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Annual Report from Tetbury Town Council 2021



Mayor's Report

Well, what a rollercoaster of a year it has been! I started my Mayoral year in Lockdown #1, Tetbury's first 'Virtual' Mayor, and as I write now, we are in Lockdown #3 and hopefully have a light at the end of this very long tunnel that we have been in.

I want to write about the past year, our achievements as a community and what the Pandemic has taught us. I believe that as a community we have really pulled together, we have been there for each other, shopping, pension collecting, telephoning, buddying up and just generally looking out for each other. Special thanks must go to our Merry band of Volunteers, Sarah Carney for setting up the Tetbury Covid Mutual Aid, Cllr Martin Lea and his daughter Christine all of whom have played an active part in getting help to where it is needed. Calcot Hotel and Spa, for the meals that they provided not just to Tetbury but also surrounding Towns and villages. The meals and gifts provided to those who would be alone at Christmas, with no one to share the Christmas spirit with. Thanks must go to our staff and Councillors who took time from their own day to brighten someone else's. Also, a huge thanks to all the businesses' that have managed to stay open in one way or another and to continue to provide a service to the 'Town' in one way or another. Whether you have been out walking the old railway line, ordering a takeaway or doorstep delivery, or even just needing a new key cut or pet food delivered.

Congratulations and thanks to all who have taken the time to co-ordinate activity trails for all of the community to take part in and to follow, The Pumpkin Trail, The Christmas Lights Trail, and most recently The Love Trail, and take a moment to think just how lucky we are that we live in such a wonderful community!

Throughout the past year the Town Council Grounds Team have been busy keeping the Town looking great, my thanks go to Colin, Andy and David for all of their hard work. The Town Council Offices have been closed to the public for most of the Pandemic, but that has not stopped the Offices from undergoing significant changes, new staff, new office layout and with that has come the ability for us to be able to offer the use of our downstairs front office to the Health Visitors for baby weighing whilst the library has been shut. The Citizens advice will also be based in this office so that it is accessible to all. Tara, Victoria

and Natalia are all looking forward to being able to be open once again to the public. The same goes for the Visitor Information Centre who are eager to get back to greeting New Friends and Old as they get the Centre open again, talking of New Friends do 'pop' in and say "Hi" to Matthew our New Assistant, who will be working Fridays and Saturdays once everything gets back to some normality, and of course, Suzi is also looking forward to getting back to work to greet all Town visitors as we welcome them back.

The Town Council are looking forward to the year ahead, we have our new Health & Wellbeing Committee and Working Groups up and running, and in doing so aim to create one platform from which all services right across the community from Cradle to Grave will be accessible. Talking of which, myself, Tara and Victoria have all undertaken training in order to allow us to work towards the Town Council becoming 'inclusive'. In this past year we have seen technologies used for virtual meetings so that the council can remain 'Open' for business as it were. This has made us inclusive by way that everyone who has an internet connection can attend our meetings, if you have any other ideas on how you would like to see us meet then please do get in touch with Tara on ceo@tetbury.gov.uk

Who is looking forward to the Town and County Council Elections?! These take place on Thursday May 6th there are 2 positions vacant on the Town Council, and I look forward to seeing the results of this. If you have drive and motivation to join and make a difference to the Town in which you live now is the perfect opportunity.

Finally, can I please take this opportunity to wish every single one of you my very best wishes as we start the road to recovery out of this pandemic.

Stay Safe, look after yourselves, your loved ones and your neighbours, be kind, I hope to see you all soon.

Best Wishes

Cllr Ann Pearce – Mayor Tetbury Town Council

Town Council Elections

Tetbury Town Council currently has 2 Town Councillor vacancies. The nomination period will run from Monday 29th March through to 4pm on Thursday 8th April 2021 (excluding weekends and Easter bank holidays).

If you would like to stand for one of the vacancies please visit <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/about-the-council/elections-and-voting/current-and-future-elections/>. If you need any help completing your nomination paper, including obtaining elector numbers for your proposer and seconder, please get in touch with the elections team at Cotswold District Council on 01285 623229/01285 623227 or email elections@cotswold.gov.uk.

At the close of nominations on 8th April, a statement of persons nominated will be published and we will know if the elections are contested. If there are more nominations than seats available, a poll will be held on Thursday 6th May. If there are the same number of nominations as seats, those candidates will be elected without a contest. If there are fewer nominations than available seats, those candidates validly nominated will be elected and CDC will run another election for the remaining seats which is likely to be in June or July.

