked in the Middle East and now works in specialist education, supporting schools and provision across the South West and beyond. Sandra is actively involved with Fairford Rugby Club, where she volunteers as Safeguarding Officer and plays walking rugby. She also enjoys keeping active and has completed a number of triathlons, including at half-Ironman distance.



As a new councillor, Sandra is looking forward to learning more about the work of the Town Council and contributing to the town she has known for most of her life. She has a particular interest in local events and activities that bring people together and help maintain the strong sense of community that makes Fairford such a special place to live.

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AN UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISOR FOR RAF FAIRFORD AND RAF WELFORD, ZOHEY PEACE:

Following enquiries made over the past few months I can confirm that the RAF Commander has submitted the noise contour request for RAF Fairford, and this is now with the MOD, when we receive any updates, we will let the Council know but please be aware that we have no timescale on this.

Having listened to local feedback all efforts have been made to make positive changes where possible, however this is an operational Airbase, and the US are operating at the permission of the UK Government. I work closely with your local Councils to ensure your feedback is heard and that we can share any updates from base with you through this platform. Please do continue to use these channels so we are aware of any issues or concerns.

Over the last few months, I have had feedback / enquiries relating to my role and where it sits and what I do. My role as Community Relations Advisor to the 501st Combat Support Wing encompasses a variety of responsibilities, in brief I am a UK MOD Civilian employed as an Adviser to the US Commander for RAF Fairford and RAF Welford, providing subject matter expertise on UK current affairs, UK protocol and economic matters. I also work to develop engagement between the US Visiting Forces (USVF) and the UK communities in which they live and work.

Please find below a list of useful contacts in relation the base:

Organization	Contact	Details
Zohey Peace Community Relations Advisor	01285 714965 / 07764 166079 501CSW.CRA.RAFFW@us.af.mil	Community Relations Advisor for RAF Fairford. Civilian employed by the MOD to support the US Airforce, specifically the 501 st Combat Support Wing, to maximise the mutual understanding between United States Visiting Forces (USVF) and the British communities in which they live and work. Contact for local community engagement opportunities, volunteering for Airmen, enquiries or feedback relating to the base.
MOD Police	01285 714477	Any concerns / suspicious activity
USAF 501 st Public Affairs office	501csw.pa@us.af.mil	Contact for media enquiries relating to the base / 501 st Combat Support Wing

Our airmen are always looking for ways to engage and connect with the local community, a great way of doing this is through volunteer opportunities and I share a monthly volunteer programme here on base. If you have any volunteer opportunities you think would be a good way of integrating our two communities, sharing local culture and would help locally please do get in touch.

JUNE & BRIAN WALL CUP RAISES RECORD £1,443.83 FOR THE COBALT UNIT

Fairford Bowls Club once again demonstrated the very best of community spirit when it hosted the annual June & Brian Wall Cup, raising a magnificent £1,576.17 for The Cobalt Unit, Cheltenham.

Held on Saturday 18th July, the colourful 2-Wood Pairs competition attracted a full field of 32 teams (64 competitors), making it the biggest June & Brian Wall Cup to date. Bowlers, supporters, families and friends enjoyed a wonderful day of competitive sport, friendship and fundraising in glorious summer weather.

The event featured a full programme of bowling alongside a popular BBQ, homemade cake stall, Pimm's table, raffle, auction and the ever-popular spider competition. The generosity of everyone involved resulted in a record amount being raised for The Cobalt Unit, a charity that provides outstanding diagnostic and cancer care services for people across Gloucestershire and beyond.

The event was only possible thanks to the remarkable efforts of club members and volunteers. Their enthusiasm and teamwork ensured the event was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Following a closely contested day's bowling, Ken Clarke and David Morley emerged as worthy winners of the 2026 June & Brian Wall Cup, receiving the trophy after an excellent display throughout the competition.



Speaking after the event, organiser **Terry Coss** said:

“The generosity shown by everyone has been truly overwhelming. Whether people played, volunteered, donated prizes, baked cakes or simply came along to support us, every single person helped make this such a memorable day. To raise a record £1,443.83 for The Cobalt Unit is a fantastic achievement, and Fairford Bowls Club can be immensely proud of what has been accomplished together.”

Now firmly established as one of Fairford Bowls Club's flagship annual events, the June & Brian Wall Cup continues to honour the memory of June and Brian Wall while making a real difference to a cause that has touched the lives of so many local families.

The club extends its sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the day such a resounding success and looks forward to welcoming competitors and supporters back for the 2027 event.

FAIRFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Thursday 15th October 2026 at 7.30 pm
at Fairford Community Centre

River valleys of the Cotswolds by Alan Pilbeam

Thursday 19th November 2026 at 7.30pm
at Fairford Community Centre

Music in Fairford Church by John Read

Visitors are welcome to attend meetings at £3 per session

For further information email:
enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk or visit
www.fairfordhistory.org.uk



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24HR ACCESSIBLE DEFIBRILLATOR

LOCATIONS:

There are 9 publicly accessible defibrillators in Fairford. These are at the following locations:

- Fairford Fire Station, Hatherop Road.
- The Bull Hotel, Market Place.
- Fairford Youth Football Club, Horcott Road.
- The Old Phone Box, Milton Street.
- Bowls Club, East End.
- Queensfield Phone Box
- Keble Fields Estate
- Fairford Gate North (on Jacob's Piece)
- Fairford Gate South (on Honeybone Close)

Other defibrillators are available during operating hours at:

- Fairford Community Centre;
- Fairford Town Football Club &
- The Palmer Hall



NEWS FROM ST MARY'S FAIRFORD

As I write this at the beginning of September, there is a palpable sense of relief here in Fairford at the beginning of autumn: cooler days and welcome rain after the incredible heat and dryness of summer. It has been an extraordinary year, with record high temperatures, and heatwaves that stretched on for week after week. Worse, though, especially for our farmers, was the lack of rain. June, July and August saw barely a drop of rain, with a terrible impact on the growth of the crops in our fields and orchards. We will give thanks for the harvest as always this year, but we'll do so knowing how reduced it is.

In the Church we refer to this season as 'Creationtide'. September and October are months to think about the world we live in, and the ways in which we can do better in taking care of it. Our Eco Church group are committed to helping us look after our church and churchyard in sustainable and eco-friendly ways, and in informing us as to what is going on in the wider world. Their series of 'Jane Kidd Eco Talks' will continue on the third Tuesday of the month (except December) into the autumn – so do come along at 7 for a 7.30pm start in the Community Centre if you're interested.

Creationtide is also a time to say thank you – for the harvest from the fields, but also for the gifts and blessings elsewhere in our lives. Our Harvest Thanksgiving service will be on the 11th October this year at 10am at St Mary's, so it would be lovely to see you there. We'll be collecting food gifts to donate to our local Food Bank, so don't forget to bring your gifts as part of your harvest celebration!

Rev'd Caroline

CONTACT

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Parish Office Jan Joslyn – 01285 712428, fairfordpcc@gmail.com



On a warm day in July, St Mary's Eco Church Group hosted a Bug Hunt event in the churchyard where 59 children, each issued with a bug passport, took part in varied activities ranging from bug Olympics and bug identification to bug crafts, yoga and story time.

At the beginning of September, a party of 18 volunteers turned up for 'The Big Rake and the Big Cake', raking the recently mown grass in the churchyard with the reward of delicious cake for their efforts. The churchyard is actively managed for biodiversity, and the longer grass has provided habitat for insects and mammals and food for birds and bats. Some grass remains long over the winter months, to provide refuge for overwintering insects whilst other areas are cut short in anticipation of spring bulbs.



Looking Back on August & Ahead to Winter

Don't forget our regular events:

Monday: Senior Yoga

Tuesday: Digital Drop in sessions
10am-11am Fairford Community Centre

Wednesday: Talking Cafe & Family Hub
Fairford Community Centre

10:30am-12pm

Friday: First Steps Toddler Group £1

United Church Milton Street 9:30am-11am

Term time only

September 2026



As the summer holidays come to a close, we are looking back on a busy and rewarding August at Working 4 Wellbeing. Our focus has been on supporting local families and children with a range of free activities for different ages and interests.



A Busy August

At our weekly Family Hub, we hosted a variety of creative sessions including potion making, slime making, tie-dye, puffy painting, and we finished the summer with a fantastic free-flow crafts session.

We are especially proud that we were able to offer our first Summer Camp Morning. Despite the challenges of a heatwave, we adapted our plans and still delivered an enjoyable and memorable morning for all the children who attended. Thank you to The Door for your support at this event.

We also took our activities out into the community, hosting a craft session in Kempsford and a Fairford Breakfast & Craft morning for primary school children. It was wonderful to welcome lots of new faces and thank you to Family Action for supporting us with the crafts.

