

# KINGSLERE ANNUAL REPORT 2020

## Kingsclere Parish Council Chairman's Report 2019 - 2020

What strange times we are living through! I write from an eerily quiet and locked-down Kingsclere, but you don't have to look far to see that the spirit of the place lives on: residents are busy in their gardens in the spring sunshine, parents are patiently caring for their often anxious, cooped-up children and the anchors of our community soldier on regardless, coping with our anxieties and shortages from suppliers. Thank you to our Health Centre staff and village traders for keeping us going; you have all been amazing! Thank you, too, to the sixty odd volunteers who emerged almost overnight to support those members of our community shut up in their homes for their own safety, delivering prescriptions and shopping, checking up on neighbours, and supporting the village shops.

The Parish Council was unopposed in the local council elections of May 2019, which has given us the opportunity to build on our local projects. The extension to the **Holding Field Car Park** was completed over the October half term, increasing its capacity by 40%. Thanks to Cllrs Clive Mussett and Sue Adams for their management of this project. We encourage parents and carers, dropping off and picking their children up from the primary school, to use this facility to ease congestion in the small residential roads immediately next to the school. Best of all though, walk to school!

The **Community Orchard** has now been fully planted with a range of fruit trees, and, even though they are still very young, they looked impressive with their spring blossom. As the orchard matures, it will provide a great asset for future generations, and we intend to furnish it with some picnic benches to encourage residents to visit. This has been the brainchild of Cllr. Nicki Peach who has sorted out grants and undertaken much of the 'hard graft' of ground preparation and planting with a team of volunteers.

The Parish Council took delivery of **four hundred native trees** ('whips') free from the Woodland Trust just before Christmas, as a part of their national campaign. Nicki has, again, taken charge of these and, with helpers, is planting them on Parish Council land around the village. We still have quite a number to plant and would welcome suggestions for suitable sites from our parishioners. So far, trees have been added to the perimeter of the Echinswell Road Cemetery, the Community Orchard and the Recreation Ground.

Unfortunately, the **Great British Spring Clean 2020**, scheduled for the end of March 2020, fell victim to the Corona Virus lockdown. We hope that conditions will allow for this to become an Autumn clean. Please keep an eye on the Kingsclere Tower for details. However, the anti dog fouling poster competition attracted lively entries and following a judging process in which we were helped by Lord Huntingdon, prizes have been awarded. As a Council we appreciate the co-operation of the vast majority of dog owners in binning poo, but there is still a problem on the outer downland footpaths which can be very unpleasant for walkers and dangerous for children.

In June 2019, the Parish Council was presented with a 700+ signature petition in support of our campaign for improvements on **Winchester Road and Swan Street**. We forwarded this to Hampshire County Council as the highways authority and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire as the enforcement authority. HCC responded in September. While it did not accept any of our suggestions, their response has given us some ideas, and we have been researching further speed reduction measures for the village 'gateways'. At the time of writing, we are yet to receive a response from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

This year much of our energy has been focused on supporting the campaign to retain **Kingsclere Community Library**. Hampshire County Council published a consultation document which proposed the withdrawal of all support from Community Libraries. As things stand a final decision, due in June, is being held back because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I would like to thank all Councillors and Parish Council staff for their work and commitment throughout the year, dealing with the day-to-day running of the Council and managing the developments and projects. Our staff have proved themselves to be highly professional and hard working in their various roles, and we are lucky to have them working for us here in Kingsclere. Their response as the pandemic grew has been outstanding and I thank them for this. Councillors, too, give freely of their time, willingly volunteering themselves for extra duties and activities, all for no financial reward.

We are also well served by our two Borough Councillors, Clare Kinneer and Ken Rhatigan. Clare and Ken take a keen interest in our community, are supportive of the Parish Council and are regular attendees at our meetings. Thank you.

Finally, I would like to thank our residents for their loyal support, and all volunteers in the village who give of their time and energies making Kingsclere such a vibrant community. Parish Council meetings are open to all residents and are held on the last working Monday of each month. There is also an opportunity for parishioners to ask questions during the fifteen minute recess. In the event of meetings having to continue online, please contact the Clerk for the relevant access code so you can participate from home.

Cllr John Sawyer  
Chairman



## Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan

At the time of writing we are waiting for the Local Planning Authority to approve the outline planning application for 13 houses at the Fawconer Road site. Prior to submission of the application the Parish Council organised a display and public consultation which took place at the Village Club on 1st July 2019. Over 60 residents visited the display and met with representatives from Savills, the agents. The Parish Council is content with the amended proposals. In addition to the proposed sites for development, the Parish Council is required to comment on all planning applications within the parish. In many cases we have referred the LPA to policies in the NP which must be adhered to, and in many cases decisions have been taken in favour of the NP.

The Parish Council is taking forward work on the three projects in the NP, namely Traffic and Car Parking, Informal Green Space Improvements and the Holding Field. In 2019 the car park at the Holding Field was extended and improved, which should help alleviate parking problems during drop off and collection times at the school. We are now in consultation with Hampshire County Council to install road safety measures and white gates to the entrances to the village. Planting in the Community Orchard has been completed; an environmental report has been produced on the Malthouse Open Space and work commenced to improve the site and link it in with the churchyard. Work on improving the pond will commence later this year. Planting of additional hedging has taken place on the Holding Field and the redundant damaged all weather cricket pitch has been removed.

### Tree Planting

This year the Parish Council embarked upon a tree survey of all Parish owned land which brought home to us as a Council the huge number and diversity of trees we are lucky enough to have in our village. Sadly for safety and environmental reasons some trees had to be removed, but this is never a decision that the Parish council takes lightly. We are committed to replacing the trees we remove in line with our commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan, but also to increasing overall the number of trees in our village.

We think tree planting is an important project to provide a home for nature, mitigate the impact on our climate, improve our green spaces, and ensure a succession of mature trees lives on to be enjoyed by future generations. To this end we have created a brand new green space, the Kingsclere Community Orchard, full information about which is available elsewhere in this report, which has included the planting of over 90 trees. Further to this, we also received a grant of 400 "native trees for nature" from the Woodland Trust, which we have this year planted in and around our Parish owned spaces. We intend to continue this work in future years.

For more information on this project, to suggest sites or volunteer assist with planting please contact Parish Councillor Nicki Peach at [cllr.nicki.peach@kingsclere-pc.org.uk](mailto:cllr.nicki.peach@kingsclere-pc.org.uk)

### Holding Field Car Park

The existing car park within the Holding Field is owned by Kingsclere Parish Council for the community. In 2018 KPC identified the need to provide additional parking capacity. The traffic congestion serving the school was an important consideration. Overall improvements to the Holding Field, including parking provision, are contained within the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Plan.