Finance and Scrutiny Committee



The Finance & Scrutiny Committee has the responsibility of overseeing the status of the Councils finances and to ensure that good practice and legal statute is followed.

2020/21 has certainly been a year we will not forget, unfortunately the Covid pandemic has had a huge impact on our society.

The Committee still continued with our monthly meetings and transferred all meetings to a virtual platform using Microsoft Teams where we have continued to apply due diligence to all of our financial obligations. We have core functions within Tetbury that the Council are legally responsible and the Committee must ensure that we are discharging these correctly.

Due to the number of lockdowns we have had to go through, the only grant we have been able to provide to the Community is £10,000 to the Tetbury Area Community & Youth Trust to assist with the provision of a Youth Worker.

This year has seen quite a few changes and restructuring through the council offices as we looked at roles within the council and helped to ensure that all areas are covered to best serve Tetbury.

We also reviewed and updated Council policies and procedures and along with reviewing the staff's roles and responsibilities.

Unfortunately, our Town clerk decided to leave but Tara has done a fantastic job stepping into the role and taking over as the Town Councils CEO.

We welcomed 3 new members to the team, Victoria as the VIC Supervisor, Natalia as Receptionist and recently we welcomed Matthew to the team at the Visitor Information Centre. As Tetbury slowly returns to normal I am sure you will all get to meet our new members of staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Staff & members of the Finance and Scrutiny Committee for their hard work and commitment through the past year.

Also, I would like to thank the support from the Youth Working Group and their commitment for providing support and services to the town.

Best Regards & Stay Safe

Gary

Heritage and Regeneration Committee



Well in this year like no other the word crisis brought so many interpretations whether it be the lack of personal connection, financial strain or even our mental health! This crisis has touched everyone. However, this year has made us appreciate truly the word HOPE, as we have had to come to terms with a new phrase the "new normal"

The current crisis and restrictions have magnified our expectations and made us appreciate our hometown where we all live and share.

The Heritage and Regeneration Committee carried on overseeing the safety and beauty of our town, obviously this is down to the hard work of our office staff and ground staff who carry on working throughout this crisis. Many people have commented on the work that the ground staff have maintained for the town, by tidying the Goods Shed area, keeping the churchyards neat and tidy installing new benches ready for the future.

The Committee has its own new officer Victoria Bolwell who joined us during lockdown. Vicki implements and ensures all our projects run true. Such as the new Kingfisher Trail which is a joint project with The Feoffees. Enhancing Cookspool including the contingency plan for water and wall. All the tree maintenance works for the Town. Vicki is also the Visitor information Centre supervisor who with Suzi and a new member of staff Matthew runs the VIC that reports to our Committee. She is also taking the lead on the new Christmas working group all of these you will be hearing more of that in the future. Vicki has also been working with the Police Museum Curator Maria Marsh who has managed to secure funding to the tune of £37,197.21

The 451 Comic Book original Art and first editions centre will now be on permanent display at the Courthouse building, when the museum and Council office reopens.

I would like to thank my Committee and team, for their enthusiasm dedication. And of course, thank you all for making our Town, our Town.

We are known as the doing Committee, we are also the listening Committee, I think we are mainly the Committee of hope.

Chair of Heritage & Regeneration

Planning Committee



Planning Report

Over the past few months, the Planning Committee which is only advisory to CDC conducted meetings over the internet on Teams.

The planning Committee have seen several applications during the past year and have when necessary proactively and safely viewed applications, enabling these meetings to run efficiently.

Chair Cllr Colin Pearce

Highways Working Group

There are still many issues not addressed in a satisfactory manner to ensure our residents safety.

But working together is the way forward.

- 1) Tetbury Town Council paid £10K to Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) for TRO's over 2 years ago to have Double yellow lines painted on junctions and access points for safety reasons. Unfortunately work on these is yet to be started.
- 2) GCC have been requested to repair 2 speed signs one on Wiltshire Bridge and one Bath Road
- 3) The Highways Committee within the Council budget is sourcing a mobile speed unit.
- 4) Miller Homes development is a concern due to the lack of safe pedestrian crossing. We are in discussions with Miller & GCC to address this problem.
- 5) Miller homes have been requested to extend the path and open the wall to allow residents to walk into the Town safely
- 6) There is a real concern generally about safe lighting in lanes around the town, complaints of lack of lighting in Love lane and GCC are to address this issue.
- 7) Real concern that there is no path and lighting on the new development at Cirencester Rd, GCC to investigate and action as it is a safety issue.
- 8) This Highways Committee wishes to remind all residents of Tetbury to keep Hedges from encroaching on paths and to ensure that the footpaths are free from Planters.
- 9) GCC have been requested to investigate the 40 mph start point on Bath Rd and reduce to 30mph and the 40mph speed limit by Miller Homes development to be reduced for safety.
- 10) request that the speed sign in Charlton road is cleaned.