Our Free Fruit for Teenagers initiative was another success, with approximately 30 local teenagers collecting free fruit from the Marketplace. While feedback showed that parents were a little more involved in the process than we had originally intended, it was still great to see young people benefiting from the scheme. W4W would like to bring something like this back again for teenagers in the future.



Monthly Events

Barn Theatre Trip: We have had 4 successful trips to the barn and can't wait to see some winter shows.

Get in contact if you would like to come. Tickets and transport provided.

Fairford Craft & Chat: The last Thursday of every month. Come along to Craft & Chat to make new friends, have a good natter, and learn a new creative skill in a relaxed, welcoming workshop

Shopping Trip - W4W provide monthly shopping trips. Thank you to Lechlade Lions for allowing us to use their minibus. Next trip Friday 25th September Swindon Orbital £3 2 hours of shopping time.



Exciting News! We're delighted to be working alongside the local library to bring a Book Club to our community. Whether you're an avid reader or simply looking to meet new people, this will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, chat, and share a love of books. Watch this space for more details coming soon!



Thank You!

None of these activities would have been possible without the incredible support of our volunteers. Their time, energy and dedication make such a difference to our community, and we are extremely grateful for everything they do. Want to join the team, get in touch!

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our sponsors. Our family activities were supported through funding from the Childrens and Family Commissioning Hub Fund, Summerfield's, and the Cotswold Food Network Grant. Your support enabled us to provide free opportunities for local families throughout the summer.



Our Talking Café

Alongside our holiday activities, our most popular regular event continues to be the Talking Café, held every Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:00pm. We are delighted that Fairford Town Council is now sponsoring the room hire for this valuable community space. We would also like to thank Budgens for their continued support in providing refreshments for both of our cafés



Budgens

More Family Fun Coming Up

EXCITING

NEWS

Working 4 Wellbeing are excited to be bringing back our Community Meals from October! We'll meet once a month to enjoy a delicious, home-cooked 2 course meal prepared by Kitchen Club. Spaces are always limited and go quickly, so keep an eye out for our upcoming events and be sure to book early!



CONTACT US

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LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Most people will by now be aware of Cotswold District Council's plans to build nearly 1400 additional new homes in Fairford by 2043, mainly on the east side of the town, in response to a Government requirement to build over 17,000 new homes in the District as a whole, which CDC proposes squeezing mostly into the 20% of the area outside the Cotswolds National Landscape (formerly known as AONB).

To put this in perspective, the requirement being imposed on Fairford is equivalent to one large new housing development (of which we have already had several in the last 15 years) every year from 2028. This is significantly more than was proposed in the previous consultation at the end of 2024.

CDC is proposing some open spaces, a new Primary school, a new medium-sized supermarket (or is it local centre?) and 4 hectares of employment land (for industrial or similar purposes) to go with the housing. Is this sufficient to compensate for the impact of the additional traffic on already overstretched local services, including the doctor's surgery, parking capacity, water supply and sewage treatment capacity? Is it even likely to happen in practice? On the basis of experience, you may think the answer is obvious.

Copies of the consultation and supporting documents can be found in the library and online at [Local Plan 2026-2043 - Cotswold District Council](#)

How should people respond to this?

Fairford Town Council has already taken the lead by writing a letter to the Communities Secretary, Angela Rayner, supported by the councils of at least 14 other most affected Towns/Parishes from across the District, explaining why the standard method for determining the housing requirement is inappropriate for Cotswold District, particularly in the context of Local Government Reorganisation, and asking for the related provisions affecting planning decisions to be suspended. (Cotswold District Council were supportive of this initiative.) The Government has replied acknowledging most of the main points and saying that the consultation process is the way of dealing with this but has unsurprisingly not agreed to our requests. However, we are going to fight our corner. We are also liaising with the other councils on how best to respond to the Local Plan Consultation.

We are highlighting (among other things):

- Inadequate spatial planning of the proposed strategic extension in the context of the overall town
- Inadequate analysis of the impact of the proposals on the existing town centre and traffic through the town, resulting in inadequate infrastructure proposals and costings
- Non feasibility of the strategic extension in its current form and non-viability, even based on CDC's flawed proposals
- An inappropriate non-strategic housing allocation in the River Coln Valued Landscape area designated in the Fairford Neighbourhood Plan (2023)



- Inappropriate reliance on statutory duties under other legislation for the delivery of essential upgrades to water supply, sewage treatment and other infrastructure, particularly given the uncertainties surrounding the future of Thames Water.

