



Hello,

A really brief report from me this month as the Parish Council don't generally meet in August. This means that our next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at the Pavilion.

**Parish Council Vacancies:**



**The Parish Council has four vacancies and we are keen to fill these as quickly as possible.**

I am delighted that one local resident is keen to be co-opted at the September meeting, but we are still looking for three more parishioners who feel they can offer some time to supporting the Parish and its residents.

The Parish Council is a busy, pro-active council - current projects include a circular Coronation walk, designed to take in the best bits of Fownhope; a traffic calming scheme funded by a grant awarded by Herefordshire Council, together with ongoing work with the B4224 Multi Parish Strategy Group; and an application for Quality Gold status of the National Local Council Award Scheme, which demonstrates that a council is at the forefront of best practice and is achieving excellence in governance, community leadership and council development.

If you would like to join the team and help care for Fownhope and its residents, please get in touch – we do need you!!

**Giant Hogweed:**

**WARNING**  
**GIGANT HOGWEED IN THIS AREA**  
**DO NOT TOUCH**  
**CONTACT WITH THIS PLANT CAN CAUSE SEVERE SKIN REACTION AND BLISTERING**



If contact occurs, protect exposed skin from sunlight and wash with soap and water as soon as possible. Do not touch clothing that has been in contact with this plant.

We are aware that there are small areas of Giant Hogweed in the village and with the support of the Wye Usk Foundation, local landowners and some local volunteers are trying to deal with them safely to prevent them from spreading. In the meantime though, please take extra care.

Signs like these have been positioned to warn of any areas that have been identified, but if you do make contact with the plant, you need to protect exposed skin from sunlight and wash with soap and water as soon as possible. Do not touch clothing that has been in contact with this plant.

### **Fownhope Community Saturday:**

We are continuing to run the Fownhope Community Saturday events and the next one will be on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**, from 2pm to 4pm at the Pavilion.

We will be all about **WARMTH AND WINTERPROOFING** so please save the date and look out for more information soon. We'll be talking winterproofing ideas and home energy and are organising Q&A with a combination of 'experts at our tables' and locals with experience who are happy to have informal chats about simple, accessible fixes for our homes, including keeping our bodies warm when our homes are cold; and information on available grants that may support households through the winter.

Activities for children will focus on hibernation and warmth and as always we will have our free prize draw and plenty of delicious tea, coffee and homemade cake!

We'd love to see you so please come along.

### **Regular Newsletters:**

Finally, if you don't receive my regular emailed newsletter, please get in touch or subscribe via the website here: <https://fownhopeparishcouncil.gov.uk/>.

I send an email two or three times a month detailing pieces of information that come along that are too time sensitive for inclusion in the Flag (and to be honest, my Flag report is often too long anyway). It is a great tool to stay informed, is simple to subscribe and to unsubscribe if you find it isn't for you. Please give it a try and see what you think!

### **Dates for your diary:**

- **Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm, Pavilion**
- **Fownhope Community Saturday Event, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2-4pm, Pavilion**

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