If you have a Highways issues please call 08000 514 514

Report Issues such as Pot holes and lighting on the Gloucestershire Highways report it website:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/>

Visitors Information Centre



Early 2020 the Visitors Information Centre was to close as the country went into Lockdown. During this time Suzi Barnes (Visitors Information Assistant) worked from home, which allowed the phone line to remain open and administration work to continue.

As the months rolled on the new Covid guidelines were applied and we were able to open.

The shop took on a new face, the summer was here, and the visitors started to arrive. The footfall was increasing, and it was noticeable that advice on walks was highly requested.

Late August a new member of staff started as the Visitors Information Supervisor, Victoria Bolwell. The extra staffing would allow for the shop to open 6 days a week 10 am - 3pm

The VIC team worked hard as the Government Guidelines continued to change and we adjusted to each phase. The period leading up to Christmas saw an increase in Cards for Good Causes sales and many gift ideas.

Following new restrictions, we once again sadly had to close. We then offered a Click and Collect service through our social media platforms.

The VIC welcomed Mathew Nichol in December but sadly only virtually. Mathew will be working Friday and Saturday.

The VIC will also be launching a new website early 2021. It will make all aspects of the town accessible not only to visitors but to residents too.

Early February we took advantage of the time to stock take and on reopening we plan have a Bargain Bin.

The VIC would like to welcome any local Arts and Crafts to showcase their goods, we would offer a space and feature in our window once a month. If this is something you would like to discuss, please email victoriabolwell@tetbury.gov.uk

We cannot wait to trade again and welcoming you all back!

Youth Committee



Tetbury Town Councils Youth Committee which was set up last year continues to support the Youth to the best of our ability.

Throughout the Covid- 19 Pandemic we continued to offer where we could activities and support for the Youth of Tetbury.

In October we organised alongside World Jungle & TAYCT an activity week in the October break.

We also encouraged the pumpkin trail and organised the colouring competition where the winners got to turn the Christmas lights on.

At Christmas we organised alongside other Youth support groups an activity week at the Dolphins Hall.

We also forwarded a £10,000 grant to TAYCT to enable them to continue supporting the Youth of Tetbury.

We are aware that throughout the pandemic the mental health of our youth has been affected and we are working with the Youth support groups to help develop and support mental health wellbeing.

Young Gloucestershire visited the town at the end of August/beginning of September to engage with our young people. The aim was to listen to their ambitions, skills challenges, barrier to assess what activities they would like provided, to create positive conversations and involve them in the process. Some initial ideas from the young people were that they would like a netted goal throughout the summer holidays and more sheltered areas.

We will continue to work with Youth support groups and help them to assist and share resources wherever possible.

Our plans for the coming year is to provide a provision for the older Youths in Tetbury who are not currently supported.

As ever if any of you are interested in supporting or have suggestions on improvements to Tetbury Youth provision then please do not hesitate to get involved.

Best Regards & Stay Safe

Cllr Gary O'Connor

Tetbury in Bloom



Tetbury in Bloom celebrated its 15th Anniversary in 2020 and despite the difficulties that the Covid-19 Pandemic brought with it, we enjoyed another successful year.

During the first lockdown, individual team members did their best to keep the spring flower displays looking as good as possible by briefly deadheading the faded blooms whilst out on their permitted exercise. This hopefully gave those who ventured out for their own exercise or to get 'essential supplies', a much-needed feeling of 'normality'.

As Covid restrictions improved, we were able to work on the beds and displays in socially distanced pairs and later as time went on, within the 'Rule of Six'. Although the supply of plants was in grave doubt at one point, it turned out that we were still able to plant all the beds and displays for the summer and from the number of comments we received, we know how much it was appreciated.

As our main fund-raising initiative in 2020, we were able to supply and deliver 95 hanging baskets to traders and residents during June.

