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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

We have started 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 are expecting the County Council and the Town Council to be running public consultations over both the **Aston Fields** development and **Craves/Dyers Lane**. The date for the Aston Fields consultation has been extended to the Autumn and is to be done in conjunction with the Craves/Leasows consultation.

At the meeting of the Town Council on 14 September, it was confirmed that discussions are ongoing between Cotswold District Council and Gloucestershire County Council, including pre-planning application discussions, but the Town Council are not privy to these. The information contained in any consultation regarding the Craves needs to be approved by GCC before being published.

The **Community Design Statement** has been revised and has been sent to the CDC for approval before a wider consultation. Please do participate in these consultations, it is an opportunity to be a voice in the shaping of our town.

We encourage everyone to submit their individual views over any planning application you feel strongly about.



[link](#). Here you can find advice about how to and what to comment upon.

Wolds End Orchard Update

A huge thanks to everyone who has donated towards our £400 target for tree DNA testing and labelling. Identification is crucial for the conservation of heritage fruit varieties; given some of our trees are over 100 years old, we are keen to play our part in the conservation process. Last month we reached the target so we are now in the process of selecting the first batch of candidates and sending off leaf samples. We'll let you know how we get on!



Research into biodiversity has continuing with some bat monitoring evenings. We have tracked Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle and Brown Long Eared bats flying in the Orchard; and now have evidence of Pipistrelles roosting on site.

Our Summer Pruning session with Martin Hayes from Gloucestershire Orchard Project was enjoyed by all. It gives us the skills to undertake formative pruning next year, encouraging more fruit and healthier trees. We also welcomed a steady stream of visitors on Saturday 11 September when we opened our gates at the same time as our neighbours, Jecca's House.

Harvesting is preoccupying us at the moment with the aim of producing our own juice for sale as part of our fundraising.

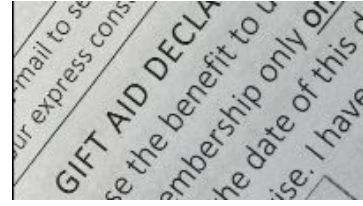
Our next event is **Apple Day on Saturday 23 October 10.30am - 4pm** when we invite everyone to visit and learn more about the orchard plus fill a bag or two with ripe fruit to enjoy at home.

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.

Thank you so much to all our members who have responded to our recent email regarding Gift Aid. Our charity is able to claim gift aid on donations (including membership subscriptions). This increases the value of your donations by up to 25% and would help the Society enormously!



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