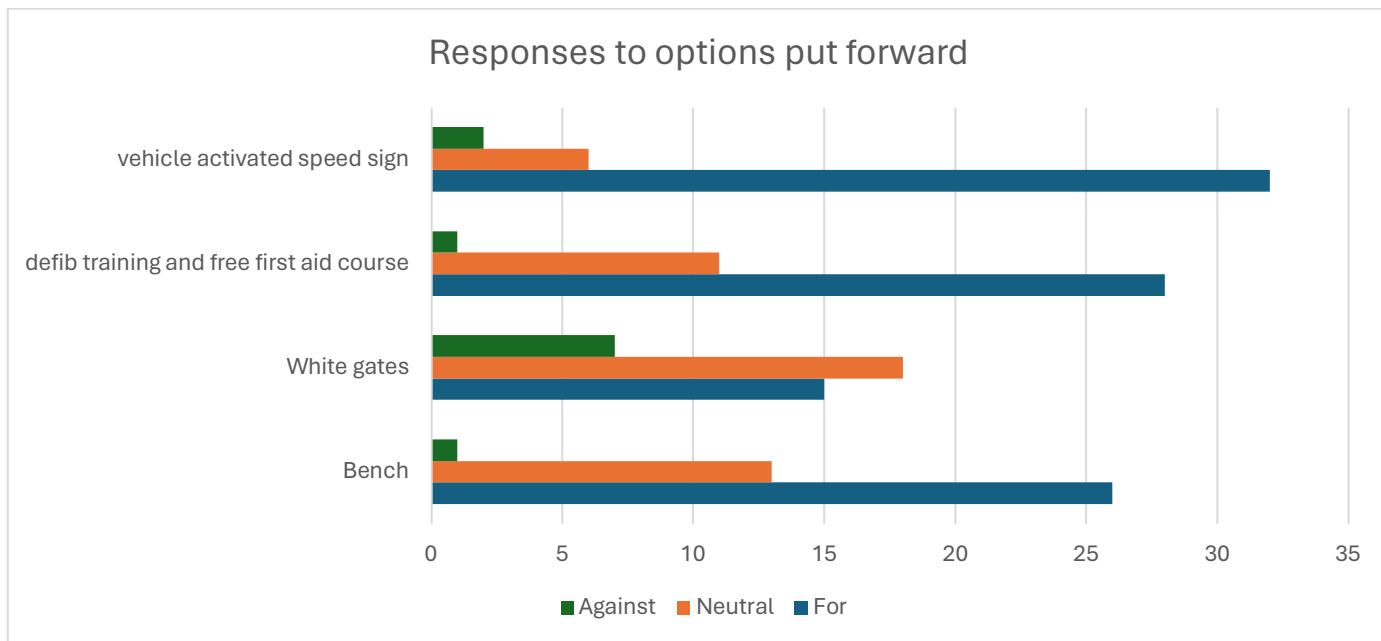


# **Cannock Wood Parish Council**

## **Responses to the Community Survey 2024**

There were 40 respondents.

## Q2 Responses to options put forward



Responses given were scored: -2 strongly disagree, -1 disagree, 0 neither, 1 tend to agree, 2 strongly agree, and left blank if not answered.

	bench	white 'gates'	defib training and free first aid course	vehicle activated speed sign
Average score given	1.09	0.17	1.37	1.37

***By strength of feeling all suggestions were agreed with, but white 'gates' only marginally.***

Other suggestions or comments
Additional locations for vehicles activated speed signs suggested: Parkgate Road, Holly Hill Road.
Bench - on the left hill at Nunswell - replace
Bench at Castle Ring would be nice. White 'gates' pointless in my opinion; defib and free first aid course - definitely useful. Yes, activated speed sign as speeding is a nightmare. Maybe also on Redmore Road, Commonsides and Buds Road.
Bench Cumberledge Hill green. White gate all boundaries. Defibrillator set date and time. Speed sign both.
Bench near top of Sycamore.

