



CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2025

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Mon-Sat 9am-3pm, Fryern Hill Pavilion, Greenways, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2LE

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON - CLLR PETER CHILD

As we head towards the festive season, it's hard to believe we're already preparing for Christmas. It seems only yesterday that we were welcoming in the New Year.

2025 has been a busy and eventful year for the Parish Council. From tackling the challenges posed by unauthorised encampments to celebrating the successful completion of projects such as the Pennine Way drainage works, there's been plenty going on behind the scenes. These projects and responses take a great deal of planning and effort, and I'd like to say thank you to our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to support our community and keep everything running smoothly.

Looking ahead, work is already underway on the 2026/27 budget, though there remain some uncertainties — particularly around the impact of the Local Government Reorganisation and the possible transfer of assets from Eastleigh Borough Council. Our team is working closely with colleagues at Eastleigh to understand what this might mean for Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury and Velmore and to ensure that any changes are managed carefully and in the best interests of our residents.

As the year draws to a close, I'd like to thank everyone — councillors, staff, and residents alike — for their continued support and engagement. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

COUNCILLOR CASUAL VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy within Chandler's Ford Parish Council, to be filled by co-option. If you would like to become a Parish Councillor, or find out more about the role, please check out our website www.chandlersford-pc.gov.uk and look for 'I want to – Become a Parish Councillor'. Alternatively contact the Parish Clerk who will be happy to answer any questions and explain how you can apply.

Closing date for applications is 5pm on 14 November 2025.

REMEMBRANCE AT FRYERN RECREATION GROUND

As the nation pauses to remember those we have lost, we are proud to pay our respects here in Chandler's Ford too. We hope you'll take the opportunity to visit Fryern Recreation Ground and view the beautiful poppy display created by our talented staff.

Building on last year's tribute (as shown in the photo), our team has crafted a thought-provoking display within the Jubilee Garden — using recycled plastic bottles, creativity, and a touch of ingenuity.

Please take a moment to visit, reflect, and remember in this peaceful space.



UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are always welcome to the Parish Committee meetings which are usually held at Fryern Hill Pavilion.

Upcoming meetings are :

- 3 Nov – Policy & Finance**
- 11 Nov – HR Committee (2pm)**
- 24 Nov – Asset Management**
- 1 Dec – Planning & Licensing**
- 8 Dec – Council**

Meetings start at 7pm with agendas published on the Parish website three clear days before each meeting. **Please check the website in case of changes to scheduled meetings.**
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SPOTLIGHT ON

Across Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury, we're lucky to have a wealth of beautiful green open spaces, including Hiltingbury Recreation Ground, Fryern Recreation Ground, and Pennine Way. But did you know that these much-loved areas are owned and managed by Chandler's Ford Parish Council?



Keeping these spaces safe, tidy, and welcoming all year round is a full-time job and we're fortunate to have a dedicated Grounds Team, who take real pride in their work. Adrian and Gary, our friendly Groundsmen, can often be seen mowing the grass, hedge cutting, maintaining play areas, and making sure our open spaces stay in great condition for everyone to enjoy.

The team is managed by Tomor Beqo, our Facilities Manager, who oversees the care of all Parish Council facilities, from our green spaces and playgrounds to the community buildings, ensuring everything runs smoothly behind the scenes.

Whether it's preparing the football pitches or preparing the wildflower meadows their work helps keep Chandler's Ford looking its best.

Next time you're out for a walk or visiting one of our parks, give them a wave — they're part of what makes our Parish such a pleasant place to live!



HILTINGBURY SPORTS

WHATEVER THE WEATHER
Even as the evenings grow darker and the weather turns colder, the welcome at the Sportshall remains as warm as ever. With courts available for a variety of sports, why not pop in and find out how you can stay active this winter?

You can also visit our website at www.hiltingburysports.co.uk or follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates.

STAFF CHANGES

We recently said a fond farewell to Calum, who has headed off to begin an exciting new chapter at university. Calum has been a much-loved member of the Sportshall team, and we wish him every success in the future.

At the same time, we're thrilled to welcome Claudia to the team. Being local, she already knows the Sportshall well and is fitting in perfectly. Join us in welcoming Claudia to the team.