The expansion of the car park required a lengthy process of surveys, budgeting, planning permission and tendering. This also included tree surveys, environmental assessments, and aerial photography. That was all before we started any physical work, which finally got underway in Autumn 2019. The overall project cost £14,144 (including £231.00 for the planning application and £220.00 for the Tree Protection Plan) and opportunistically addressed some outstanding issues within the field itself. The redundant cricket strip was removed, as were the old Cricket Pavilion foundations near the gate. We also installed some ground ducting for future use, reused the existing five-bar gate, reprofiled the grass bank, and widened the entrance.

Following a competitive tender process, Baikies were selected to deliver the project. The work was scheduled during the school half-term and was completed on time within the five days agreed. The additional capacity has already assisted with easing school traffic congestion in Love Lane. The car park facility is now suitable to better support future leisure usage of the Holding Field itself.

Some further improvements to the entrance and supporting signage will be planned and delivered during 2020/21 as funding priorities allow. Additional environmental improvements to the overall green space will continue.

For more information on the car park project contact Parish Councillor Clive Mussett at [cllr.clive.mussett@kingsclere-pc.org.uk](mailto:cllr.clive.mussett@kingsclere-pc.org.uk)

### Spring Bulb Planting

In recent years the Parish Council has embarked on an extensive programme of bulb planting around the village. This began with a number of verges and green spaces being planted up with crocus and miniature 'tête-à-tête' daffodils and diversified and increased over the years. Last Autumn the Parish Council planted a huge number of bulbs in and around the Malthouse Open Space at the back of the Churchyard including thousands of snowdrops and bluebells. We think this is an important way of beautifying our village but also increasing biodiversity and assisting with early food for bees and other pollinating insects.

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## Kingsclere Community Orchard

Kingsclere Community Orchard is a new green space being developed by Kingsclere Parish Council in Longcroft Road, adjacent to the allotments.

The land, previously known as the "pony paddocks", is a small field that was acquired by the Parish Council in 2015 under a section 106 agreement linked to the development of houses in Longcroft Road. It has been planted with 90 fruit trees, some heritage local varieties, and it is hoped it will be a community asset long into the future. This is very much intended to be a community led and developed project, planted by the community for the benefit of the community.

Phase 1 of planting began in Autumn 2017 with the planting of 30 fruit trees funded by the Parish Council. At that time, the Orchard was started with heritage apple and pear varieties being planted. In 2018, a further 40 trees were planted comprising of more apple and pear varieties as well as plum trees. This was in part funded by a grant from Hampshire County Council. In 2019 the final phase of planting was completed, with a further 20 trees being added, mostly made up of damson and greengage trees. This was funded by a grant from Basingstoke and Deane's developer contributions. All planting has been carried out by members of the Council and local volunteers to whom we express our gratitude.

The Orchard is currently open, and members of the community are encouraged to use it. In time, once the trees have matured, the fruit will be available for the community to use. Now that the planting of the fruit trees is complete, with some space deliberately left for later additions, the focus of the project moves on to the amenity value of the space. The trees are arranged around a central oval of grass which it is hoped can be planned in future to include a picnic area with benches and tables. The Parish Council is also looking to add to the hedgerow with blackberries, raspberries and other soft fruits being planted for the community to use.

The Parish Council is working to improve the nature conservation value of the site. The Orchard is visited by hedgehogs, deer, and a huge number of birds. Orchards themselves are a priority habitat for conservation and biodiversity under the UK's biodiversity action plan because of the potential they hold to become a home for a wide variety of insects and pollinators.

The Parish Council is aiming to turn the Orchard from a relatively little known space to a much loved community asset. To assist this the Parish Council is holding an art competition to enable the use of artwork created by local children (and adults!) on the signage and promotional materials for the Orchard. Please see the back of this Annual Report for details.

For more information on the Orchard project contact Parish Councillor Nicki Peach at [cllr.nicki.peach@kingsclere-pc.org.uk](mailto:cllr.nicki.peach@kingsclere-pc.org.uk)

### Improving Our Amenities

The Recreation Ground and Holding Field are two of the open spaces that the Parish Council looks after. When funds allow, we aim to improve the spaces. Over the last year, Kingsclere Parish Council was able to replace the rather worn out wooden benches located around the perimeter of the Recreation Ground with new recycled plastic benches, and install an additional bench in the play area. The location affords wonderful views and being able to stop and sit down for a while on the new benches when out will be something that hopefully many of you will be able to appreciate for years to come.

The Holding Field has been hidden from view from most locations due to the high hedges. This is a pleasant green space and we wanted the area to be visible. This allows for greater safety for users, gives an improved vista for those using Basingstoke Road and hopefully encourages more people into the space. Early in the year the height of the boundary hedge along Basingstoke Road was reduced and our routine grounds maintenance will keep it at the lower level. We do not cut during bird nesting season; so expect to see hedge cutting in September and February. Visibility of the field is now much better, and it has been great to see small groups using it as a space to meet family and friends (at a distance), sometimes enjoying a picnic.

### Traffic Calming Measures

Kingsclere Parish Council, in an attempt to help alleviate the issue of speeding through the village, is employing the use of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). SIDs, on the basis that in an area where speeding can be a problem, remind drivers of the speed limit and stand out from permanent roadside signs. They can help to break the habit of motorists who consistently drive too fast.

The first permanent siting is the SID located on Winchester Road (installed December 2018) with 2 further installations imminent, on Basingstoke Road and Newbury Road. The second SID has been purchased, but the installation of this device on Basingstoke Road has been delayed whilst we awaited permission (which has now been granted) from SSE to use a lamppost. The third device is the old mobile SID, that you may remember being used by the Speed Watch Group, which we are having adapted to use a solar power source. Permission will need to be sought to attach this to a lamppost in Newbury Road once the correct location has been identified.

The devices use radar to accurately measure the speed of approaching vehicles. This data is then periodically downloaded and shared with the local authorities to substantiate requests for enforcement of the speed limits.



### Kingsclere Film Club

Kingsclere Film Club isn't just about showing films each month, as it continues to contribute to the social lives of its members since every meeting includes opportunities for a chat over a glass of (good!) wine and some nibbles! As always, the programme contained a range of films of different genres, this year ranging from the extraordinary

French murder/comedy 'Les Diaboliques' through the surprisingly sensitive and moving 'The Elephant Man' to modern classics like 'Mamma Mia- here we go again'. We also attempt to look at films across the decades and sometimes older films, such as 'Rebecca' are even more enjoyable seen in company on a big screen. The film for the Christmas party this year was 'Esio Trot', made partly by the BBC and it was much enjoyed as most members hadn't caught it when shown originally on tv.