Bench suggested location on grass area on Sycamore Hill
Bench: in Nunswell.
Bench: perhaps by the lovely flowers on the triangle at the end of Buds Road. Not sure what white gates are.
Benches at bus stop or shelters. The number 62 bus to run round the village. It is a long walk to bus stop.
Benches on grassy area on Sycamore Hill
Benches: 1. Bradwell Lane/Sycamore Hill; (2. top Cumberledge Hill/Chapel Lane)
Benches: 1. Castle Ring entrance (on mound) for viewing; 2. outside school; 3. sports field; 4. Buds/Sycamore junction (facing flowerbed)
Benches: 1. Castle Ring; 2. Chapel Lane/Cumberledge Hill
Benches: 1. top of Cumberledge Hill - exit Nun's Well; 2. opposite school by the notice board
Benches: 1. Village green; 2. opposite Gentleshaw school; 3. green area Cumberledge Hill/Chapel Lane.
Car park at Nunswell Park to be available to use. Disability access in woodlands too, why do they keep putting branches blocking paths restricting accessibility?
Defibrillators to cover as much of the village geographically as possible. Ensure that they are suitable for use on a child. Not just defib training but first aid course too. Bench: top of Sycamore Hill. Consult with residents about having a bench on Gilwell Green.
From the top of Gilwell to bottom of Bradwell and down Park Gate from pub - activated speed sign is needed. Speeding throughout village a problem.
Maintenance of footpath next to reservoir
No dog fouling signs on Gilwell Road green area
Not enough room on footpath for white gates
or rather than white 'gates' rumble strips ahead of the 30 signs. The give way and extra bit of pavements like on Shortbutts Lane to slow traffic.
Pedestrianise Holly Hill between Gilwell Road and Park Gate road
Replace grit bins (broken)
Signs asking people not to drive or park on grass verges as they are currently churned up.
Stile replacing over Court Bank Farm (damaged by tree)
There are four concealed exits from the recreation ground onto Chestall Road. Street signs or warning signs are needed.
We need a bench at the side of the entrance to Castle Ring car park to give good views to the south.

*Locations suggested for benches (and straw poll):*

Top of Sycamore Hill looking across to flowers on the triangle	6
Top of Cumberledge Hill/Chapel Lane/exit from Nunswell Park	5
Castle Ring entrance (on the mound for the view)	4
Opposite the school	3
In Nunswell Park	2
Junction Sycamore Hill and Bradwell Lane	1
Sports field	1
Gilwell green	1
Bus stops	1
Village green	1

**Q3. The parish council recently organised for leaves to be cleared from footpaths and is working towards having other debris cleared from footpaths on Cumberledge Hill and Hayfield Hill. What other small-scale tasks would you like to see tackled?**

As above, a number of grass verges are in a very poor state due to people driving and/or parking on them. Delivery drivers in particular tend to be the worst culprit. It would be good to see the grass restored and signs put up asking drivers not to park or drive on them.
Book/jigsaw swap - mini shed.
Can this be extended to clearing some of the side roads of debris too?
Can we make Nun's Well more accessible, better paths, open parking area up?
Carry on clearing footpaths of debris. Improve public footpath at the top of the reservoir so that it's easier to use in wet conditions.
Castle Ring car park rubbish clearance. Castle Ring signs to clean up dog poo!
General re-instatement of footpaths really poor condition in some areas of the village.
Group walks on Chase - easy going/social. Good for singles who may be nervous solo.
Hedges cut back on Cumberledge Hill nearing Bradwell Lane

Holly Hill Road is awful. The road is disappearing especially behind the pub and entrance to Beau private track. Hedges and trees are overgrown and need cutting back on both sides. Further down the road it has been constantly flooded this winter and the potholes are terrible. All the paths in the village are terrible too. Then there is the dog poo left by owners. I own a dog and always pick up after him.

I would like to see cars, vans, large or small to be parked **on** the roadside and **not** on the pavement. It is an offence.

Leaf debris cleared from gutters in autumn/winter to prevent drains from blocking and causing flooding

Monitoring of public rights of way within Cannock Wood to ensure stiles, bridges are safe and in a good state of repair.

Notices for people whose dogs poo everywhere to pick it up. Holly Hill Road is like a dog toilet. I have a dog of my own and like most dog owners always have bag about my person.

