



A message from Kempley Parish Council



As 2022 draws to a close we take time to reflect on the year:

- ❖ Working with the Daffodil Committee to support the 2022 Daffodil Weekend
- ❖ A successful bid to Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) for grant funding to help re-establish this event after the Covid Pandemic
- ❖ Support to farmers and walkers, agreeing and installing new kissing gates on public rights of way
- ❖ Gaining financial support for these from Gill Mosely, our County Councillor, which along with the grant for the Daffodil Weekend more than doubled the precept (budget) for the year
- ❖ A Christmas tree and lights on the Village Green
- ❖ Working with the Village Hall Committee to support Platinum Jubilee celebrations
- ❖ Progress on the Kempley Community Broadband Scheme
- ❖ Adoption of our Biodiversity Strategy
- ❖ Agreeing new road signage for the village with GCC, to be erected in the New Year
- ❖ Progress on the Climate Change Plan which was shared county-wide
- ❖ Securing additional funding for a new noticeboard at the South-Eastern edge of the village
- ❖ Agreement to re-open two footpaths which have been closed for nearly 30 years
- ❖ Ensuring that parish views are heard on key issues such as planning, recycling, highways
- ❖ Helping keep everyone informed through the Parish Council Website

The Parish Council achieves nothing alone and would like to thank the volunteers who have so ably supported these projects, the village and the community in 2022.

Thanks also go to the organisations we have worked with, the Diocese, Friends of Kempley Churches, Daffodil Committee, Village Hall Committee, Dymock Forest Rural Action, Kempley Climate Conversations, Kempley Climate Change Café, Kempley Walking Group, the local Farming Community and the councillors and staff of Gloucestershire County and Forest of Dean District Councils.

As we head into 2023, the Parish Council is not at full strength as there are two vacant councillor positions. We would welcome your new ideas, energy and enthusiasm. If you're interested in joining us, please come along to a meeting or email: clerk@kempleyparishcouncil.org.

**Wishing a very merry Christmas
and happy New Year to you all.**