



Froxfield News

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Swings a hit with all ages

Community Fund and local business support makes the dream come true for local children — and quite a few adults too!

All thanks to the support of the **National Lottery's Community Fund** which gave £9,590 and **BK Grain Handling's** generous donation of £3,500, our new swings have now been installed on the village green.

The weather was kind to the Wicksteed Leisure contractors who took three days to complete the construction. The sturdy metal frame is now more safely stationed further back into the green and underlaid with rubber safety matting. The grass has already started to grow through and it will soon be a largely invisible safety feature. Local children have already given the swings the thumbs up and even some grown ups have been spotted taking a moment to 'chill' on the large basket seat!



Thanks to all the community who supported this project. The Parish Council hopes the swings will provide enjoyment for many future generations.





PICTURED: WICKSTEED CONTRACTORS BEGIN THEIR WORK IN THE BLAZING 'INDIAN SUMMER' HEAT OF EARLY SEPTEMBER.



SPECIAL THANKS TO PARISH COUNCILLOR ELLIE MORTON FOR DEALING WITH ALL THE APPLICATION FORMS FOR LOTTERY FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE





AGM NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Froxfield War Memorial Hall is on 11th October at 7.30pm (in the hall). Anyone who has an interest in activities at, or upkeep of the [Memorial Hall](#) is welcome to attend to hear the latest from the management committee.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) for A4

Wiltshire Council road engineers have helped Froxfield Parish Council identify the most useful position for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) on the A4. The installation has been approved by the [Pewsey LHFIFG Committee](#) — that is the Local Highways & Footpaths Improvement Group which covers the Froxfield area. It was agreed that the pole should be installed on the eastern side of the access to the water-treatment pumping station in front of Riverview. The location is suitable for monitoring traffic in both directions by rotating the unit.

The Parish Council has already agreed to purchase a device from [Elan City — An Evolis](#) model which not only tells drivers their speed as they are passing through Froxfield, but also collects data on speeding which can be collated and passed to the Wiltshire Police as necessary.

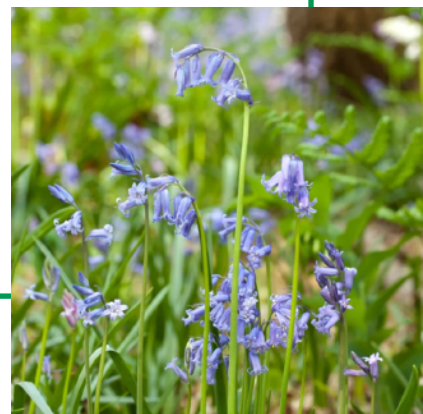
The aim of the Parish Council is to give those 'honest' motorists a gentle nudge when they are speeding in the hope that they keep within the 40mph. We recognise that not everyone bothers to respond to these prompts, but we hope the majority of drivers are well-intentioned and just need to know when they are speeding through our village!



Bulb Planting on the Water Meadow - come and help!

The Parish Council has a 'five year plan' for the water meadow nature reserve which includes planting wild flowers and bulbs. The first step will be to plant special bulbs ready for next spring and we are organising a volunteering morning on **October 28th, starting at 10am**. If you can spare an hour or two to come along and plant Snakes Head Fritillaries, native daffodils and blue bells. We are buying bulbs from [Meadowmania](#).

Come equipped with gardening gloves and trowels and help out for as little or as long as you are able.



News in brief:

The new 'on-demand' bus service from Marlborough to Bedwyn and Hungerford, taking in Froxfield — route 110 — is due to roll out on October 30th. More information will be found on the [Wiltshire Connect](#) website.

You may have noticed that we have a new Froxfield village logo at the top of our newsletter — this lovely line drawing was created by our own Parish Councillor [Arran Miles](#) who is a talented local artist, who exhibits during local Artists Open Studios. We will be incorporating this line drawing of the Duchess of Somerset Hospital clock tower into our Parish Council communications.

The results of the Parish Council's requested [Speed Limit Review](#) should be available at the next meeting of the [LHFIG on October 18th](#). We hope to hear positive news about standardising our speed limit through the village at 40mph. However, this is not a forgone conclusion. If we find our concerns are being batted away, the PC will go back to the LHFIG and seek all means to have a sensible speed limit in the village between the perimeter gates. It is important to bring down speeding at the eastern end of the village — particularly past the Pelican Inn.

Help us to keep in touch with you...

This newsletter is being emailed out to residents of Froxfield who have signed up to our email news service. We hold a list of those wanting to be kept abreast of the PC's activities and being informed about opportunities to get involved with village projects. If you are not already on this email broadcast list and would like to be, send your details to the PC Chair: v.body@froxfeld.org

• WE WILL NOT SHARE YOUR NAME WITH ANY OTHER ORGANISATION AND INFORMATION SENT TO YOU WILL RELATE TO FROXFIELD VILLAGE MATTERS.

**Froxfield Parish Council meets in the Memorial Hall every two months.
See our website www.froxfield.org for dates, agendas and
minutes of previous meetings.**

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on
Monday 20th November.**

