

Chiddingly Parish Council

Chiddingly Businesses: Action in Rural Sussex is participating in a project for rural communities in East Sussex. The project has two main goals, both aimed at supporting the needs of small, medium and home-based businesses. The first stage is to support the initiation of grassroots business support networks, each run and led by local people, for the benefit of businesses in their locality. These groups could provide informal networking opportunities, help to identify local business issues and potential responses to them, as well as offering a mechanism through which business advice and support requirements can be delivered. The second key element of the programme is the provision of free business support to participants in the networks. AiRS' project partners at the Let's Do Business Group will offer flexible business advice to groups or individual businesses on a variety of themes, including the offer of up to 12 hours of comprehensive tailored support for individual businesses.

If you think Chiddingly might benefit from such a group please contact the clerk or chairman.

The Great British Spring Clean: Spring is still on its way. Thanks to the volunteers that turned out in the days around the beginning of March to collect the rubbish dumped by fly-tippers and thrown out of the windows of passing cars. Thanks also to those you who make a habit of collecting litter from the verges on a regular basis. Notice was a little short for this year's collection, and then the weather forced us to postpone it by a week, so apologies if you missed it. We will be doing the same next year and will again be able to supply bags, litter pickers and hi-viz protective clothing.

South East in Bloom: Last year over 300 participants took part including schools, towns, villages, parks and community groups. It is fundamentally about community; community gardening, volunteering and above all local people taking a pride in their community. This year there is a new Parish in Bloom category. For further information about South & South East in Blooms campaigns please visit our web site www.sseib.com, or email kate@sseib.com or call 020 8662 1021.

Mobile Phone Signal: Mobile phone signals are very poor and patchy in the village, but now that fibre broadband is more widely available it may be possible to get a mobile phone mast or antenna erected somewhere to improve things. The Parish Council has been in contact with Phone Mast Company UK Ltd and registered an interest. Whether or not Chiddingly is considered depends on a number factors, including availability of fibre broadband, commercial viability, and topography. If the mobile operators think that an antenna in Chiddingly might be commercially viable they will survey the area and look for suitable sites in and around the village. We will keep you informed if and when anything comes of this.

Village Shop Survey: Everyone knows how fond I am of surveys, so I am very happy to recommend the following one to you on behalf of Chiddingly Village Shop. The link to the survey can be found on their facebook page and website (chiddinglyshop.org) or can be accessed by typing the following link into your web browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LX8CN9V>

The survey will remain open until April 15th.

Mike Goss, Chairman, 01825 872016, chairman@chiddingly.gov.uk

And should you want to email the whole council you can use council@chiddingly.gov.uk

Claudine Feltham, Clerk to the Parish Council, 01435 810439, clerk@chiddingly.gov.uk

Talk To Us: If you have any questions or comments please ask any councillor or the clerk. You will find a councillor in the village shop on the third Saturday of the month 10-11am, or at the Saturday Morning Market in the Village Hall on the first Saturday of the month 10-12noon . You may also find a councillor or three on most Friday evenings in the Six Bells around 7pm.