In Autumn, we continued our projects of improving the planting at the hospital bed, the roundabout and Anniversary Gardens. We also planted over 3,500 additional spring flowering bulbs to enhance the forthcoming displays for Spring 2021. Fifteen hundred of these bulbs were kindly donated by Wildlife World Ltd in Chavenage Lane, for which we are extremely grateful.

In November we organised the town's Christmas lights and once the second lockdown had been lifted at the beginning of December, we continued with the supply and dressing of 17 Christmas trees that adorned the shop premises in the town centre. We also organised the Christmas Shop Window Display competition for which there were 9 entrants.

Our grateful thanks go to Tetbury Town Council, not only for their financial support but for their much-appreciated practical assistance. We also thank very much the Feoffees of Tetbury, St Marys' Parochial Church Council, The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds, Tetbury Upton Parish Council and The Dolphins Hall Committee for their generous donations. Also, thanks go to the many residents and traders who supported us by buying one or more of our hanging baskets and or Christmas trees, and to the volunteers who helped us with the regular commitment of watering the displays and beds throughout the summer months. Without the support we receive, whether financially or in kind, we would not be able to continue the work we do in making the town look as good as we can for the benefit of everyone.

At the end of 2020, Charlie & Sue Grene who had been members of Tetbury in Bloom since 2016, decided it was time to hang up their trowels. We thank them very much for their hard work and commitment over the past four years and it goes without saying that they will be greatly missed.

Sue Hirst, Team Leader, Tetbury in Bloom

Climate Strategy Working Group



The Climate Strategy Working Group was set up in June with representatives from Tetbury Town Council, Greening Tetbury and the general public. The first task was to finalise a climate strategy to be presented to Full Council and to then draw up an action plan to tackle the many issues arising that needed to be tackled. Councillor Judith Taylor and I attended an excellent online training day in October, run by Cotswold District Council, that highlighted a range of strategies to tackle climate change and suggestions as to how the local

community could be engaged in this work.

The Town Council voted to accept the Climate Strategy at its meeting in January and will now look carefully at the action plan. The council's website is being updated and will include the agreed strategy, action plan and signposts to where residents can go to get assistance on, for example, insulating their homes, alternative energy sources, electric cars and charging points. It will also include the handy hints that Greening Tetbury include in the Tetbury Advertiser.

The Town Council has also been working with Glorious Cotswold Grasslands and by the time you read this, we will have received seeds and a planting timetable for the initial sites identified as suitable Wildflower Verges, we look forward to seeing them grow and the impact they can have on biodiversity in our town.

Nikki Ind – Chair

Cotswold District Councillor, Richard Norris



I am approaching the end of my second year as Cotswold District Councillor for Tetbury with Upton Ward. I continue to serve on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and I have been appointed shadow cabinet member for Health and Well-Being. I am looking forward to seeing the outcome of the recent district-wide health and well-being survey and the forward plan strategy.

2020 saw a change in the refuse and recycling operations with the roll-out of new receptacles and a reduction of garden waste collection to every other week. The permit is increasing by 33per cent (£30 to £40) despite the service being cut in half. Replacement bins/bags will also be chargeable at £5 per container from now on. Bulky waste collections increased 67%.

Car parking charges have increased by 30% and the ability to pay by cash is being phased out, West Street and Church Street in August 2021 and The Chipping in October 2021. I will continue to oppose and campaign against this our shops and businesses need support during the recovery, and this is a step in the wrong direction. Church Street Car Park has two new 20-minute free parking bays, which is not enough. Other car parks across the district have been allocated more and your views regarding this would be very welcome. After lobbying the Council, I am pleased to now see the provision of disabled parking spaces to both Church Street and West Street Car Parks.

Yellow lines to the Chavenage Lane-Hampton Street junction are currently in consultation and I am hoping will be carried out in the near future. I am also pleased to see the addition of SLOW road markings to Chavenage Lane. Have you seen an improvement?

Due to various restrictions over the past year, I have been unable to visit residents as often as I would like, however I have still managed to talk to many of you. Over COVID-19, I have been telephoning our most vulnerable residents to check that they have the help and support that they need during these difficult times. It is always pleasing to hear the strength and resilience shown and the help and support we have from family, friends and neighbours.

Flooding on the highways and residential property has been a recent issue. I have been working with developers, highways and residents to help overcome problems and mitigate ongoing future issues.

The fly-tipping report tool on the CDC website has been updated. You can now view all the current reported fly-tips (thereby avoiding duplication), you can pin the location of a fly-tip on a map so you don't have to spend time trying to describe the location or looking up a postcode, and you can upload photos.

