



# Kinwarton Parish Council

## Newsletter

Spring 2023

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### Reduction in Parish Tax

Over the last several years the parish council has not increased the level of the parish precept. This is the share of the Council tax received by the parish for work such as street lighting, grass cutting, hedges and other general maintenance for which we have a responsibility.

This year, because we have completed major work on the playground in St. Mary's Park, and having previously updated all our old light standards and changed our street lamps to LEDs, we find we can afford to reduce this year's precept by 10% without affecting services.

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### Hedges

Major work on hedges in the parish is in progress.

The hedges on Kinwarton Farm Road have been cut right back to the inner edge of the pavement and their height reduced so that people do not have to duck underneath or walk in the roadway.

On Kinwarton Road, the scrubby hedges from the Fenwick Close cut-through to the Kinwarton parish sign have been completely cut back. The roots will be ground out and the debris removed. A native hedge will be planted further away from the pavement edge and the grass verge will be reinstated.

This will make it easier and safer for prams, pushchairs and wheelchairs to be used along this stretch of footpath and will reduce future maintenance costs.

Unfortunately, the dispute between ourselves, the County Council and Redrow over ownership of hedges on the Pastures continues.



We would like to remind households that it is their responsibility to ensure that their own hedges are kept trimmed so that they do not encroach onto the footpaths or highways.

## Help with living costs

For residents struggling to pay their bills, Warwickshire County Council has set up a special fund to help.

For more information go to

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk>

and click on 'Cost of Living Advice'.

## St Mary's Park



Following concerns from residents about the path, we have installed a warning sign at the entrance to the park.

Thanks to Cllr. Nigel Loomes for the installation.

## Speeding

The Parish Council has continued to press Warwickshire County Council to address issues over speeding down Captains Hill and along Kinwarton Farm Road.

If you are interested in taking part in Community Speed Checking, Please contact Cllr. Piers Daniell (see below).

### Meetings:

All parishoners are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings which, from May, will be held at Alcester Academy. Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month, starting at 7.30pm, except for August when there is no meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting which will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

### Contacts:

Your Parish Clerk - Zoe Illes-Cody: [kinwartonpcmsgs@gmail.com](mailto:kinwartonpcmsgs@gmail.com)

Your District Councillor (until May 2023) - Gill Forman:

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Your County Councillor - Piers Daniell:

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## Street Signs

A start has been made on replacing street signs in the parish, some of which are over 50 years old.

This will be a rolling programme as funds allow.

Thanks to Cllrs. Barnet and Barley for facilitating this transformation.



## Parish Council Elections

Parish Council elections will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the same time as elections for the District Council.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the electoral commission website [<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk>] or obtained from Stratford District Council (tel: 01789 267575) or the parish clerk (see below).

**REMINDER:** All voters will need to present ID at the polling station on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please check the Stratford District Council website for acceptable forms of identification.