

Parish Councillors 2023/24

Galleywood Parish Councillors are as follows, their contact information can be found on the Parish Council website:

Councillors:

S Troop
(Chairman)



J Potter
(Vice Chairman)



G Bonnett



R Hyland



A McQuiggan



N Paul



C Shreeve



G Smith



B Woolward



Projects for 2023/24

Open space and highways improvements
Annual programme of Events in Galleywood
Continued support of Galleywood Youth Club
Other items on the Parish Council's Action Plan

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Public Conveniences

The public conveniences at the Watchouse Road shops are owned and maintained by the Parish Council. They are open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.



Galleywood Parish Council



2023/2024



Welcome to Galleywood Parish Council's Annual Report. This summarises the work of the Council for the last financial year.

Councillor Stephanie Troop,

Services

The Parish Council provides services for its residents which include:

- ◆ Benches
- ◆ Bus Shelters
- ◆ Defibrillators and Bleed bags
- ◆ Councillor Surgeries
- ◆ Grapevine magazine
- ◆ Grant Award scheme
- ◆ Litter Bins and Dog Bins
- ◆ Litter Picks
- ◆ Noticeboards
- ◆ Open Spaces - The Spinney & Twitten Green
- ◆ Parish Office
- ◆ Play in the Park sponsorship
- ◆ Public Conveniences
- ◆ Senior Citizens Christmas lunch
- ◆ Village Attendants
- ◆ Village Book Swap
- ◆ War Memorial
- ◆ Youth Club

The work of the Parish Council is summarised in this report. Further information can be found on the Parish Council's website.

The weekly **Youth Club** is funded by the Parish Council and run by YMCA Essex; it is held in the Youth Centre in Watchouse Road on a Thursday

Parish Councils are statutory bodies and are the first tier of local government. Galleywood Parish Council is made up of 9 Councillors supported by the Clerk and Admin Assistant. The Parish Council receives an income from Chelmsford City Council. This is known as the 'Precept', which residents pay as part of their council tax. Through an extensive range of Powers we provide and maintain a variety of important and visible local services. Your Parish Councillors are volunteers; they do not receive an allowance from the Parish council.

Meetings

The Parish Council meets at least every other month and it is at these meetings where decisions are made. Meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity for residents to ask questions about agenda items. Some of the Parish Council's work is undertaken at Committee meetings which are also open to the public. The Parish Council Committees are as follows:

- Finance and Resources
- Planning and Highways
- Personnel



Building lives, hope and futures for Children, Young People & Families

Committees

Planning and Highways Committee - considers and comments on all planning applications for planning matters relating to Galleywood; implements the Parish Council's open space maintenance plan; considers tree and other planting/maintenance projects; reviews the Action Plan.

Finance and Resources Committee - Ensures the Council abides by agreed Financial Regulations; reviews the Parish Council's assets; manages the Parish Council's grants scheme; delivers the annual programme of events; controls the provision of the Youth Club. Sets the budget and monitors expenditure.

Personnel Committee - considers the levels of staffing; reviews staffing policies, including training needs.

Agendas and Minutes of all Meetings can be found on the Parish Council's website.

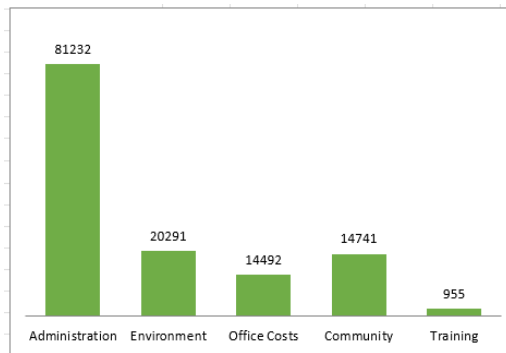
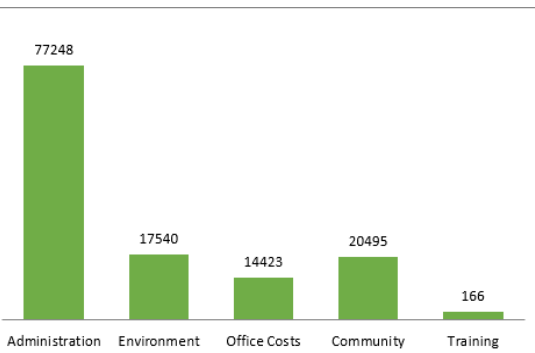
The Parish Council's 3 year Forward Plan and current Action Plan can be viewed on the Parish Council's website: www.galleywoodparishcouncil.gov.uk

Expenditure 2023/24
£129,872.00

Projected Expenditure 2024/25
£131,711

2023/2024

2024/2025



The Parish Council has made a Precept request to Chelmsford City Council for the sum of £124,332. Projected Income and funds from Parish Council Reserves will make up the difference of £7,379.

The Band D Council Tax for 2024/25 is £59.29, an increase of 9.88% (£5.86)

Full detail of the budget summary for the Precept 2024/25 is available from the Parish Council office or on our website.

Projects and Events in 2023/24

Grants awarded

- Galleywood Ladies Club £225
- Galleywood Women's Institute £100
- Friendship+ £225
- Make Lunch £300
- tEG £275
- Cottage Garden £150
- Galleywood Horticultural Society £225
- Galleywood Theatre Group £350
- Galleywood Short Mat Bowls Club £150

The Parish Council's Grants scheme will be open for new applications from 2nd September 2024.

New Defibrillator



A new defibrillator was installed outside St Michael's Church. This enables the Council to provide residents with multiple defibrillators around the village to be used in an emergency.

New Benches

The Council has purchased a 'Happy to Chat' bench and two other benches for Jubilee Park using ECC locality funding. These will be installed in the very near future.

Events

Play in the Park for ages 3-11

The Parish Council supported the cost of tennis coaching in Chelmer Park and a fun day in Jubilee Park in August 2023. These have been booked again for 30 and 31 July 2024. This is a free event.

Storytelling Event for all ages

The Storytelling event held at Twitten Green in June 2023 was enjoyed by our visitors. This has been booked again for 1 August 2024. This is a free event.

Senior Citizens Lunch

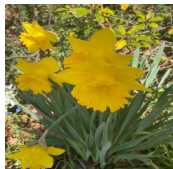
Many attended our most enjoyable lunch on the 15 December 2023. This has been booked again for 13 December 2024.

Armistice Day Service

The Armistice Service was held at the War Memorial at the Keene Hall on 11 November. Hand knitted poppies were kindly provided by Galleywood Women's Institute.

Galleywood In Bloom

We hope you are enjoying the spring bulbs that are starting to grow around Galleywood. These were purchased by the Parish Council and planted by community volunteers and TEG



Public Conveniences

The Public Conveniences situated at Watchouse Road shops have been deep cleaned which has left them in a better state for residents to use.