Pathways and overhanging trees past Chapel Lane towards Rag need clearing as vehicles are fast and you don't want to go into road,

Pavements of Hayfield Hill and Cumberledge Hill need clearing and hedges cut back to original width of pavement

Perhaps a reminder to people who have large overgrown trees in their front garden that create a mess, not only of leave but hard nut like shells all over the pavements, might like to make use of a broom and clean up some of the mess! We personally swept the pavements and cleared top of drain covers so that the above mess did not prevent water from heavy rain causing flooded drives and gardens.

Pop up café/food vans/socials at a time full time workers/single/widowed and families can take part in.

Pot holes, but to be fair that's probably Staffs Council.

Pot holes.

Quite happy to assist in keeping Cumberledge Hill footpath leading to Nunswell Park 'clear'. (No contact details provided).

Repair the village field after caravans visits

Revive the pre-covid book group

Roads and pavements cleaned after hedge cutting - too many punctures - cycles, car tyres. Pavement running along fields and Nunswell on Cumberledge Hill always unkempt making pavement area smaller. Needs frequent tidying. Pedestrians having to walk in the road at times.

Roads should be swept regularly rather than as an annual event. Roads and pavements should have weeds killed to prevent them growing and causing damage. When hedges are cut the debris should be cleaned up by the contractor.

School parking on Buds Road. But to be fair, what can you do.

The hedges bordering Nunswell as you walk up Cumberledge Hill overhang the path by a long way.

The posting of clear notices at **Nunswell Park** entrance and **Castle Ring** saying that horse riding, bikes and motorcycles are **not allowed** on the **park** and the **ring** itself.

Verges have been ploughed up by people parking on the corner of Gilwell/Hollyhill.

We greatly appreciate the pavement clearing that is taking place already.

Wild flower meadow on large grass verge at top of Cumberledge hill?

**Q4. Are there are more substantial projects you would like to be part of setting up and running in Cannock Wood? Please share what you envisage and your contact details.**

Already volunteer on projects

Footpath on road from common to Windmill pub for use when its muddy in winter?

I would like to see a start of 'a coffee morning' perhaps once a month with home made cake and maybe a monthly lottery. I would be prepared to help in some way. (Contact details provided).

Keep fit classes at Village Hall (over 50s)

Litter picking

Safer access to playing field and traffic calming at Buds Road/Chestall junction by closing off filter lane from Chestall to Buds and using the space for pedestrian area, entrance to field, notice board, and planters.

