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THE CAMPDEN SOCIETY

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

Dear Member

Planning Matters



Gloucestershire County Council will be running a **public consultation for the Aston Fields development on Thursday 18 November in the Town Hall**. There will be a presentation and an exhibition of pre-application plans. Written representations will also be taken. Cotswold District Council has now commented on the **Design Statement for the Neighbourhood Plan**. When these comments have been incorporated by AECOM, the consultants who specialise in Design Statements and are working on this for the Town Council, the revised Neighbourhood Plan will be put out for a wider public consultation. As soon as we have more details about these events, we will let you know. Please do participate, it is an opportunity to be a voice in the shaping of our town.

We are working through the local details of its **Green Infrastructure Strategy** with help of volunteers. This strategy will be used to inform the CDC's partial update of the district's Local Plan - which sets a framework for planning decisions such as how the Council will meet the need for new homes, employment, open spaces, schools and leisure facilities. We will be canvassing local people for their thoughts on Campden's green spaces to include in our appraisal.

The Cotswolds ANOB, the Ramblers Association, and many other walking groups have registered **all footpaths and rights of way across our region** before the Countryside and Rights of Way Act deadline of 2026. If you would like to check a path has been registered, please visit : www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/prow/rights-of-way-online-map



We encourage everyone to submit their individual views over any planning application you feel strongly about. To help people comment, we have put up a **guidance page** on our website and can be found at thecampdensociety.org under [the Planning Matters section](#). Here you can find advice about how to and what to comment upon.



Wolds End Orchard Update

Apple Day was a great success with over 150 visitors. We sold out of apple juice and have recruited new volunteers. But the best bit was the pleasure on people's faces - ours and our visitors - and the community feeling that once again pervaded our orchard. And SO MANY families visiting! That was amazing to see and a bit different from our other events.

This was a great team effort with many volunteers involved across the whole orchard. From the warm welcome on the gate to the all-important Apple juicing demo with a fabulous band of helpers of all ages; from the mowing of paths and the clearance of grass from the wildflower area, many people helped to create such a wonderful day. Our visitors had fun collecting apples and looking at the identification display. They bought apple juice and had a go at the fabulously successful Longest Apple Peel Competition - including tasty butterfly cakes for entrants - an activity surely now to be the bedrock of every Apple Day hereafter!



Our Saturday Pick Your Own mornings (every 2nd and 4th Saturday until December) have gone down a treat with lots of visitors taking home different varieties for eating, cooking and making preserves.

Special thanks this month to **Wade Muggleton** from **The Marcher Network** for his advice. Apple expert and author, Wade has appeared on BBC Gardener's World and he's just published *The Orchard Book*. Wade told us we have some intriguing varieties in the orchard. He helped us name a few of the more common types and, after some research, also identified a number which he hadn't come across before

kindly gave us a Biodiversity Boost grant earlier in the year which helped pay for our new trees and much of our winter maintenance programme. We got a “thumbs up” for all the work we had carried out, and even had time to try a few apples.

If you'd like to join as a volunteer, either helping in the orchard or as an event organiser or marketing expert, please email Donna on foweo@gmail.com

Update from the Wolds End Orchard Sub Committee: Geoff Carr, Julianne Davis, John Ellis, Donna Evans, Chris Leese, Mike Newman, Susie Tombs, Geoffrey White.



Nature Recovery in the Cotswolds - Zoom talk - Thursday 9th December 6pm

Simon Smith, the Nature Recovery Lead at **Cotswolds National Landscape**, will be talking to us about his work later in the month. One of our members, Carol Jackson, has already heard him speak as she is a Voluntary Cotswold Warden. She says: *"I found it really interesting, some fascinating projects going on – definitely relevant to Campden – Craves, Orchard, Cotswolds, woodlands, etc."* The talk will last about 45 minutes and Simon is happy to take questions and chat afterwards. The Zoom link and a reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

Membership Subscriptions

Our membership subscription falls due on the 1st 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 have set up a Standing Order. Our bank details: Lloyds Sort Code 30 - 93 - 11 Acc. No. 00331052 If you prefer, you can send a cheque to: Teresa Newman, Membership Secretary, at The Old Police Station, High Street, Chipping Campden. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining us, new members who join in November and December have a 14 month subscription and therefore do not need to pay again in January 2022!

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