Films are shown in the hall at the Village Club on the 2nd Saturday of each month (except October, when we meet on the first Saturday to accommodate the Photo Club exhibition).



## Girlguiding Kingsclere - Clere District

Members of Girlguiding in Kingsclere have had a great year. As like many things, face to face meetings came to a halt in late March, however members have not lost the Guiding spirit and have been busy earning badges and taking part in online Zoom meetings during lockdown.

Rainbows have made a giant group painting using their feet and have done some campfire cooking. They had loads of fun at a Christmas themed sleepover with Christmas crafts, games, yummy Christmas dinner, a special visit from Santa, and a film before bed before going home the next morning. During lockdown, via Zoom meetings, they've completed their Be Well Skills Builder including healthy eating, exercise, and fair play; and had a virtual den building sleepover. Two Rainbows have also completed their Gold award, now the highest award a Rainbow can achieve.

Brownies have enjoyed an interactive night of STEM challenges including making shelters, codebreaking, and learning sign language. They have made vinegar and bicarbonate of soda rockets which were then launched outside and have made planters which will be donated once painted. Via zoom meetings they have completed their Be Well Skills Builder and have started on the Sweet Challenge badge. Three Brownies have also completed the Brownie Gold Award, the highest award a Brownie can achieve.

Guides started work on their First Aid Skills builder in the Autumn, learning how to do CPR and finding out what information is needed when making a 999 call. They've had a Halloween party with lots of messy games, created shadow puppets to perform a shadow puppet show, and of course did some campfire cooking. They've taken part in a yoga session led by a professional yoga teacher, celebrated pancake day in the most traditional way, and have had a go at making reusable bees wax wraps. In September 2019 some of the Guides attended Fearless Fun, a large scale adventure camp at Foxlease in the New Forest. There they took part in activities including climbing, archery, and kayaking, as well as messy science experiments and bush crafts, including den building.

In December, all units joined together for a Christmas party, including food and games, where Shannon was awarded her Baden Powell Award, the highest award a Guide could achieve in the old programme, and moved up to Rangers.

Unfortunately, both Brownie Pack Holiday and Guide Camp couldn't go ahead in May. We are hoping these events will be reorganised soon, when restrictions allow.

The Leaders have also been busy in their own Girlguiding adventures. We have welcomed Shannon into our team as a Young Leader and she is now working on her Young Leader Qualification. Lucie has completed her Leadership Qualification for Rainbows, Mary is now Pamber Forest District Commissioner for Rainbows, and Eleanor continues to work on her Queen's Guide Award (the highest award you can work towards in Girlguiding) and also took part in an International Guiding trip with members from Hampshire North County, to Belarus last Summer. This was to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the friendship link between Girlguiding Hampshire North and the Association of Belarusian Guides. Highlights include sightseeing in Minsk, hosting a "British Day", and joining the Belarusian Guides for a week on their annual camp.

2020 marks 50 years since the Guiding County of Hampshire was split into three Girlguiding Counties; Hampshire East, Hampshire West, and Hampshire North. To celebrate this, members of Hampshire West have created the Golden Jubilee Challenge where any member of Girlguiding in these counties (child and adult) can work to achieve all the segments of the badge at home. Various celebration events were planned for this year including a County Badge Day, and Division trip to Legoland for Brownies, Guides and Rangers, and a Division trip to Finkley Down Farm for Rainbows; however due to the Coronavirus these have had to be postponed and will be reorganised.

Girlguiding offers opportunities for girls ages 5-7 (Rainbows), 7-10 (Brownies) and 10-14 (Guides) in Kingsclere and ages 14-18 (Rangers) and 18+ (The Trefoil Guild) locally. If you or your daughter would like to join, please go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) to register or please feel free to email [kingscleregirguiding@gmail.com](mailto:kingscleregirguiding@gmail.com) with any questions.

Colleen Stables - Clere District Commissioner

## Kingsclere Youth Football

The season has sadly been curtailed by the Coronavirus outbreak which saw training and matches cancelled from 14 March. While most of our teams played in a non-competitive basis and the season was simply shortened, our U13 team had been top of the North East Hants League and were due to play in a cup semi-final and if the season is considered void, as seems likely, this will be a huge disappointment.

Overall the season had been running quite well although a large number of away games had been called off due to the wet winter. Home fixtures at Hannington had been largely unaffected and the club managed to play more games than many others. Training had been possible thanks to access of the newly renovated MUGA at the Fieldgate Centre.

The club enjoyed a great awards day and Christmas party and thanks go to Lauren Hall and Emma Butt for their efforts. The club were delighted that Duncan Josey completed his Level 1 qualification and with all managers now holding this level the Club's Charter status was renewed. Level 2 courses for both Dean and Luke Tierney had been booked and will go ahead later this year.

Thanks go to DP Architects, Autotrader and the Tower magazine for providing new sets of shirts and waterproof tops. The club has installed a defibrillator at Hannington which is available for emergency use for the village although payment (£480) for the cabinet is still outstanding from Hannington Parish Council.

At the time of writing it appears that there will be no more matches played and most of the summer tournaments have been cancelled or are likely to be cancelled. It is hoped that our awards day on 11 July will be able to go ahead. My thanks go to all managers and members of the committee for the hard work they put in during the year, I hope we will be back to playing football again in the near future.

## The Tower

For over 50 years the village of Kingsclere has had its own monthly magazine.

A team of volunteers have been compiling, editing, producing and distributing over 1600 copies of the Tower to homes in and around Kingsclere.

Our local area is able to boast many clubs, societies and events so each month The Tower informs our community what is happening and when.

We are always eager to hear about your group or organisation so we can inform our community of what's happening in the coming months.

We have seen a few changes this year with the re-introduction of the 'Yellow' advertising pages to easily identify where to look for local companies, tradesmen and suppliers.

Our committee has changed with a new treasurer and Brian Elborn taking over the advertising task.

We have launched our grant scheme to give back to local organisations funding helping the community by giving much needed additional resources.

Please apply if you think your organisation qualifies.

We have kept to our traditional format, without being tempted to make the Tower bigger and glossier, keeping its existing format we feel gives it much of its appeal.

