

## **Annual Parish Council Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

### **Chairmans Report**

It has been an incredible 12 months for our parish council, and I am filled with pride when I look back on all the successes we have achieved together, and would like to take a moment to reflect on these,

We have forged relationships with our neighbouring parishes to address the Motor Cross concerns.

Developed a working partnership with Shropshire County Council to implement a new initiative – Roadman Scheme

Had some success in addressing flooding in the Parish, with significant work undertaken near Moston Lane Farm to redirect the flood water.

Recruited new Parish councillor's resulting in representatives from across the parish improving the voice of the people, a first for some years!

Planted our first community orchard on the green in Stanton. I would like to thank the residents of Mr and Mrs Wellings for the daily water of the trees especially during the heat wave.

Reinstated community litter picks in Stanton and High Hatton. Thank you to all residents who took part in the March litter pick, it was a great success and improved the image of our parish and helped wildlife.

Celebrations were held in Stanton and High Hatton for the Queens Jubilee, seeing lots of residents coming together in celebration, many for the first time following COVID. I would like to recognise all the hard work that went into organising these events and wish to extend thanks to,

Colin & Catherine - Stanton Arms

Ros and the Stanton village team

and Cathrine, Jess and Judy from High Hatton.

The sundial repairs have at long last been commissioned and are due to take place imminently, thank you to Councillor Dee and Councillor Crackett for their relentless research and perseverance.

In recognition of the cost-of-living crisis donations were made to three local primary schools to help provide an extra special treat for the children. All donations were gratefully received.

The River Action Group has been active in arranging for the removal of two trees from the site of 'The Black Barn' this has improved the river flow and prevented flooding. Thank you to Councillor Warren who has been and remains the main driving force in this project.

Councillor Cracket was awarded an MBE in the Kings New Year's Honours in recognition for her "Commitment to supporting people of Shropshire" extremely well deserved!

PC Alan Ambrose continued to visit the parish every month, PC Ambrose recently retired and his successor is Andy King, I am pleased to say all has been very quiet.

I am proud of all the hard work and dedication that has gone into making our community a better place to live and would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to

Paul Gill – Shropshire county council, who support has been pivotal in achieving the high way outcomes this year.

The local Police presence in Stanton and building relationships in the Parish.

Lt Cdr Peter Richardson – RAF Shawbury for his regular feedback and updates on night flying, events, and their offer of support in carrying out community work, such as tidying up the grounds at the village hall.

Parishioners of St Andrews Church for their continued support in the community and their involvement in significant celebrations over the year, such as the carol service and Queens Jubilee.

John whose Parish Newsletter helps get important information into the community.

Katrin Baker for her continued professional support and guidance to not only myself, but all the councillors. Thank you!

Councillors, Claire Crackett, Doug Dee, Chas Warren, Michelle Moore, Shirley Barratt, Ian Yealdon and Andrea Burden for all the hours you dedicate to helping make the Parish a safe and happy place for all residents. Thank you!

And finally, we have come a long way in the last year, and I am confident that we will continue to grow and succeed.

The next 12 months will see us continue to develop relationships and partnerships, promote wellbeing across the parish, as well as

- Celebrate the coronation of the King!
- Implement a wildlife project – by reducing hedge cutting and sowing of wildflower seeds.
- Replace the football nets on the green in Stanton.
- Fulfilment of the Roadman Scheme
- Road Safety Scheme

Once again, I extend my thanks to all councillors, working partners and parish residents, for working together to create a beautiful place to live.