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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 been following the developments of the proposed new car park and access road at the school and the new housing development at Aston Fields. We understand that drawings will be available for pre-planning consultation during June or July, with the planning application expected to be lodged in September. We are fully supportive of this in principle and we are looking forward to seeing the proposals; we will urge you all to have your say about the scheme.

We have been involved in further consultations over the woodland pasture management at the Clay and we understand that the Forestry Commission have refused the application made for a licence to fell any trees. We will continue to watch the situation.



At the Town Council meeting on 18th May a detailed progress report for the development of the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan was submitted – a copy of which you can find [here](#). There will be a six week public consultation after the Draft Plan has been formalised. Before this event, the Town Council needs to be in a position to determine the inclusion or otherwise of: the Aston Fields development; the formalisation of Campden's Green Spaces; and a town bypass. In addition to these, the outcome of the proposal for the ownership of the Craves field (to be given to the Town Council in return for the inclusion of further development of up to 40 houses on the Leasowes field on Dyers Lane) will need to be determined before this draft Neighbourhood Development Plan can go out to consultation. We understand that the Town Council are envisaging a public consultation in July for Campden to be able to vote for or against the Craves proposal. We look forward to the Town Council providing the supporting information about the context of this proposal so that the public can make an informed choice with their vote.

We encourage everyone to submit their individual views



authorities hear from as many people as possible on matters that will impact the economic and social future of our town.

Wolds End Orchard Update

Thank you to the 187 people, including many Members, who visited the Orchard over the early May Bank Holiday weekend and gave us their support. We were overwhelmed by the positive feedback from our visitors, who ranged from under 9 years to over 90 years. People came mostly from the local neighbourhood but also included visitors from Stratford, Stow and Broadway. One of the previous owners of the orchard also stopped by and had a chat, telling us she was delighted with how good it was looking.



Visitors were very pleased to know we wish to maintain the whole site as a Traditional Orchard, with many keen to see more green spaces maintained in the town and going towards mitigating the amount of development taking place. We were also asked for more opportunities to visit the orchard during the year (*Answer: we agree! More on that next month*); and asked about whether local schools are involved in visiting or helping in the orchard (*Answer: We have two Duke of Edinburgh students currently volunteering and are expecting a Beavers Bug Hunt in June. We would love to talk about potential visits from Forest Schools or similar*).

Our thanks to those who gave us donations towards the upkeep of the orchard. Huge thanks too, to the Volunteers who spent time on the gate, welcoming people, answering questions and sharing stories – in sun, rain, wind and hail!



This month also saw a visit from Martin Jones, National Trust Area Ranger for North Cotswolds. We invited Martin to visit and also see our newly laid hedge, after he and the Cotswold Wardens had kindly provided 120 hazel stakes from a local coppicing project in Littleworth Woods, near Snowhill, and which were essential for the project. Martin knows the area very well and was involved in restoring an orchard in Broadway. He was very complimentary about the work which has been undertaken at Wolds End by the volunteers, the Friends and the Campden Society and we shared some thoughts and experiences about the nexus of public access and nature conservation. If you would like to consider joining us as a volunteer please contact our volunteer co-ordinator, Donna Evans on foweo2020@gmail.com or 07867 361180. No expertise necessary!

Update from Julianne Davis - Vice Chair Campden Society and Chair of Wolds End Orchard Sub Committee.

Society News

We are planning to hold a physical AGM in July at Chipping Campden school. Further details will be sent out when arrangements have been finalised.

areas of our work which could be advanced more quickly with support and projects can be tailored to members' interests and time availability. Please contact us at the email below for an informal chat.

Best wishes

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