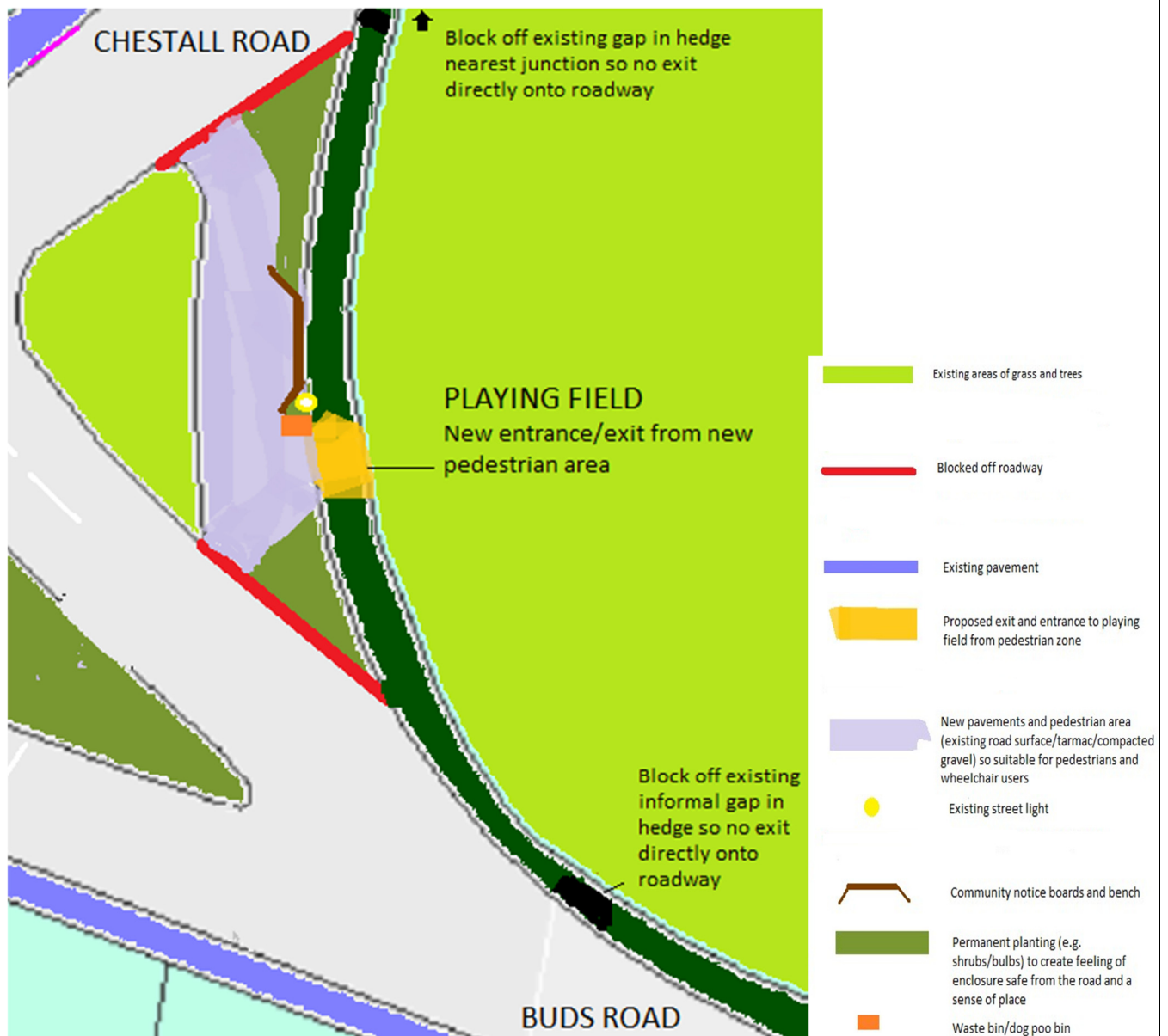


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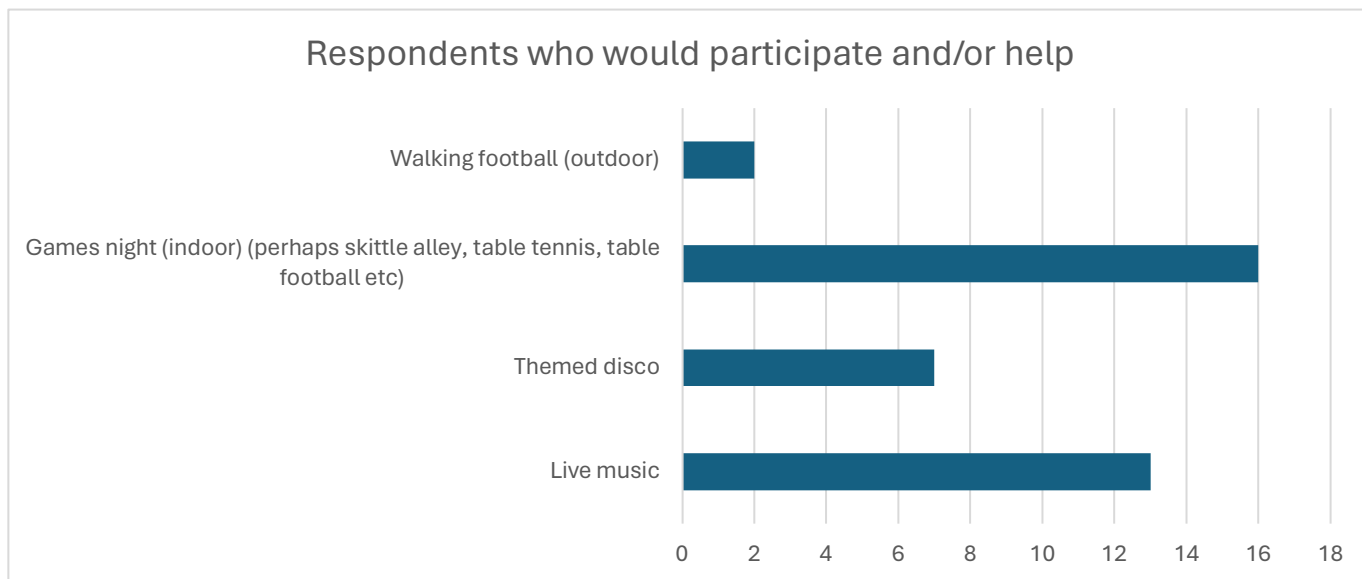
Table tennis. Film shows. Musical events.

