

## Neighbourhood Watch

Police newsletters are now to be distributed quarterly.

**Be on your guard.** Recent scams in the area have caused alarm.—so—

Avoid dealing with people wishing to buy items from you on the door-step.

Do not give any personal details in answer to telephone calls from people or firms you do not know, or give callers access to files on your computer.

Beware of the following names—Global Computer Maintenance Company, Mr Fred Thickens. Do not reply to any communication from them.

**Congratulations to Mordiford School on an Excellent Ofsted Report.**

**Full details on the Parish Council website with report on the discussion of the updated travel plan at the PTFA AGM.**

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**Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings Jan 4th, Feb 1st, March 1st.**

**8.00pm, Mordiford School Hall. Residents are welcomed at all meetings—hope to see you there!**

# DORMINGTON AND MORDIFORD GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter



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## You have decided...

**TO SPEND THE £500 OF UNALLOCATED FUNDS ON TIDYING UP THE GREEN IN MORDIFORD.** The Parish Council will progress this project as soon as possible. £500 has been allocated for you the residents to spend during the next financial year —please start thinking how you might like it to be spent!

## What would you like to use the Iron Room for?

The Parish Council is hoping to increase the use of this community hall. Maybe you would like to hire the hall for meetings or start a new group or would like to see events such as bingo or whist nights? Please let us know. Contact the Parish Clerk. We are very grateful to all those people who gave a lot of time & energy to help to substantially renovate this Iron Room.

Mel Preedy. Clerk



## Allotments

Over the coming year the Parish Council is hoping to provide garden allotments on a parcel of land in the parish. Allotments will be close to the standard size of 10 square rods (1 rod = 5.5 yards), an ancient measurement equivalent to 302 square yards or 253 square metres. The whole area will be enclosed with rabbit proof fencing and a single standpipe will be provided for drinking water. Most of the water requirements for the allotments will be met by collecting rain water from the roofs of garden sheds.

Allotments will be rented from the Parish Council on an annual basis with rents paid in advance. Rent levels have yet to be calculated. Residents of the Parish will be given priority when allotments are allocated but other members of the public will be considered if the allotments are not fully taken up.

**If you would like an allotment or would like to help with the planning of the scheme, please register your interests with the Parish Clerk.**



### Does the following apply to you?

*We have reached the stage where we can no longer manage our garden properly and it is becoming a real worry. We have always enjoyed the benefits of growing fruit and vegetables but now we find it too much of an effort. We need help but cannot afford to employ a gardener. We are really happy where we are living and do not want to move.*

**Or: -**

*We live in a property with a small garden. We would very much like to grow our own fruit and vegetables. It is more economic and we would benefit from the exercise in cultivating the land. When fresh, the fruit and vegetables are so full of flavour and much healthier than those you can buy in the supermarket. We would very much like to move to a property having a large garden but we just can't afford it.*

**The two groups could benefit each other.** If you would like to consider sharing part of your garden with someone who is fit and enthusiastic, or if you would like to help someone make the most of their garden please contact the Parish Clerk. Supply your contact details and say how you would like to help.

## A Tool Pool

Have you tools which you rarely use and would be happy for others to use when you are not needing them? Contact the clerk if a scheme for lending and borrowing would interest you.

Brian Dukes

## Car Sharing

Owing to the cost of running your own vehicle, it is reasonable to consider sharing a vehicle.

Colwall have set up a car club for residents of Colwall. It costs £20 per member to join and then £5.00 per month.

There is a charge £1.50 per hour for trips of up to 4 hours and less per hour for periods after 4 hours. In addition there is a charge of 15p per mile.

**Lengthsman** If you have any jobs for the lengthsman please let the clerk know. The lengthsman can clear gulleys, grips and drains, dig out ditches as well as other roadside maintenance.

**SANDBAGS** in an event of flooding sandbags are available from Fred Davies at 5 Wallflower Row, Mordiford.

**Dog Control.** Dog owners should acquaint themselves with new Dog Control Orders with regard to keeping dogs on the lead and dealing with dog waste. Please consult the Parish Council website ([www.dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk](http://www.dormingtonmordifordgroup-pc.gov.uk)).

Dog poo, which should be put into plastic bags by dog owners, may now be put in with normal domestic rubbish.

**BT Race to infinity.** BT have promised to improve broadband speeds in rural areas if there is enough local demand. The required level of demand is 75% of people in the any given area. Please take the opportunity to vote on line. See the website [www.bt.com/racetoinfinity](http://www.bt.com/racetoinfinity).

Frances Dees

**Comprehensive spending Review.** The spending review sets out real terms reductions of 28% in local authority budgets over the next 4 years.

**Council Tax.** £700m has been set aside to allow councils to set a zero council tax increase for 2011—2012, and for councils taking up this offer, the funding will be built into grants for the next 4 years to enable a freeze in council tax by councils receiving a 2.5% grant. Fire/Police are included. Details not yet finalised.

It is clear that in future the Local Authorities will not be able to deliver many services in the way it has in the past and realistic conversations need to be had with the local community.

It may well be that Parish Councils will need to take on some services or responsibilities. For further details see the Parish Council website.

Barry Durkin