The Tower is now available On-Line in pdf format on the Parish Council website:  
[www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk/community/kingsclere-parish-council-5041/kingsclere-tower/](http://www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk/community/kingsclere-parish-council-5041/kingsclere-tower/)

If you need to contact the Tower please refer to page one of the Tower where all the contact details are printed every month or email us on [kingscleretower@gmail.com](mailto:kingscleretower@gmail.com)

## Kingsclere Singers

Our events have been dominated by our Christmas events as our spring event for 2020 has been cancelled. These were well attended spreading our genre to more eclectic pieces for St. Mary's to a good old sing along at The Fieldgate Centre.

Before the COVID 19 outbreak we did manage to attend the Lord Mayor's concert at The Anvil. We joined over 250 voices as part of the Basingstoke Festival of Choirs for this bi-annual event. It is a chance to sing BIG with amazing conductors and with a full orchestra.

We have achieved many successes during the year - concerts, events, birthday parties, Christmas activities. Our social events (thank you Hazel and Pat) help the members to relax and have time to get to know one another. Choir members are always supportive to each other especially when one of us is coping with trauma, a loss in the family, illness.

We are delighted our Honorary President Jon Whitfield is recovering his health. We look forward to him taking an active part of our events again. Our events are only successful because of our efficient teamwork.

Grateful thanks goes to the committee which works hard behind the scenes, donating many hours to ensure the success of the choir. Sadly our treasurer Chris has resigned from doing the Kingsclere Singers finances. Thank you Chris for your work. We also say thank you to Kathryn who is also stepping down from the committee.

We all appreciate our fantastic musical director Hazel who inspires the choir, especially the 'early learners.' Her willingness to introduce us to a variety of music enables the choir to grow and increase their repertoire; even if it is not always to our personal taste. We are fortunate she is supported by our special conductors Jess and Sue. Like Hazel their love of the music shines through their faces when they conduct us, even when we struggle to get notes, timing, and fit in the words!

Paul always comes up trumps, helping us learn the music, emailing our sing along parts. He musical ability is admirable. He enables the choir to produce some incredible music. Thank you so much Paul.

Our membership remains constant at 45 members of varied ages and abilities. We welcome anyone to come along and join us to sing their hearts out when this pandemic is over. We work hard and have fun to produce the Kingsclere Singers sound.

## Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd

Friends of St Mary's Kingsclere Ltd (FOSM) is an independent Charity, formed in 2001/2002, to help with the costs of preserving and maintaining the fabric of St Mary's. It gives all who value our ancient parish church at the heart of the village - including those who otherwise might not be active as part of the Church community - a chance to contribute to preserving the Church for future generations. Under its constitution, FOSM may not make grants towards the day-to-day running of St Mary's, nor to the Parish share of the Diocesan quota, but the Friends are able to make very significant financial contributions towards work on maintaining and restoring the actual structure of the building.

The Charity was set up with the joint aims of helping with the cost of present repair works and building up a fund to meet such needs in the future. Since it formed, FOSM has already contributed some £110,000 towards the Church fabric. This has included part-funding the replacement of the creaking ancient boilers, major roof repairs, specialist restoration of weathered or damaged stonework, a grant of £32,500 towards the complete overhaul of St Mary's electrical wiring and lighting systems, £14,000 towards the redecoration of the Church, and most recently £4,180 towards the re-roofing of the South chancel. We have pledged a further contribution of up to £8,000 towards the replastering of the Kingsmill Room, once the damp problems there have been resolved.

We raise funds for all this from modest membership subscriptions (£10 a year for individual membership/£20 a year for families), and by organising a number of diverse events each year, - regular annual fixtures such as our Quiz Night and Plant Sale, plus visits to local wineries or herb farms, concerts, picture sales, etc. At a time when we are looking to re-build our financial reserves, this year's Corona virus pandemic, resulting in the cancellation of several planned events, has hit us hard. To be able to contribute to future projects on the Parochial Church Council's rolling 5-year works programme we shall need to redouble our fundraising efforts once a return to the 'new normal' becomes possible.

Anyone is welcome to become a Friend, and by doing so can help to play a part in safeguarding this important and much-loved landmark at the centre of the community. Every new subscription helps - why not consider becoming a friend? We are also always looking for new people with ideas for, or to help with, our fund-raising activities. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Alan Denness, by phone on 01635 298376, or by e-mail at [alandenness@btinternet.com](mailto:alandenness@btinternet.com).

## Kingsclere Walking Group

KWG is a sociable, friendly, all-age group of like-minded people who enjoy walking together and have done so for 15 years. We try to organise a minimum of 2 walks per month, usually on the 1st and 3rd Saturday, plus some summer evening and midweek walks.

All our members are encouraged to offer to lead walks (if they would like to do so) which are usually from about 4 to 7 miles and sometimes longer up to 10 miles. A pub stop is often included if possible, and for some reason, that always increases the numbers on a walk! We have enjoyed many walking weekends away, over time, at places such as Brecon, Derbyshire, Cotswolds, Lake District, Isle of Wight and Swanage, as well as many enjoyable social events.

Like many other organisations, currently our activities have been suspended until we are out of lock-down.

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## Kingsclere and Headley Woodlands W.I.

We are grateful for the opportunity to address fellow residents and readers of this Kingsclere Annual Report, so allowing us to introduce ourselves - your local branch of the Women's Institute - to those of you who do not yet know us and to remind those who have heard of us that "We are still here and waiting to come back onto the scene." We are aware (and we say this statistically in terms of sexual ratio) that less than half of the people who read this document might be moved to read on past the title of this particular insert. But, we're OK with that!

Our operations and events begin in June of each year and follow through to May of the next. Predictably, this year just past was robbed of its 'end' meetings, i.e. April & May 2020 by the official demands of Lockdown; but, more of that later. During the extant, earlier portion we had enjoyed a satisfyingly varied selection of monthly meetings with presentations delivered by proficient speakers; except in August and May; the latter traditionally reserved for our Annual Meeting and business matters only. Without recreating the entire programme here we can mention (among others no less enjoyable) lectures on Search & Rescue operations, a life history of Dr Walter Essex Wynter, long gone 'mover and shaker' par excellence and major beneficiary to Newbury and yet another biography, this time on famous 'children's author' Beatrix Potter which delved deeper into the life of the hugely successful property investor and developer that she was. We know now she was truly a 'woman before her time' - to use that sadly apt phrase. Another memorable talk was delivered by a female military historian who nearly 'brought the house down'. She combined her academic military 'nous' with the history of knitting (of all things!) all by way of a subtle, self-effacing and wicked sense of humour.