**Q5. The parish council has a duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity in the parish. How would you like to see biodiversity and the environment improved in Cannock Wood?**

Encourage use of electric cars/solar panels etc.
As in Q3. <u>Clear and simple</u> notices - and restoration of the 'barrier system' at Nunswell to deter the mindless uncaring idiots.
Educating public to understand the importance of weed/wild flowers.
Free seeds for front gardens. Plant swaps/plant fair. Help residents put up brackets for front garden hanging baskets/troughs - could hire a handyman for a day and people book in.
Good wherever it occurs.
Have all areas surveyed by council and pay for it from precept.
Hedges should only be cut in accordance with NFU guidelines.
Improve muddy entrance to playing field from Chestall. Gravel or paving.
Monitor damage at Nunswell from motorbikes, horse and people cutting branches/trees and putting them over the path. A new sign to replace the old one may help (used to say no horses).
More bee loving plants in borders
More planting of native bulbs. Wildflowers sown on grassy areas.
New bird boxes put up - old ones have blown down.
Playing field margins along Buds Road and Chestall Road should be better used for improving biodiversity. (PF) On village hall playing field, leave 1m- 2m strip alongside hedges unmown. (VH)
Protect what we already have as it's a beautiful area
Re-instatement of a village litter picking group. Equipment was purchased but the group was disbanded by the PC.
Selective planting in village field
Some way of stopping parking/damage to grass verges.
Take more control and interest in what people burn in their wood burners. There have been many times this winter that we have been unable to go outside our front door or have bedroom windows open because of what people are burning. Friends have commented on the haze that settles over the village.
The completion of works on Castle Ring!
Yes- more wild flower, no mow areas e.g. on grassed verge top of Cumberledge Hill by exit from Nun's Well



**Q6. What events and activities would you like to be involved with in the village? Any village events are organised by groups of volunteers so if you would like to help to make it happen, please provide your contact details below.**



**Other suggestions for events**

Cinema nights in the village hall (lifts for elderly)
Coffee morning/mobile post office
I already organise quiz evening and wine tasting
I would like a choir in the evening as I work
Keep fit in the evening (subsidised 10 week course?)
No thank you, disabled and still working, little spare time at the moment.
Not just help, but lead and be responsible for!
Outdoor cinema on village hall field
Perhaps an exercise class suited to elderly people who can no longer do heavier exercise.
Village fete was brilliant last summer :)
Village fete, open gardens, scarecrow festival, best kept village
Walking group (help)
Would like to investigate possibility of getting mobile post office to come to the village, and perhaps coffee morning/teas and maybe some tabletop sales to coincide. Bring people together socially and restore some of the services lost to the village. It would be the opportunity for PC presence too. Happy to help organise this, but can't be available on some days of the week due to other commitments. (Contact details provided).

**Q7. Could you make some time to volunteer around the village? If so, do you have any preferences or skills that would be valuable to the village? Volunteers are always needed to open and close the barriers at Castle Ring car park, maintain village flower beds, take part in wildlife projects, and join the speed watch team; other offers of help are also welcome. Please provide details if you are interested in getting involved.**

Ad-hoc stuff - nothing routine. <u>Not</u> speedwatch. (Contact details provided).
Already volunteer
Already volunteer for a dog charity
Already volunteer in multiple capacities.
Already volunteer on a number of community groups
Do not like speed watch team idea. It could cause bad feeling towards neighbours.
Full-time worker but I deliver village news and help with events like village fete
Happy to give advice/knowledge to groups planning improvements but unfortunately not physically able to help much these days.
I already do
I already do
Like most places that have a school, the parking by parents and guardians leaves a lot to be desired.
Volunteers for the playgroup/baby and toddler group would be very welcome.
Volunteers to monitor dog fouling on the field.
We have and still will keep the footpath below 28 & 26 Cumberledge Hill clear of brambles, bracken and nettles in the spring and summer.
When available and health is okay (back problems) I shall offer help with flower beds nearby. I shall do this via the Village Voice team.
Would like to help maintain village flower beds