You can also help by responding to the consultation – the deadline is 5th October

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2026-2043/>

We would suggest focusing on the following:

- Detailed issues concerning the proposed housing sites, including access to them and drainage issues (particularly if you have relevant documentation for evidence)
- Impact on local nature (e.g. Cotswold Water Park Nature Improvement Area) and green space amenity, particularly in the area south of the town around the river
- What permanent new employment opportunities does CDC expect to be created in Fairford, particularly for local young people, and what do they intend to do to attract new employers?
- Existing transport problems, e.g. difficulties getting to different employment or study locations by public transport
- Particular local problem areas for safe pedestrian and cycle access within Fairford
- Difficulties accessing local services e.g. Doctors and Dentists – and what is proposed to address these

It would be helpful to include supporting evidence and also to share this with Fairford Town Council.

Richard Harrison

Planning Committee Chair, Fairford Town Council

PALMER HALL CINEMA

October's film will be **The Devil Wears Prada 2**

Miranda Priestly struggles against Emily Charlton, her former assistant turned rival executive, as they compete for advertising revenue amid declining print media, while Miranda nears retirement.

Date: Wednesday 14th October

November's film is TBC

Date: Wednesday 11th November

Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 start. Admission £4 to include tea and biscuits. Glass of wine £3.50.

FAIRFORD FIRECRACKERS WI

Fairford Firecrackers WI have been busy celebrating 111 years of the WI. Members were asked to wear purple or green (the WI colours) to their September meeting as part of the national celebrations. We also had a lovely weekend selling cakes at the Fairford Steam Fair back in August (which was a huge success) and are now looking forward to our Autumn meetings which include Harvest Supper in October, our AGM in November and a Christmas party for our members in December. If you would like to join in, please do give us a call on 07866 518830 for more information. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at Fairford Community Centre. We would love to see you.



FAIRFORD'S DREAM STEAM SHOW

Fairford Steam, Classic & Retro Show (FSCRS) recently welcomed hundreds of visitors to a very hot community event.

Starting on the Friday night, cars, trucks, big steam and miniature engines steamed into Fairford Market Place for the free Steam-in-the-Square event. Local businesses in the centre of Fairford stayed open late and were glad they did – all of them declaring it was their best night ever. Fairford Steam Show, which held its fourth show since returning to the scene in 2023, aims to showcase Fairford, its community, businesses and what the Cotswold town has to offer.

Steve Evans, Chair of the FSCRS, said: "I'm so proud of the Show Committee, who managed to pull off a great show in very difficult conditions. I would like to thank all exhibitors, vendors and visitors for adhering to the safety rules and offer sincere thanks to all our sponsors, including Fairford Town Council, for supporting this event, without whose help the show wouldn't take place."



Next year's show will be held over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 21st and 22nd August with the enormously popular Steam-in-the-Square back in Fairford Market Place on Friday evening 20th August. Please put these dates in your diaries and come along to enjoy a fabulous family weekend.

FAIRFORD TENNIS CLUB OPENS A NEW CHAPTER WITH A NEW CLUBHOUSE

It has been another fantastic summer for Fairford Tennis Club, culminating in a very special **Finals Day on Sunday 30 August**, when we officially opened our new clubhouse.

Our new clubhouse marks a major milestone for the club. With kitchen and toilet facilities, an indoor seating and social area, and a veranda overlooking the courts, it provides a much-needed home for a club that is **growing rapidly, with more juniors, more young families, more new members and, importantly, more people using the courts than ever before.**

The official opening took place during Finals Day, with **Mayor Adie Baker and Michael Birnie from the Ernest Cook Trust** joining members for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebrations.

The clubhouse opening was the **centrepiece of a packed day of tennis**, with players competing across seven events, including two new competitions; the **Juniors** and the incredibly fun and frantic **1 Point Challenge**.



With **6 new champions across 7 events**, the Finals Day highlighted the depth of talent at the club, with plenty to celebrate and a great turnout of members, former members, families and friends.



FAIRFORD TENNIS CLUB CONT'D

The new clubhouse is the result of a huge amount of work by club volunteers and members, supported by the **Ernest Cook Trust, Fairford Town Council, Johnson Associates Ltd, Wreyland Rural Planning, and member donations.**

Most importantly, the clubhouse provides the foundations for the **next chapter of Fairford Tennis Club**, supporting our growing membership, encouraging more juniors and families to get involved, and providing a welcoming space for the whole community.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. We now have a clubhouse - and an exciting future to match.

