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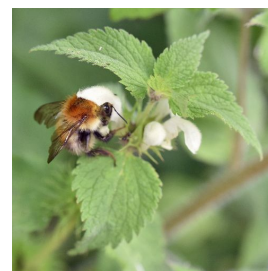


Protecting the architectural and historic quality of Chipping Campden, its open spaces and its natural setting.

Dear Member

Planning Matters - Have your say!

Cotswold District Council has launched its **Green Infrastructure Strategy** and members of the public are being invited to comment on their draft. The consultation period started on Monday 14 June and continues until Monday 26 July.



“Green Infrastructure” means green features, including parks, playing fields, woodland, orchards, and allotments. It can also include cycle tracks and footpaths as well as streams and other waterways. The CDC hope that this consultation will raise awareness of its importance, check the local information gathered in their documents, and encourage ideas on how to enhance the area's Green Infrastructure. They are hoping to collate and publish their consultation findings by the end of the year. The strategy will be used to inform the CDC's partial update of the district's Local Plan scheduled for 2023 - 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. The draft 80pp document - plus parish maps - can be accessed via [this link](#). Alternatively hard copies are available to view at Campden Library as well as the council offices in Cirencester and in Moreton in Marsh.

We have been in contact with Lesley Davies who is the Planning Policy Officer overseeing this consultation and will be working with her to check the local details and to suggest enhancements. If any member would like to join the Working Party to fact check and explore opportunities, please get in touch. We aim to provide a Commentary on the draft for members before the end of the consultation period. If you would like to comment as an individual, the CDC website includes a short online feedback survey of seven questions. This gives you the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft and to add your own suggestions for consideration.

Another Open Day for the Orchard is coming up!

Sunday 25th July is the date for our Town Picnic. The long grass will be mowed and it will be just right to sit in the orchard and have a picnic under the trees – we even have some local musicians joining us! Please bring your own food and drink (no BBQS though, please, and no dogs). The gate will be open from **12 noon - 3.30pm**. All are welcome. Opening will be subject to whatever Covid-19 regulations in place on the day.



We are launching our "Fruit Tree ID" project!

We have started picking the brains of fruit tree experts, including our very own Geoff Carr, to help us identify and name all 87 trees in the orchard. Geoff tells us, *"Quite a few trees in the orchard have been identified in the past by sending fruit samples to the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale. However we have at least a dozen trees that remain unidentified – most of them well over 100 years old. The orchard is a living genetic museum and it would be great to find out which varieties we have, as there may be some rare and interesting varieties."* He added, *"DNA testing is now much more readily available and affordable, so we would like to send leaf samples for analysis from all the unknown trees. A number of people have asked if they can donate towards the work taking place in the orchard, so we're hoping we can fundraise for this project and complete our Fruit Tree ID by the end of the year."*

If you would like to support the "Fruit Tree ID", **£30 will cover the cost of one professional DNA test; or £50 will cover the cost of the DNA test plus a new metal, etched name-plate** for the tree. Please email campdensociety20@gmail.com for bank transfer details or send cheques written out to "The Campden Society" to Fruit Tree ID Appeal, The Campden Society, The Old Police Station, High Street, Chipping Campden.

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 looking for members who would like to get more involved. There are many areas of our work which could be advanced more quickly with support and projects can be tailored to members' interests and time availability. Please

We are planning to hold a physical **AGM** on the evening of **Thursday 29 July** at Chipping Campden School. This is obviously dependent on the Covid restrictions in force at the time. Papers for the meeting will be sent out shortly.

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