

Welcome and Happy New Year. Copies of this and previous newsletters can be found on our website <https://kembleandewen-pc.gov.uk> or the village Facebook page.

NEWS

The Parish Council, CDC and Kemble Community Gardens are in negotiations regarding the handing over of the proposed development site for community use. The Parish Council is asking CDC where else they might propose to build affordable housing within the Parish.

Community Energy came to the meeting to share information about the recent bulk buy scheme underway in Somerford Keynes. It was agreed that a leaflet drop in the Parish would enable us to determine how popular this scheme might be here – for homes to have solar panels on their roofs and benefit from renewable energy and lower household bills.

The Spine Road will be closed on 23rd January for Ash die-back work.

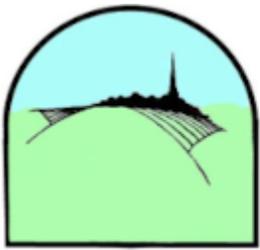
The A435 connecting Cheltenham and Cirencester will close for the majority of 2023, **from March to October**, while work is carried out on the land underneath the road, which has subsided and caused sections of the left-hand lane between Charlton Kings and the Seven Springs roundabout to crack and become hazardous.

We will be running a first aid course in Kemble Village Hall on 25th March. Please keep you eye on the notice board/web site for more information including how to book a place.

Thames Water want to hear residents' views before 21st March – www.thames-wrmp.co.uk – for their consultation form.

INFORMATION

Lisa Spivey, our County Councillor came to the meeting to up-date us on the County's spending priorities. Two-thirds of funds will be spent on Social Care both in the adult and children's sectors. This leaves one third for everything else. Pot-holes are on the radar, but long-term fixes rather than short term with contractors held responsible.



INFORMATION

We are looking at plans to celebrate the Coronation on Monday 8th May and discussing how best to commemorate the occasion. To tie this in with the year of celebrating the Platinum Jubilee we are planning to have photographs taken. It was suggested that we take modern photographs from the same spots as historical ones, along with other snap shots of current Parish life.

Grant money is available for community composting schemes from CDC. Please let us know if you would be interested in such a scheme here in the Parish.

CRIME

Police report that the theft of catalytic convertors is on the rise – be aware. There is a huge number of people falling for romance fraud – please know who you are talking to and take advice from friends and family – of the £1.6 million stolen in fraud, the figures suggest 50% is from us folk here in the Cotswolds & Stroud! The message is REPORT, REPORT, REPORT.

FINALLY

We need your help – in order for us to progress with the two speed cameras planned within the Parish we have to consult our stakeholders; the police and our residents – there will be a form on the Kemble and Ewen Parish Council web-site – hopefully within the next few days – keep an eye out for it and complete it when you have a moment.

Do come along to the “Freedom of the Parish Award” at The Tavern Inn on Thursday 19th January at 6.30pm. We are so delighted to be presenting this to Kam and Nutan in recognition of their commitment and outstanding service to our community.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7pm. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to come along: clerk@kembleandewen-pc.gov.uk.