



Protecting the architectural and historic quality of Chipping Campden, its open spaces and its natural setting.

December 23

Dear Member

PLANNING & CONSERVATION MATTERS

The Campden Society continue to monitor planning applications for properties in the Chipping Campden and Broad Campden area. In particular, we look at the impact on the surrounding environment, neighbouring properties, potential flooding, parking, traffic flow, the commercial viability, and the heritage of the town.

We are pleased to see the remedial works carried out at the Olympick Drive development which appear to have relieved the flooding situation in Stickler Drive by a ditch and bund. However, the runoff from the field is now being channelled down the strip of land between the development and the back gardens on the west side of Littleworth and stressing the land drain at the entrance pathway leading to Littleworth. We will be in touch with the Town Council in the New Year regarding the ongoing situation. In addition, we have been in contact with both Severn Trent and Gloucestershire Highways about the malfunctioning drain at the corner of Blind Lane and Dyers Lane.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan continues its progress and the draft for town consultation was approved at the December meeting of the Town Council for public distribution planned for January 2024.

Many of you have probably noticed that the Kettle is back! This fabulous piece of decorative ironwork in Leysbourne has been renovated by the owners of Kettle Cottage. Further along the street, we're delighted that 5 Vicarage Cottages' replacement latticework windows will be in very shortly.

WOLDS END ORCHARD

All Hail the Wassail - Friday 12 January

The Campden Wassailers will meet in **The Eight Bells at 7pm** before processing to **Wolds End Orchard at 8pm**. After the traditional Wassail ceremony - including singing of the Old Apple Tree Chant and enjoying a glass of mulled cider or apple juice around the fire - we will be heading back to the Noel Arms for further merriment.

Please bring toast on a line of string, something to make a noise and LED lights for personal decoration. A donation of £1 to cover costs would be appreciated.

****If weather is particularly inclement, we will move the date. So, please keep an eye on emails from the Society or the Orchardeers' WhatsApp for any postponement.****

Work party mornings (Saturdays 10-12 noon) are 13 January; 10 & 24 February; 9 & 23 March – please add to your diaries and consider coming along! The Orchard's future and health depends on volunteer support.



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Winter Pruning Workshop

with fruit tree expert, Martin Hayes, of the Gloucestershire Orchard Trust will be running on **Saturday 27 January 10-3pm** (in addition to the 6 January workshop which is oversubscribed). Limited spaces available for those wishing to learn the art of winter fruit tree pruning and using their skills to manage Wolds End Orchard during 2024. Please bring thick gloves and pruning saws / secateurs if you have them. You'll learn key points about winter pruning veteran and ancient fruit trees and have an opportunity to put your learning into practice on the day. All work during the workshops will be done from the ground. For enquiries, please contact Steven Law at fwco2020@gmail.com

Best wishes, Julianne, Geoff, Susie, Mike, John, Geoffrey, Steven and Owen

SOCIETY NEWS

Our membership subscription falls due on 1 January each year and is £10 per person; £15 for joint membership. These subscriptions pay for the administrative costs including website fees, society memberships to like-minded bodies, and holding events. Thank you to everyone who had paid already and those members who have set up a Standing Order. Our bank details: Lloyds TSB Sort Code 30 - 93 - 11 Acc. No. 00331052 If you prefer, you can send a cheque made out to The Campden Society at our address at the bottom of this email. Please note that new members who joined in November and December this year have a 13 or 14 month subscription and therefore do not need to pay again!

With our best wishes for 2024,

Elizabeth Devas - Chair

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Wolds End Apple Juice is now available to purchase. We can deliver cases at a discounted price to Campden Society members : 6 bottles at £20 or 12 at £40 in the Campden area; to purchase, please contact Geoffrey White on 0781 500 5879 or geoffreywhite@gmail.com