**Q8. Do you have other practical suggestions to improve life in Cannock Wood?**

Better information sharing and co-ordination of events so they are more evenly spread out. For example, don't run Open Gardens and Village Fete in the same year again, as they both need to be in late June/early July. Those events could perhaps run in alternate years. (VH)
Better management, consultation and care for the playing field. Consideration of damage and disturbance caused by caravans. (PF)

Bus route back to the past. 1970! Route Bradwell/Gilwell/Hollyhill/Chestall/Cumberledge. 1970!
Can anything be done about noise pollution? Particularly <b>every</b> weekend from Redmore Inn. I can't enjoy my garden in the summer as the noise carries right up the hill!!
Clear verges/paths on Cumberledge (first bit of clearing has been great - thanks!)
Communication with the local community regarding the shared public spaces - playing fields. (PF)
Completion of the proposed play area on the playing field with a sprung/self-closing gate at the top entrance. The PC to fund grass/hedge cutting on the field so caravans are not necessary. (PF)
Concentrate on the basics. Avoid vanity projects.
Conclusive negotiations with Longdon re school parking, preferably in Longdon parish
Consideration given when allocating grants especially as local residents have right to know where funds are being used.
Drop-in sessions to allow community to speak to the PC members in a more relaxed and friendly environment - over a coffee.
Help for the welfare committee to provide further events.
Limit use of Playing Field for caravan meets. They do not add anything to village life and cause considerable damage to the field surface. (PF)
Maintain bus routes
Make footpaths safe to walk on.
Mend the potholes!
More litter bins.
More transparency of who the PC are and contact numbers for its members like Longdon PC.
More visibility as to the members of the field committee, its meetings and finances. (PF)
New sign for Nunswell Nature Reserve (no horses or motorbikes)\
Noise from music the Redmore is intrusive hundreds of yards away.
Play equipment - more! (PF)
Pot hole on Holly Hill Road
QR code only took you to the PC website. You are unable to complete the survey via a phone or tablet and then return anonymously as you would have needed to email it. Also a PDF file cannot be completed using an Apple Mac device. Maybe something to consider for future surveys.
Safeguard village from anti-social behaviour
Speed humps along Buds Road

<p>Stop dog fouling on the field. This has increased greatly in the last year according to those who cut the field. Why dog owners even use the field is a mystery to me, with so many other places to walk their dogs - the council could promote this (other than older people who might struggle). (PF)</p>
<p>The playing field is dedicated for sports and recreation for the people of Gentleshaw and Cannock Wood, not as a part-time caravan site with all the resulting loss of amenity to the village. Alternative village-friendly funding should be sought. There is no mowing to be paid for now as Longdon CC are doing it, but don't risk driving the cricket club away by taking their goodwill for granted as appears to be the case at the moment. Until such time as the caravans are stopped, the field committee should marshal every time caravans are arriving especially, possibly also departing, so vehicles are not driven on the cricket outfield and so the fencing round the square isn't removed as most recently. It needs to be a team effort - all trustees and committee members bear responsibility for this and must get a grip on the situation.</p> <p>Possibly fence off field margin along Chestall Road edge to make a safe dog run (with a bench) and firmly request that dogs be on a lead outside this area. The playing field is for people not dogs. (PF)</p>
<p>To make roads and paths safer.</p>
<p>To pass on - road surface of Buds Road needs improving.</p>
<p>Too many dog-walkers do not use leads. It is intimidating when dogs run up to young children. (PF?)</p>
<p>Traffic calming at Sycamore Hill, Buds Road, Chestall Road junction</p>
<p>We appreciate this is not Parish Council responsibility to carry out work but over 11 years ago when we moved to the village we had to contact Council as flash flooding caused large holes in pavement leading to our drive. Within 30 days it was repaired and the man who came out to firstly inspect the problem said they were 18 months behind in relaying all pavements. It is now over 11 years and nothing has been done!</p>
<p>Would be happy to help with flower beds or litter picking. (Contact details provided).</p>
<p>Would like to see PC and field committee make use of other avenues of communication rather than solely relying on NEXTDOOR, especially as the local PC notice board has been taken away??</p>