

February 23

Dear Member

Planning Matters

Cotswold District Local Plan Partial Update. Many of you will remember that the Society and individual members participated in the consultation last year to help CDC partially revise the District's Local Plan. They are now undertaking a further public consultation from Thu 16 Feb to Thu 16 Mar on two evidence documents concerning "Non-Strategic Site Allocations" & "Guidance for Major Developments" in the AONB. As they say *"Both consultation documents are unavoidably technical in nature and we are primarily seeking feedback from those with technical expertise, although the consultations are open to anyone who wishes to respond."* If you would like to participate these can be found on the CDC website under Planning Policy. The CDC hopes to put their draft Local Plan out for public comment this coming Winter 2023/4 before submitting it to the Planning Inspectorate.

National Policy consultation. The government is also consulting on changes to national planning policies, which are part of its wider reforms proposed by the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. The proposals would affect the Cotswold District and CDC's response will be up on their website shortly. This consultation is open to everyone and so you can provide a response if you would like to take part. The consultation can be found on the government's website, gov.uk, under : "housing-local-and-community/planning-reform".

Make a Difference There will be Town Council elections this May and the Council are looking for new candidates to join them. Being a Town Councillor can be a varied and highly fulfilling role. You don't need any experience or special qualifications, just a desire to help the community. They will be holding two drop-in events where you can learn more on **SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY and SATURDAY 4 MARCH 10-12** in the Lower Town Hall. Alternatively, why not attend a Town Council meeting? The dates of these can be found on their website and in the Bulletin.



Campden Buildings History Register. Chipping Campden and Broad Campden have a high density of old and Historic England Listed buildings. They are an important part of the character, beauty, and significance of our settlement. The history and development of these buildings are documented in many different ways including house deeds; family history records; heritage assessments; planning reports; and the Historic England database. The Campden Society and Chipping Campden History Society are currently developing a project to bring together all the available information so that we can create a profile of each house to help future historians, architects and owners. We can also investigate themes and styles which can further our understanding of the built history of Campden. **Can you help us?** If you would like to join the team compiling and analysing this information, please contact the Campden Society to register your interest.

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Orchard Update

We had a great turnout when the Orchardeers planted 20 new trees (apple, pear, plum & cherry) with the assistance of Gloucestershire Orchard Trust co-chair, David Lingren; and funding from Gloucestershire County Council and the Local Authority Tree Fund managed by the Forestry Commission. Our Orchardeers are absolutely essential to our operations and **new volunteers are always welcome, so if you are looking for a new hobby this Spring, why not come and join us?**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! Our annual **Orchard Blossom Weekend** will be held on Sat 22 and Sun 23 April.



Juice made from Wolds End Orchard and Campden gardens is now available to purchase at £3.25 a 75cl bottle. They can be bought when Rachel's Stall outside Pan's Place in Back Ends is open. Alternatively we can deliver cases at a discounted price to members : 6 bottles at £18 or 12 bottles at £36 in the Campden area; to purchase a case or cases, please contact Geoffrey White on 0781 500 5879 or email geoffreywhite@gmail.com.

Our next **Art Open Afternoon** will be **2 - 4pm on Friday 17 March**. Bring your own art materials and come for the whole time, or whatever part suits you. If you register your interest by contacting foweo2020@gmail.com, we can let you know if the dates change due to weather or other circumstance – but do feel free to just roll up on the day too, even if it's just for a wander. As always, everyone is welcome.

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

Society News

Why not join us? We have vacancies on the Society's main committee and we are keen to expand our work, especially as we have a couple of new projects starting this year aimed at conserving and protecting our town.

If you would like to support the charity's work, do get in touch for a chat. Each committee member's role is tailored to their particular interests, such as planning, design, environment and orchard issues. The committee meets once a month and each committee member spends about 2 to 4 hours a week on society's matters.

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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 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 letter. 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!

Our AGM this year will be held on **Thursday 27th April in the Town Hall.**



After Society business, **Andy Parsons, Chief Executive of Cotswolds National Landscape**, will be talking about his team's work in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with a particular focus on their projects which concern Campden and the surrounding area.

With our best wishes,

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