Our Annual Meeting 2020 is logged in at Wednesday 13th May on our printed and already distributed programme for June 2020 to May 2021. Not all (nor perhaps any) might take place as planned. Our members know that. We keep in touch. We also keep in touch with speakers who by reason of officially-imposed social-distancing have lost expected revenue from us as with all the other organisations who had booked their services.

Currently battened down like the rest of UK society by the necessary shackles put in place to lock out the fearful Covid-19 pandemic, Kingsclere W.I. is looking ahead to freedom once again because **Freedom**, we are proud to recall, is a concept very familiar to the W.I. - an organisation deliberately 'brought into being' for practical reasons within the era otherwise associated with The Great War of 1914 -1918. That specific timing should always be borne in mind, hopefully to blur that boring old 'Jam & Jerusalem' epithet that we are so tired of hearing.

So, what are our hopes for the future? We wish to expand at a greater rate once openness replaces lockdown. Larger membership will help us, as with other groups, participate in rebuilding or revitalising human interactions within our society. We specifically hope to continue the resolve of all W.I.s to ensure that women retain a collective and therefore strong voice in society. The Women's Institute **is** "a force to be reckoned with". On a lower-key level we hope to reduce the potential of loneliness that often sets in in later life but we want more members of all ages - younger persons and seniors alike - the magic lies in the blend.

If not yet a member but you have received and read your May 2020 Tower magazine you will already know something about our meetings, speakers, 'lunches-out' and annual excursions. Monthly editions of the magazine will continue to keep you in touch via our monthly events. If you wish to ask questions use the 'sign-off' details that come with the articles.

Do follow our repeated suggestions that you consider paying us a visit (or two) at a very modest £2 per person per time. Meet us, assess the nature of our gatherings, experience friendly chats during the tea breaks that take place between the meetings and the presentations of the day. Less importantly but fun anyway, enjoy the appealing odds of winning one of our multi-prize raffles that will come with your visitor's ticket.

We look forward to meeting at least some of that less than 50% of readers who may have made their way through to the end of this insert! Take this as a challenge.

## St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church is the Anglican parish church in Kingsclere. Our aim is to Follow Jesus, Love God's Family and Bless Others and throughout the last year our work has been led by this aim. We have continued to worship on a Sunday in a variety of styles both traditional and contemporary with activities for children and young people. Our many groups continue to meet throughout the week including "Toast for Tots", ABC (a monthly service for pre-school children), "Knit and Natter", prayer groups and Bible study sessions. The youth bible study weekly meeting and visits from the "Bus of Hope" have provided young people in the village with a place to talk about the Christian faith with others of their own age. During the coronavirus restrictions we have been unable to worship in the church building, but we have been able to find new ways of worshipping and serving God which has been exciting. Live-streamed videos on Youtube, Zoom meetings and telephone access to services have enabled us to continue to worship and conduct our day-to-day business. We have also found opportunities to speak to isolated people on the phone and pray for them, as well as offering a food donation scheme at a time when many local families will find it difficult financially. As always, our events and up to date news is available on our church website [www.stmaryskingsclere.co.uk](http://www.stmaryskingsclere.co.uk).

## Kingsclere Bowling Club

Kingsclere Bowling Club is situated on the Holding Sports Field in Ashford Hill Road (behind the George and Horn) and accessed by the entrance opposite Love Lane. It is a members club with annual fees (which are very reasonable) run on a voluntary basis, open to all above the age of 9yrs. You can join from around £20.00 for your first year, which gives you access to our clubhouse and playing facilities, including our fully stocked bar with prices well below those of any pub! Our membership is drawn from all around the local area including Newbury, Basingstoke and Tadley, as well as Kingsclere itself. You can borrow basic equipment or buy second hand at discounted prices to get you going.

Although the playing season outdoors only runs from April to September, the club is open all year, and some of our members also play bowls during the indoor season (October to March). To do this you would have to join one of the local indoor facilities at Whitchurch, Newbury or Basingstoke, or if you prefer the 'short mat' version of the indoor game there is a thriving club at the Hurst Community School Centre.

The club has a couple of teams playing indoors in both a Monday and Friday mixed league at the Whitchurch venue, open to all our members, which means you can play indoors without having to join an indoor club, although a match fee would be payable. During the indoor season the clubhouse in Kingsclere is open most Friday evenings to all members for social use – you can play darts and cards etc. or just have a drink and a chat.

In the outdoor season, we operate a full fixture list comprised of friendlies against other clubs at weekends, along with various one day club-based competitions. During the week we have teams playing in district league competitions. We are currently reigning champions in the men's triples league and we also play in the men's fours league. We have a team in the local ladies' league and 2 teams playing in a mixed league on Wednesdays. Some of our more competitive bowlers are reigning or former district champions in various disciplines, and we also have members who enter competitions at county and national level, achieving great success over the years.

We also operate some knockout competitions which run throughout the season culminating in our own finals weekend, usually held early in September. It's not all about winning however and the social side to bowling is very important too! After a game there is the opportunity to sit in our clubhouse and chat about the match over refreshment with your teammates, and more importantly your opposition, and discuss where it all went wrong (or right). Additionally our fundraising committee organise a range of non-bowls activities such as quiz nights, race nights and skittles, which are open to members and family or friends as guests for the evening, and we would like to take the opportunity to thank the local community for supporting us so fervently over recent years at these events.

Kingsclere Bowling Club is also the headquarters for the Basingstoke and District Bowling Association. You can learn more about us by viewing our website [www.kingsclerebowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.kingsclerebowlingclub.co.uk) or you can contact our acting membership secretary, Brian Watts on [brian-watts@btconnect.com](mailto:brian-watts@btconnect.com) or telephone 0118 981 6892. We are always happy to welcome prospective new members, and we organize open evenings throughout May each year, when you can just drop in and give bowls a try. If you are passing by and want to come in to see what goes on you'll be more than welcome any time.

## Kingsclere Players

From a small core of actors and non-actors, the Players can always be sure of putting on a show. This year has been no exception with two events, attracting and using people from far and wide. In November they put on the pantomime, Aladdin, with the usual cast of many and a colourful set. It is safe to say that the panto had something for everyone! This was followed by a joint event in February, when the Players were asked to perform a Murder Mystery at a dinner put on by Friends of St Mary's. Everyone who attended the evening was amazed and delighted at the transformation of the Fieldgate Centre into a 1920s speakeasy. The Players welcomed input from Silchester Players for this evening of song and dance. Oh, and murder!

