



Charney Field Woodland Project Update



Following on from April's Chatter, input has been received from a few villagers as to their priorities and wishes with respect to the re-planting of the felled area. Although the main objective of the project is to replant this space under the conditions laid down by the Forestry Commission's felling licence, this is also an ideal opportunity to consider improving our woodland and the surrounding area of the field.

If you haven't already commented and would like to add your voice to those who have then we welcome your thoughts. In the next few weeks why not take a breath of fresh air, walk over to the site and have a look. Jot down any ideas and comments and drop them off with Ruth Clements at Rectory Farm House, Main Street.

Information about the project can be found on the [Charney website](#), along with [maps of the field](#) and a range of [resources](#) to help stimulate ideas.

Chatter Contributions

Just a reminder that Chatter is always happy to receive contributions from Villagers, about life, nature and activities in Charney. Photographs are particularly welcome. In the past we have included articles on, for example, wild flowers, garden birds and insects. So whether you're a budding journalist, photographer or simply want to let us know about anything relevant to the Village, please email chatterinbox@bopenworld.com.



Before leaving the village Tony Wales asked if somebody might volunteer to look after the flower bed at the junction of Main Street and New Road. It's not a particularly demanding task, being planted with perennials.

It is a lovely display - especially at this time of year - and it would be a huge shame if Tony's hard work was to go to waste. Thank you again to Tony for turning this area of scrub land into a little oasis.

It may be that there are several wanting to help out, so Peter Busby (on behalf of the Charney Army) is happy to coordinate volunteers. It would be possible to allocate specific seasons perhaps.

Please let Peter know if you are interested in helping. charneyarmy@gmail.com

Charney Manor

invites you to an

Open Day

on 31st July

10 am – 4 pm

Dog show

Barbecue: burgers & hot dogs

Teas, cakes and ice-creams

Tours of the house and grounds

All welcome

Free parking



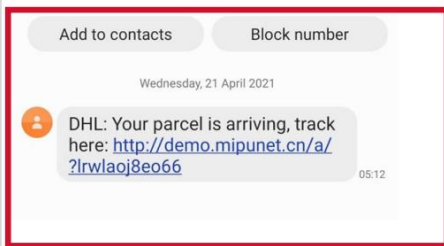


Don't fall victim to an SMS flubot or phishing scam

Have you received a suspicious SMS message claiming to be from a delivery company lately? And did the message inform you that you had a package arriving shortly, inviting you to click on a link to track its delivery status? If so, you are not alone. Mobile users across the globe have been receiving messages like the one below. These messages are linked to a banking Trojan called 'FluBot'.

This threat disguises itself as a legitimate text from a delivery company and asks receivers to install a tracking app in order to track the status of the package, when in fact its intention is to steal credentials and other personal data.

How to protect yourself from FluBot? First and foremost, install an antivirus solution that detects threats like Flubot on your mobile device. In addition follow the advice below:



- Do not click on links in SMS messages - especially if a message is asking you to install software or apps on your devices
- Be a sceptic - err on the side of caution with any suspicious SMS.
- Don't reply directly to suspicious communication - always begin a new communication via the company's official service channels

- Question the message - train yourself to detect phishing messages. These tend to be generic and spread to the masses, as well as automated messages or messages that present an offer that seems too good to be true (i.e. how to win a new smartphone or inherit a large sum of money from an unknown family member)
- Do not install apps from just anywhere. Set your mobile device's security to only install apps from trusted sources like Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Awareness is the key for defending against phishing.

Scam Alert

The Ray Collins Trust has reported that scammers are in the area purporting to be working for them and/or collecting donations on their behalf. These individuals have also been pretending to be from local food banks, the Salvation Army, as well as other charities and gardening/handyperson services. They are mainly targeting the homes of elderly and vulnerable residents for cash, donations and have been known to try to trick residents into giving them their debit card details. Therefore, please be wary of any cold callers as they may be rogue traders, bogus officials or fake charity collectors. Always check who they say they are – a genuine visitor would expect you to do so. Better still, consider placing a sign in your window saying that cold callers are NOT welcome.



These signs are available from the parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk on a first come first served basis.

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the June draw are:

£50 No 44 Derek McClintock
£25 No 51 John and June Styles

Kindly drawn by David Nellist.

If you want any more numbers or are new to Charney and would like a number please contact Sally and Evelyn at charney100club@gmail.com.

Charney Bassett Parish Council

Agenda and minutes of meetings can be found online at charneybassett.org.uk including the draft minutes of the meeting held on 5th May.

The next Parish Council meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday 14th July at 7.30pm. Virtual meetings are no longer permitted and the arrangements for this meeting – both date and venue – are under review given the uncertainties about the Government's intentions for relaxing the pandemic rules. A separate announcement will be made about the arrangements for the next meeting as soon as possible.

Clerk: Trevor Brown parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk or 868282.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

CHAFT AGM

Wednesday, 7th July, 7 pm
Virtual meeting

PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday, 14th July, 7.30 pm
Village Hall

MANOR OPEN DAY

Saturday, 31st July

FETE

Saturday, 4th September,
Village Green

Vacancy for Housekeeping Team Member

Charney Manor, Conference and Retreat Centre (23 bedrooms, Guest cottage, 2 conference rooms and communal areas)

Hours: 20 hrs per week

Starting hourly rate: £8.95 – 9.20 per hour

Benefits, discounts, training and free parking.

Part time and bank staff positions available immediately.

Duties:

Independently in rooms and a team, you'll be working to tight deadlines keeping our rooms spotless and our conference rooms, public areas clean and tidy, all to our high standards;

Control and manage linen and the laundry and work safely with required chemicals;

Making beds, cleaning bathrooms, reporting damage;

Engaging with guests and the rest of the team to ensure that all our guests feel comfortable and relaxed during their stay with us.

Charney Manor, Charney Bassett, Wantage, OX12 0EJ

Charney Hall and Field Trust (Charity No. 294765)

AGM, 7th July, 2021 at 7.00pm
Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

To join the meeting or ask a question,
contact charneychaft@gmail.com

What's New On The Charney Website

- [News from your MP](#) – David Johnston

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th July

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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