Planning Applications form a large part of my role as your ward Councillor. I have been and always will be available to discuss concerns or issues, should you need to contact me.

Do get in touch if you have anything I can help you with. I am very much looking forward to the forthcoming months ahead and will be lending my support to Tetbury businesses and residents to recover from the hardships and challenges faced over the past year.



The recommended budget is £483 million an increase of £14.8 million on the previous financial year. On top of this there is the Adult Social Care Levy to consider of £8.9m and £7.3m for vulnerable children.

The Budget contains:

£25.5 million of extra investment into services, particularly those for vulnerable children and adults as well as economic development. The Council will raise in the region of £7m to help fund services through a 1.99% increase in council tax. It will also apply the national social care precept at 2.76% to raise an additional £8.75m resulting in about a £5 monthly increase for the average Band D taxpayer.

The Council continues to challenge itself to work more efficiently and effectively and as a result has also identified £6.8million savings for next year, helping to meet increased demand and costs.

ACTION AGAINST COVID - 19

All pupils were welcomed back to school from Monday 8 March. Secondary aged pupils have been encouraged to take a rapid test using LFDs at school before they return to face-to-face teaching, followed by another two tests at school, before continuing regular testing at home using kits provided to them.

Cotswold Cases of Covid 19 continue to show lower numbers. They are lower than the County, the South West and in England.

However, please remember to remember the important actions of HANDS, FACE AND SPACE to help keep us all safe.

HIGHWAYS

Four Year Facts and Figures on Highways Resurfacing.
196 sites have been patched and surface dressed.
495 sites have been resurfaced with new tarmac.
500,000 tonnes of tarmac have been used, over 31,000 lorry loads.
Over 562 miles of roads have been re-surfaced.

Tetbury has been the beneficiary of a major re-surfacing project. All the major roads into town i.e Long Street, New Church Street, Church Street, The Market Place, Bath Road and London Road have all been resurfaced.

ASH DIEBACK PROJECT: REPLANTING.

In June 2020 GCC launched the Ash Dieback project to tackle the effects of the disease within the County, currently 2489 dangerous ash trees have been removed.

By the end of the year 2020/21 we anticipate having removed 3,300 infected ash trees. Many trees have been removed in the area between Tetbury and Cirencester, Didmarton and Avening. There is also a

project to supply new whips free of charge from the County Council and all Parish and Town Councils have been offered these to take part in the replanting project.

Natural regeneration has started to take effect, some 1500 new trees are growing in areas where trees have been felled. During the planting season February/March 2021 the Ash Dieback team have plans for reintroducing 7780 trees and 2410 hedging plants.

Libraries.

We are working on updated opening hours and timetables for when public browsing may be allowed again. The click and collect service continues to work well and is appreciated by the communities we serve.

Community Safety.

Firefighters continue to volunteer to carry out extra duties beyond firefighting and rescue work. Tetbury firefighters have driven ambulances, delivered PPE products to care homes and carried out support work for the Coroner's department.

Independent District Councillor, Nikki Ind



I am pleased to have this opportunity to update the community on the work I have been undertaking over the last 12 months, in my role as District Councillor for the Tetbury East and Rural Ward. As well as working closely with both the Town and Parish Councils, I am currently a member of the Planning & Licencing Committee, the Affordable Housing Board, Constitution Working Group & Short Term Let Working Group.

Firstly, I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone in our community - keyworkers, volunteers and businesses - who have worked so hard to keep us safe and supplied over the last 12 months. Over the year I have continued to work in partnership with Council colleagues at County, District, Town and Parish level on the following local issues: the GP Surgery, Dolphins Hall Project, Leisure and Recreation, Elderly Care, Youth Services, Internet Access and Highway Safety. I have also supported grant funding applications, including the successful grant towards the Tetbury Play Station. Moving forward into 2021, a new system of funding for projects has been launched – Crowdfund Cotswold – The aim of which is to fund and deliver on ideas to improve the District put forward by the local community, for the local community and I look forward to working with groups and organisations in our town and surrounding villages to build 21st Century facilities for our growing community.

During the pandemic I have been involved in contacting vulnerable residents and I have attended meetings, including those to plan the safe re-opening of our high streets and businesses. I have worked with Councillor Tony Dale, Cabinet Member for Economy Skills and Paul James, Economic Development Lead, working to promote and support our local business economy and I have also supported the provision of new Emergency Homeless Accommodation for the District.

