

CUSOP PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2023

It's been a long time since the last parish newsletter. We hope you find this one useful.

PLAYING FIELDS AND COMMUNITY GARDEN

At its January meeting the parish council decided that before buying new equipment for the Playing Fields, the actual area and the current equipment need to be brought up to a safe, clean and acceptable standard. To help us to do this, we need to establish what work needs to be done immediately on the playing fields and equipment, and identify both the immediate and ongoing costs. A Playing Fields Volunteer Support Group which did some excellent work was in place some years ago and we would like to invite volunteers to form a similar group to help with this present challenge. We also want to develop the Community Garden aspect of the area so that everyone can enjoy this well-loved spot in Cusop and make it a real asset for the community. We are calling for volunteers from amongst those who have a vested interest in the Playing Fields being the best that it can be and also for those in the community who would welcome involvement in the Community Garden. If you would like to be part of either (or both) of these groups please let us know either by email to clerk@cusop.net or drop a written note in either to 'Barfield', Cusop Dingle, HR3 5RD or to Taurus, Newport Street, HR3 5BE.

REPORTING ROAD AND PAVEMENT PROBLEMS

The best and quickest way to report any road or pavement problems is by using Herefordshire Council's website. Here's the address: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/report-problems-road>. If you don't want to use the website then you can report problems by phone - 01432 261800. The more people report a problem, the more likely that something will be done about it.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS COMING UP

Herefordshire's next scheduled elections will take place on **Thursday 4 May 2023**, where all 53 district wards and 133 parish/town councils in the county will hold elections for new members.

These elections will be the first time that voter ID will be required to be shown by all voters at a polling station. This has been introduced under the Elections Act 2022. Find out more here <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/elections-1/forthcoming-elections-referendums/8> – this website will be updated continuously in the run up to the elections.

The last time these elections were held Cusop was an uncontested parish – meaning that nobody (apart from the existing parish councillors) put themselves forward for election. If you'd like to put yourself forward to become one of Cusop's parish councillors this time around you can find out more here: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/parish-councils-1/parish-councils/4> or by emailing clerk@cusop.net.

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Email clerk@cusop.net if you'd prefer not to have a hard copy of this newsletter, letting us know your address. It's always available on the Cusop website: <http://www.cusop.net/community/cusop-7976/home/#>

AND FINALLY - PARISH CLERK

We're still without a parish clerk so please bear with us if we seem a little slower than usual. If you know anyone who might be interested in filling this paid position do please encourage them to get in touch with us.