

Cannock Wood Parish Council constantly strives to work on behalf of parishioners on the issues that matter to the village. The Council is always keen to receive ideas and suggestions from parishioners on areas of interest or concern and where it is felt the Council may assist. Listed below is the current schedule of activity; this is regularly reviewed and updated as projects finish and priorities change.

Action Plan for 2024/2025

During the Council year 2024/25 Cannock Wood Parish Council will undertake the following actions:

- Comment on all planning applications which fall within or impact on the Parish.
- Represent the views and promote the interests of the parish, particularly in relation to Cannock Chase District Council (CCDC) and Staffordshire County Council (SCC).
- Engage with the community including by maintaining an up-to-date website and noticeboard and by providing feedback on the community survey undertaken in March 2024.
- Listen, investigate and respond to issues identified by the parish of Cannock Wood and, if appropriate, to signpost to the correct person/ organisation for resolution/ further progression.
- Report potholes, pavement trip hazards, flooding, blocked gullies, public rights of way issues to SCC and street cleansing and waste disposal issues to CCDC.
- Work with and support local groups for the improvement of the facilities, environment and social and economic wellbeing in the community.
- Deliver speedy and transparent decisions through full meetings of the Council.
- Maintain good financial practices, ensuring transparency and value for money.
- Promote training and induction and ongoing support for members of staff and councillors.
- Ensure that the requirement to conserve and enhance biodiversity is part of decision-making and that incremental improvements are made year on year.
- Maintain good governance, working towards achieving as many as possible of the requirements for the Foundation Level of the Local Council Award Scheme.

Key projects for 2024/2025 include:

- Repair or replace noticeboard.
- Change of mowing regime for the large verge area at the top of Cumberledge Hill.
- Continue footpath debris clearance, initially on Hayfield and Cumberledge Hills and as needed.
- Begin to deliver improvements arising from the community survey 2024. It is recognised that some of the improvements may take more than one year to achieve due to capacity and funding constraints.
 1. Benches
 - at the top of Sycamore Hill (with waste/dog poo bin, and a grit bin)
 - at the top of Cumberledge Hill opposite Chapel Lane: deferred pending other decisions on management of this verge
 - on the mound by the entrance to Castle Ring car park – liaison with CCDC required.
 2. Vehicle activated speed signage for Hayfield Hill and Cumberledge Hill, if appropriate following advice on effectiveness and siting.
 3. Defibrillator training and free first aid course(s), in liaison with Burntwood First Responders and possibly St John's Ambulance.
- Extend defibrillator coverage within the village.
- Engage with CCDC regarding street sweeping and/or consider additional sweeps.
- Engage with CCDC regarding misuse of Nunswell Park and continue pushing for biodiversity survey.
- Engage with consultation on updating of Local Transport Plan (SCC).
- Foster and facilitate events which are open to all and free to attend.