There are intentions for a November 2020 event, but like most things, that may have to wait. However, if anyone wishes to be added to the Players mailing list, or would like to volunteer services as producer / director, actor or behind the scenes, please contact: [kingsclere.players@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kingsclere.players@yahoo.co.uk)

## Kingsclere Heritage Association

In May last year we visited Reading Abbey when we had a conducted tour. We are all aware of the existence of Reading Abbey but few of us knew much of the detail. The Abbey was huge and played an important role in local life as well as being one of the most important national religious centres of its time. It was an important place of pilgrimage. Much of the Abbey has now gone but there are still sufficient remains to give an idea of what it provided. Our excellent guide certainly brought it all to life for us. We were also able to visit the old school in the Abbey gateway where for a short time Jane Austen was a boarder. This is set out just as it was in her day. We are indebted to Janet Bond for making the arrangements for us. Janet has been involved with the Abbey for many years and is now President of the Friends of Reading Abbey.

In August we took a stall at the Church fete when we showed a selection of our large collection of historical local photographs. This created a lot of interest.

From August through to February we held our monthly speaker meetings at the Village Club. We had a varied programme which was well received. Unfortunately we had to cancel our March meeting due to the virus but Tony Cross the speaker on "The Romance of the Letter Box" has accepted an invitation to visit us this Winter.

Our Archivists have continued to meet on most Monday afternoons in the Holding room at the club. Sadly Jean Chapman, a keen member of the team, passed away in February and will be much missed by us all. We are pleased to report that during the year we have had an increasing number of callers with a range of enquiries and we hope that this will continue. Our archives are the official Kingsclere Village Archives and we have an ever growing amount of material which is for the use and benefit of all. If we have no ready answer we will always endeavour to research one. Do come along to the Holding room or call Richard Croft on 298114. We are pleased that attendance at our meetings has been increasing. However we need to enlarge our membership base. If you are interested in our village, area and its history we shall be very pleased to see you.



## Kingsclere Community Association

The last year has seen a great range of activities take place at the Fieldgate Centre followed by sudden cessation of all activities. The level of support we have seen hopefully puts us in a good position to progressively start up community activities when it safe for us all.

### The Fieldgate Centre

**Kingsclere Community Association**  
Your community, your place

The Kingsclere Community Association (KCA) is a charity that runs the community centre facility, the Fieldgate Centre. Our objective is to promote social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation, improving the well-being of all who live in Kingsclere and the surrounding area. We are run by volunteers, not by the council, and rely on the support of many people to ensure we all can make the most of this fantastic community asset.

The number of people visiting the Fieldgate Centre continues to grow. In the year to March 2020 over 43,000 visited. This has been achieved by increased use by regular users who run classes, one-off hires for events and parties and events put on by the KCA sometimes with other groups such as the Kingsclere Players. We have very well attended activities including CEROC dancing, Pilates, fitness classes, gentle aerobics, Clubbercise, badminton and short mat bowling and we hope that they will progressively be able to re-establish over the next few months (?) with new safety protocols. This should include the regular Slimming World group sessions on Wednesday.

Summer holiday 2019 saw a series of play days including the National Play Day event in August. Aladdin, the pantomime staged by the Kingsclere Players was a fantastic community event with four performances. During the autumn the community centre was a hive of activity preparing and rehearsing for the show. The Christmas Sing Along led by the Kingsclere Singers saw the centre full to the brim with festive spirit. Further rave reviews were received for the Valentine's Day Murder Mystery Dinner event run by the Friends of St Mary and staged by the Kingsclere Players with the KCA. The start of 2020 saw the Greener Kingsclere team set up the Sustainable Living Market.

We have to generate all of the revenue to keep the centre running as we receive no funding from the council or other bodies to do this. Our hirers are really important to us because along with the events we run this makes up over 80% of our operating income. Income from the bar makes up the remainder. The trustees of the KCA have taken steps to ensure the association stays solvent for as long as possible during the Covid 19 restrictions but like many similar community organisations we will be going into uncharted financial territory where it may be very difficult to generate the level of income we have been able to over the past couple of years. Our core activity is social gathering so we will be seeing how we can achieve this whilst complying with the guidelines to keep us all safe.

Replacing the ageing infrastructure is a key activity for the association to ensure that we have a functioning community centre for many years to come. We will be upgrading the heating system before the winter and hope to be able to also upgrade the electrical system. Part of the work is being funded by a Local Infrastructure Fund grant from Basingstoke & Deane BC and a Community Building fund grant from Hampshire County Council. To fund further work we have a £100,000 matched funding grant by the Greenham Trust but the challenge we have is to raise the matched funding to allow this grant to be made available. We have made a further LIF grant application, run our own events to raise funds to go towards the matched funding and were fortunate to be awarded a grant by the Garfield Weston Foundation. During the year the KCA was awarded a fellowship from the Power to Change / School of Social Entrepreneurs which included a Community Business Trade Up grant. Financial assistance from grant providers is vital as the expense of upgrading the centre is well beyond what we currently raise through operating revenue.

During the year we were delighted that B&DBC undertook the roof replacement project for the community centre. We would like to thank all of our users for putting up with the disruption during the project. Now we have a new gleaming, well insulated roof that will help reduce our heating bills.

Although the playing fields are owned and run by B&DBC the KCA has been managing the upgrade of the outside sports facilities. The first upgrade, the installation of an all-weather artificial turf surface in the Multi-Use Games Area court has been a great success. A detailed specification has been prepared and prices obtained to drain the sports pitches. We are now seeking the final funding needed to allow the drainage project to proceed.

We would like to thank all who provide their time to do so many different things for the Kingsclere Community Association including managing day to day activities, running events, raising grants, decorating, repairing and refurbishing. We could not operate without the support of the community and we would be really pleased to welcome anyone who would like to help.

Email – [fieldgatecentre@outlook.com](mailto:fieldgatecentre@outlook.com) Website – [www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk](http://www.thefieldgatecentre.co.uk) Phone - 01635297498

## Kingsclere Tennis Club

Village tennis has been played in Kingsclere for over 100 years. The tennis club has been based at the Holding Field where there are two astro turf tennis courts, sufficient to play competitive matches in local leagues against other clubs. Membership is open to all adults and their children who may apply regardless of standard of play, age, sex, ethnicity, or creed. The membership rule is welcoming, friendly, and fully inclusive respecting diversity.