As the club continues to grow, we are keen to develop **partnerships with local businesses, organisations and individuals.** Sponsorships and donations help us invest in our junior, community and tennis activities, while providing an opportunity for local supporters to make a real difference to the club's future and the wider Fairford community. For more information, please contact us at fairfordtennismembership@gmail.com

If you would like to find out more about Fairford Tennis Club, or are interested in joining, please contact us at the same email, fairfordtennismembership@gmail.com

FAIRFORD AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

We warmly invite you to our **Winter concert.**

Saturday 28th November at 7pm, St Mary's Church, Fairford.

We are delighted to present the following programme which highlights the themes of reconciliation, remembrance and peace.

Ian King – *The Christmas Truce*

H Balfour Gardiner – *The Evening Hymn*

Maurice Duruflé – *Requiem*

Conductor : Nia Llewelyn Jones

Organist : Jed Hughes

Baritone : James Geidt

Mezzo Soprano : Zozi Sookanadenchetty

- Interval Refreshments
- Tickets cost £17.50 with discounts for Under 18's.
- Purchase available via our website www.fairfordchoralsociety.org.uk , Choral Society members or on the night.
- Contact: chair@fairfordchoralsociety.org.uk

We very much look forward to seeing you there!

PLANS TO EXTEND THE SPORTS FACILITIES AT FARMOR'S SCHOOL – HAVE YOUR SAY

What could a new sports hall mean for Fairford?

More opportunities to play sport, get active, meet people, socialise and take part in community activities.

We're exploring plans to improve and extend the sports facilities at Farmor's School – but before we take those plans any further, **we want to know what Fairford residents think.**

Last autumn, I consulted the community about our plans for a new 3G pitch. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with fantastic support from local residents, clubs and organisations, as well as Cotswold District Council. Thanks to that support, we have now raised the funding needed and construction is due to begin next spring.

One message came through particularly clearly in that consultation: **Fairford needs better access to sports hall facilities.**



Since then, Farmor's School has been working with Colony Architects, Fairford Netball Club, Fairford Rugby Club, Fairford Youth Football Club and The Conditioning Club to develop some initial ideas for improving and extending the sports hall.

How could we transform this space?

But have we got it right? We need your views.

The draft plans are available to view in the Community Rooms, or you can see them by scanning the QR code below.



They include:

- a new roof and solar panels
- improved changing facilities for both the 3G pitch and indoor sports
- new gym and fitness spaces
- additional upstairs space for socialising and community use
- a café area where parents can relax while children take part in activities
- improved viewing galleries
- an outdoor terrace overlooking the playing fields
- resurfaced and floodlit netball courts, creating more opportunities for evening activities



What would you like to see? What would you use? And what does Fairford need?

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey using the QR code. **Your feedback will help us shape the plans and, importantly, demonstrate the level of community need and support when we apply for grants and public funding.**

As with the 3G pitch, making these improvements a reality will depend on securing external funding. **The stronger our evidence of local need and community support, the stronger our funding applications can be.**

Every response will help us understand what Fairford wants and needs from its future sports and community facilities.

Emma White (Deputy Head, Farmor's School)

Have your say – complete the survey today.



GETTING TOWN FOOTPATHS WINTER READY

Despite the summer drought, shrubs and trees appear to have grown well over the summer months. Many of the footpaths along our streets are now partially obstructed by greenery overhanging walls and fences and by expanding hedges. This is restricting pedestrians who are having to step into the road paths of verge to bypass the obstructions.

As the nights draw in more people will be walking in the dark and having to take to the road to avoid vegetation (especially at head height) will be more hazardous. Please could residents with boundaries up to a footpath trim any vegetation back to their fence line and up to a height of 2 metres. This is not the responsibility of the Highways Department, and if they do get involved seem to be exuberant.

Let's all keep walking and stay safe.



Find out how the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) maintain, care for and protect war graves, cemeteries and memorials in perpetuity.

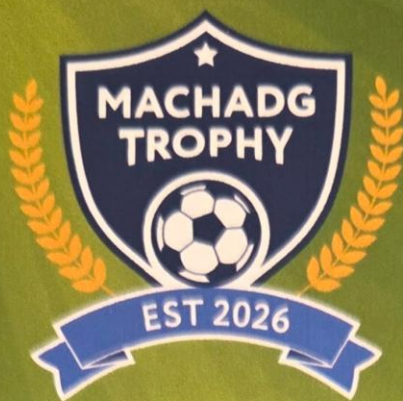
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