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**November 22**

**Dear Member**

### **Planning Matters**

We are continuing to help the Town Council with the drawing up of the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and have been working to gather supporting evidence for sites suitable for **Green Space Designation**. We have been completing the checklists required for each proposed site; these are intended to demonstrate both the reasons for designation and also that the proposals are consistent with the planning framework. We are gathering maps, photographs, support letters from relevant organizations, and explanatory material. We are preparing detailed commentary on the **Design Code**, and we are at the early stage of doing so for the **Town Centre** and **Development Boundary** policies.

Once the NDP draft is finalised by the Town Council, there will be a consultation period for Campden residents to have their say before it passes on to the next stage of approval and consultation. We encourage everyone to get involved in this as it will eventually create a legal framework for Planning Applications. Once this NDP is approved by the CDC, the town will receive the full Community Infrastructure Levy of 25% (which is reduced to 15% if there is no adopted NDP in place). CIL is a charge which can be levied on new developments and is an important tool for local authorities to use, helping them deliver the infrastructure needed to support any development in the local area.

We have lodged an letter of objection to the Campden End site which can be seen on the CDC's Planning Website. There have been numerous comments about this application both for and against. We have concerns over the design of this development including its access to Park Road and its landscaping; we are also concerned about over development, surface water flooding in Park Road, the potential use for Short Term lets, and the impact this proposal will have on the Conservation Area. If this application succeeds, The Campden Society have requested that there would be a condition to ban uplighters for any external lighting and that a robust environmental strategy is put in place which includes a realistic increase in biodiversity.

We are continuing to monitor applications and work with others to argue for more strategic thinking, better design, and a more environmentally friendly approach to planning. We encourage everyone to submit their individual views about planning applications. The Society believes it is important our elected Councillors and planning authorities hear from as many people as possible on matters that will impact the economic and social future of our town.

### **Orchard Update**

We have just some veteran tree pruning completed and more planned for the New Year, supported by Cotswold National Landscape's Caring for the Cotswolds grant scheme. This should help keep these older trees healthy and producing quality fruit well into the future.

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The last of this year's work parties will take place this **Saturday 26 November** and **Saturday 10 December** when we'll start work on the boundary hedges. Work parties resume every 2nd and 4th Saturday morning of the month 10-12 noon, from **Saturday 14 January**.

**New volunteers are always welcome, so if you are looking for a new hobby in 2023, why not come and join the Orchardeers?**

Our volunteer Orchardeers are absolutely essential to our operations and we're delighted to be hosting a Christmas Drinks evening for them on Thursday 15 December at the Church Rooms. Our last two Christmas events were postponed due to Covid-19, so this will be a well overdue 'thank you' over a glass of bubbles to toast the hard workers and chat about plans for the New Year.



There's such a lot of variety in the orchard at all times of the year. Keyna Doran has been recording this abundance and we wanted to share her montages with you. For those that have been able to visit, you will have spotted some of the rich flora and fauna, and perhaps enjoyed some of the heritage apple varieties. Our thanks to The Mid-Countries Co-operative for awarding us a Community Support Donation Fund Grant of £500 towards the work we are doing.

Our next Art Open Afternoons will be **2 - 4pm on Friday 16 December and Friday 20 January**. Bring your own art materials and come for the whole time, or whatever part suits you. There's no expectation to show anyone your work. If you register your interest by contacting [foweo2020@gmail.com](mailto:foweo2020@gmail.com), or texting 07966734731, 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.

**DATE FOR THE DIARY - Wassail! in collaboration again with The Magnificent Campden Wassailers. Saturday 7th January - more details before the event.**

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

We have a vacancy on the Society's main committee. If you would like to consider joining as a co-opted Committee Member and support the charity's work, do get in touch.

Elizabeth Devas  
Chair

Images: Orchard Montage/Keyna Doran