The 2019/20 tennis season saw the club membership expand with an additional 50 per cent more members in all categories, and almost double the number of local family members joining the club. It is the responsibility of the club to provide for and to maintain the facilities, especially the court playing surfaces. With kind assistance from Kingsclere Parish Council the club was able to use its past surpluses to have the tennis courts professionally refurbished during September last. In recognition of its close partnership with the Parish the tennis club has agreed to open up its courts for all villagers to play tennis free of charge during Wimbledon fortnight each year.

The club thanks the Parish Council and looks forward to continuing the long history of Kingsclere's tennis playing into the next decade.



## Kingsclere Royal British Legion

Your branch of the Royal British Legion has had another stellar year, with membership on the increase and our Facebook and Twitter sites attracting a great deal of positive attention (find us on Facebook at "Kingsclere Royal British Legion"). The branch has a One Team ethos

with a strong focus on remembrance, community and comradeship.

Our branch gained two awards at the January 2020 County Conference, the first for Best Performing Small Branch and the second for Small Branch Poppy Appeal Fund Raising Increase. County have also highlighted our small branch as an example to others of how a branch should be managed and run; which is a massive compliment to the hard work put in by all our members.

We continued throughout 2019 to run days out once a month to places of interest (due to COVID, no trips have been made in 2020); this has seen trips to Victoria Park, Middle Wallop Aviation Museum, Fort Nelson and War on The Line. A trip to France to pay our respects to those lost in WW1 is scheduled for 2021.

Highlight of the 2019 has to be the convoys of WW2 vehicles which passed through the village in June, marking the visit of Eisenhower to Greenham, prior to the launch of D Day. The village was festooned with flags and bunting and a great day was had by all.

Also last year we laid a memorial stone to remember Jim Beasant, a D Day Veteran, long standing member of the branch and a real local legend. The service was attended by members of the branch, Jim's wider family and representatives from the Parachute Association of which Jim was a member.

Our Branch Club which we hold once a month on a Saturday at The Crown has proved popular and will be restarted once the current restrictions are lifted; see the posters around the village for details and all are most welcome to attend.

As ever, the branch decorated the village in preparation for Remembrance Day, a key event in our year, and the parade on the day went well with a large and most welcome attendance from the community at both the parade and service. Additionally, members of the branch maintain the War Memorial and garden to ensure they remain respectable.

The Poppy Appeal total for the year continues to grow (the end of the collecting year is October 2020) and the current total is well in excess of £7000 and by the end of the period we hope to have passed the £10,000 mark.

This is the village's branch of the RBL and all are welcome to join; you do not have to be a member of the Armed Forces to be an RBL member, just have a willingness to help others, share in our comradeship and acts of remembrance.

We are always looking for new members and you do not have to be ex-military to join. Please contact me via our Facebook Page (search Facebook for "Kingsclere Royal British Legion") email me at h6861@hotmail.com or via phone on 01635 628004. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at The Crown where we hold a short meeting followed by a get together over a drink.

## Kingsclere Care Group

The Care Group offers a valuable and well-used transport service for those with health-related needs and who do not have their own transport. The service is available to those living in the catchment area of the local Health Centre. Journeys are booked through a central mobile phone line, 07388 539 730 where messages can be left if the call is not answered (by a human!) straight away. We currently have 18 Drivers, 13 of whom live in Kingsclere, 2 in Ecchinswell, 1 in Headley and 1 in Ashford Hill. All drivers are DBA certified. Journeys are booked according to the availability of the drivers, so maximum notice is very helpful, as it is not an emergency service. 180 journeys were undertaken in the year in question: an average of 15 per month and 10 per driver over the whole year (less than 1 per month), although clearly that relates to driver availability. Of the 180 journeys, 83 were to Kingsclere Health Centre, 52 to NHH and 45 further afield, including hospitals at Southampton, Reading and Frimley Park.

The service is very much appreciated both by those who use it, who appreciate the comfort of having someone to talk to during the drive there and back, and by the drivers who report satisfaction at having helped someone.

For further information or offers of help please contact Maggy Wallace on [mjwwatershipdown@msn.com](mailto:mjwwatershipdown@msn.com) or 01635 298794.



## Kingsclere Village Club

2019-2020 has been a busy year at the Village Club. The increase in rent charged to the library in this financial year has been a significant issue for both organisations involved.

Whilst the Club's approach to setting rent levels is constrained by charity law, it has continued to work to support the library in a number of ways despite the wider challenges it now faces.

The listed building that houses the Village Club has required a fair amount of maintenance this year inside and out. The most visible of which has been the new sheds installed to replace the large dilapidated one which was located half way up the garden, which pave the way for opening up more outside space for users. A project to replace the exterior doors and windows and install a new heating system began and will continue into the next financial year. A length of the original roof that forms part of our listed status began to leak in the spring meaning 2020-2021 looks to be another busy year as regards to maintenance.

Unusually this year, the Village Club has been in receipt of a number of donations and grants which are helping to fund capital projects. We are grateful for the regular donations given by Calla Distribution, as well as the two one-off donations made by private individuals. Also grants from the Kingsclere Tower, Kingsclere Parish Council, and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. Hands on help and expertise as regards the lawns has been provided by TrueGreen.

Towards the end of the year, the Club was required to close to the public under the Government restrictions imposed to help manage the Covid-19 pandemic. Classes and entertainments were cancelled, the community groups and most organisations who use the building had to withdraw too. We would like to thank those students who declined a refund from us on their course fees for missed lessons, and the teachers who have got to grips with new technologies and teaching styles to keep classes going in order that people feel less isolated during lock down. We look forward to welcoming people back when the restrictions lift and we are able to comply with social distancing rules.

We are also thankful to the newly recruited volunteers who are helping us to maintain the front garden, run our events and catalogue the heritage aspects of the building – all of which are directly helping us to maintain an appealing, relevant and lively community facility.



# Living Paintings

## Living Paintings

Living Paintings' aim is to relieve the social and educational isolation of blind and partially sighted people of all ages by running a free of charge postal library service of Touch to See books. These books cover a wide range of topics for all age groups and feature raised, tactile imagery and immersive audio recordings to bring our visual world to life. We support children and teenagers at home and in school, and adults at home, in care homes and through our book clubs. Our work relies on the efforts of 460 volunteers who help us create and maintain the books. Based in the heart of Kingsclere, Living Paintings have been providing their much needed services to anyone with a visual impairment for over 30 years.

This short report shares some of our recent achievements and sets out our ambitions for the year ahead.