The Health & Wellbeing of our residents continues to be a priority for me, as I believe that this should be at the core of our work, and I am pleased to have been involved, as a Town Councillor, in Tetbury Town Council's Health & Wellbeing Committee and Working Group.

Whilst we have been in a pandemic over the last 12 months, as you can see, the work continues and I am encouraged by the progress being made with the national vaccination programme and look forward to our lives returning to our 'new normal' in the coming months.

If you have an issue you would like me to raise or would like to know more about the work I am doing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Nikki Ind

Health and Wellbeing Committee/Working Group



It has been an unusual year, with the pandemic affecting our entire community and particularly the Health & Wellbeing of our residents, highlighting the importance of this Working Group and looking at how we can plan to support our town and residents in the future.

Over the year the Working Group met virtually and had representatives from Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, Tetbury Phoenix Surgery Social Prescriber, Tetbury Lions, the Cotswold District Council Community Wellbeing Manager, AgeUK Gloucestershire, as well as Town, District and County Councillors.

Whilst this group was initially created to look at Elderly Care Services in the Town and the predicted increase in older residents, discussions have centred around service provision for residents of all ages. The creation of a formal Town Council Health & Wellbeing Committee was explored and I am pleased to confirm that this has now been approved by the Town Council. The first Committee meeting was held in February and I currently serve as the Chair of the Committee. Our initial aim is to investigate the provision of a Community Health & Wellbeing Service—ensuring residents are referred to appropriate services and organisations and to look at gaps in provision in the town and finding ways to fill them. We are currently looking at funding streams to assist us in creating and running such a service for our town.

The Working Group was re-launched, with invites to all members of the previous Tetbury Cares group on 3rd March, with Councillor Ann Pearce as Chair. If you or your organisation would like to join with this Working Group, please contact the Town Council Office, it is important that our residents and community shape the services for the future.

In addition, over the year the Working Group reviewed Pandemic Support, School Lunch vouchers, Mental Health support, Domestic Abuse, Dementia Support and Period Poverty. I also attended a Focus Group, as part of the Cotswold District Council's Recreation & Leisure survey and a Systems Mapping Workshop with Cotswold District Council.

Finally, it has become clear during the Pandemic that the best people to provide support and understand the needs of their community are the residents and this Committee, Working Group and the Town Council would be pleased to hear any ideas that you may have for our growing town.

Best wishes and stay safe

Councillor Nikki Ind - Chair

Allotment Association



Due to the pandemic, apart from socially distanced meetings on site, general meetings and the AGM could not take place, however, work at the Allotments continued as normal, with exceptionally dry weather in April and May, a very hot spell in August and a warm September. The result for crops were that soft fruits were very productive and generally vegetables did well. Many tenants took the opportunity to improve their plots and paint their sheds during lockdown.

Demand for plots continues, there are currently 19 people on the waiting list and as plots are vacated or tenants wish to downsize, some plots are being split in half, to give more people a chance to have an allotment on the site.

Over the year Tetbury Town Council replaced a broken post on the Hampton Road fence and cleared the brambles between the lane and the fence. The Committee arranged for the noticeboard to be moved, the Community Orchard was renovated and regularly strimmed and the Tenancy Agreement was rewritten. Thanks to the Committee for all their hard work over the year and here is to a successful 2021 season.

Nikki Ind – Tetbury Town Council Representative

Tetbury Police



Crime Figures for 1st March 2019 – 1st March 2020 – 157

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This is an increase of a total of 17 crimes. However, during that time there was a change in the recording standards, which meant more types of incidents were required to be recorded as a crime, so a direct comparison is difficult.

This past year has seen the biggest peacetime operation since World War Two for policing. The extra demands placed on us to attend reports of people not isolating and other Covid Regulation breaches has at times dominated our daily operations. The added restrictions have also had an impact on our working practices. During the early weeks of the first national lockdown we had very short supplies of PPE. We are now in a far better position and now have access to community testing twice a week.

We have continued to work with other agencies, including housing associations, Highways and councils in order to resolve community issues and neighbor disputes.

We have carried out speed checks across the area and will continue this going forward. We now also have access to newer equipment that helps us to process penalties quicker.

We have also developed a closer working relationship with the Royal Household police, which has meant more joined up working. We have been able to share our resources and knowledge to provide a better overall service to the local community.

PC Shane Jupp and PCSO Sue Fellows