Since February 1989 when Living Paintings was founded, we have supported **more than 30,000 blind and partially sighted people**, helping them access and understand a wide variety of pictures using our unique Touch to See books. We currently benefit **15,234 blind and partially sighted people** and their families with ongoing, proactive and tailor made services; 8,100 are children and their families. **850 people joined our free library** between 1 June 2018 and 31 May 2019, and there was an increase of 16.4% in our teenage membership. Our **national network of 120 volunteer-led Touch to See Book Clubs** operates across the UK. **Six children's Touch to See titles** have been added to our ever popular library. They include adaptations of Elmer's Walk and Journey, a book with only illustrations and therefore inaccessible until now. Also The Smeds and the Smoos by Julia Donaldson was published on the same day as the mainstream book. This is only the 5th time that a blind child has not had to wait for their accessible version. Our Literature Alive! series was also published bringing to life images from older age fiction such as Harry Potter, The Hobbit and books by enormously popular David Walliams including Gangsta Granny. Mr Walliams joined the many well known voices who recorded audio descriptions this year. **Ten new titles for Touch to See Book Clubs** and adults at home have been published including: Feline Friends, A Journey into Space featuring ESA Astronaut Tim Peake and POP Goes the Royal Albert Hall, featuring a raised image of the Beatles performing there.

**Our 30th anniversary year in 2019** featured events including Endure24, The Botanics Lounge gin night, a choral concert and Summer Prize Draw, raising funds and awareness.

**Our BBC Lifeline Appeal raised £37,190.** We also ran our first Crowdfunder appeal, successfully raising funds for a new Thermoform press, which is integral to the creation of our Touch to See books. Living Paintings costs: £60 per library member per annum for our free service; £650 to set up a new Touch to See Book Club; £2,500 - £10,000 to originate and publish a new Touch to See book.

We receive no statutory funding and rely on grants from Trusts and foundations for more than 80% of our income.

We are proud of the transformative service we offer to our beneficiaries through our free postal library of Touch to See books. But there is so much more to do. We must strive to create and publish fresh titles and topics to meet an insatiable appetite for new images to be explored. There is a need for new curriculum-linked Touch to See fact books and a desire for inclusion in the rapid technological advancements being made which are geared to sighted people, such as Virtual Reality.

In 2020 we aim to reach new members, enhance our services for existing members and develop our user experience and engagement. To this end we will pursue four key areas.

**Publishing:** We will continue to develop the scope of our library catalogue broadening the diversity of subjects available, to widen the community that our Touch to See books benefit.

**Digital Vision:** Delivering our digital strategy in support of our objectives, including launching a new website for improved and seamless library ordering and use by visually impaired people.

**Library Service:** We aim to reach 950 new library members during the coming year. We will continue to focus spreading the word about our services and providing a quality, tailor made service.

**Community:** The environment in which we are delivering our Touch to See Book Clubs has changed dramatically. Therefore, to ensure the sustainability of this local, volunteer-led initiative we will be piloting a new Regional Coordinator model. We will also maintain our high quality, proactive service to our current network of Clubs.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, we have continued to support blind and partially sighted people. We have needed to make significant changes to how we operate to protect our beneficiaries, our volunteers and our staff. The call for library books has been greater than ever as people turn to us to help them through the isolation. Many schools have requested that books are sent directly to pupils to help with home schooling and we've seen a significant rise in new members. Our elderly, vulnerable members are reaching out to us not only for our library services but also to take advantage of our Relax & Chat Service. We devised the Relax & Chat Service as a source of comfort for anyone elderly and alone during Lockdown to receive a phone call from a staff member or volunteer to offer some companionship and support and to hear a friendly voice at the end of the phone.

We are very proud of the positive impact our work has on the lives of blind and partially sighted people. The needs of those with sight loss continue to challenge and inspire us to find new and creative ways to respond. Blind and partially sighted people of all ages face unimaginable barriers and exclusion every day. Living Paintings brings them joy, reassurance, learning, opportunities and social inclusion.

If you would like to find out more about us please visit [www.livingpaintings.org](http://www.livingpaintings.org) or call 01635299771.

Living Paintings is Registered Charity Number: 1049103

## Kingsclere Parish Council Financial Report 2019/2020

### Expenditure:

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Salaries and related costs            | £34,041 |
| Office & Admin costs                  | £7,500  |
| Grants made                           | £3,660  |
| Allotments                            | £1,548  |
| Recreation Ground and Play Area       | £5,106  |
| Cemetery                              | £4,273  |
| Churchyard                            | £3,924  |
| Malthouse Open Space                  | £2,134  |
| Holding Field                         | £4,120  |
| Community Orchard                     | £562    |
| Street Lighting                       | £752    |
| General Maintenance                   | £1,464  |
| Other                                 | £3,086  |
| Holding Field Car Park Extension      | £16,432 |
| S106 (plus £1526 included in Capital) | £943    |
| S137                                  | £125    |

**Sub Total: £89,669**

### **CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Two Office Chairs                     | £398   |
| 5 Benches for Recreation Ground       | £1,128 |
| Advance Warning of Road Closure Signs | £120   |
| Mini300 SID and Solar Assembly        | £2,701 |
| Handrail for steps                    | £660   |

**Total Capital £5,007**

**Total Expenditure: £94,676**

### Income:

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Precept:        | £46,200 |
| Revenue Grants  | £11,538 |
| Other Grants    | £1,000  |
| Burial Ground   | £5,243  |
| Allotment Rents | £1,268  |
| Lease Rents     | £1,208  |
| Other income    | £61     |
| S106            | £2,166  |
| VAT Reclaim     | £6,200  |

**Sub Total: £74,884**

**Total Income: £74,884**

**Balance in General Reserve at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 £48,082**



**Kingsclere Parish Council would like to thank all those who have contributed to the Kingsclere Annual Report 2020.**

**If you would like to contribute next year and are not on our contact list, please get in touch.**

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# Kingsclere Parish Council

needs

## YOUR

## Orchard Inspired Artwork

Planting in the Community Orchard has been completed and Kingsclere Parish Council is now looking to install signage.

**That's where we need your help!**

This is open to everyone, adults and children alike, to create artwork inspired by the orchard to go on the entrance sign.

Artwork (no words/text) must be A4 landscape and you must include your name, age, and contact details with your entry.

One piece will be selected to go on the entrance sign - age will be taken into consideration when artwork is selected. Other entries will be kept by Kingsclere Parish Council and may be used in future publications and material.

To enter, please email your artwork and contact details to [admin@kingsclere.pc.org.uk](mailto:admin@kingsclere.pc.org.uk)

or post to

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before 30th Sept.  
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