

ALL CANNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR 2019-21

2020: A STRANGE YEAR

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A COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMONGST ADVERSITY



THE FANTASTIC ALL CANNINGS COMMUNITY SPIRIT WAS WELL DEMONSTRATED DURING THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC, PARTICULARLY DURING THE FIRST LOCK DOWN WHEN A LARGE GROUP OF (MAINLY YOUNGER) VOLUNTEERS ENSURED THAT ALL RESIDENTS, SHIELDING AND ISOLATING (MAINLY OLDER) HAD PRESCRIPTIONS AND SHOPPING DELIVERED TO THEIR DOOR.

LOCAL TEENAGERS ENSURED THE RESIDENTS' NEWSPAPERS WERE DELIVERED AND NEIGHBOURS ADOPTED NEIGHBOURS TO WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

UNSUNG HEROES

THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE PAST YEAR HAVE BEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE ACTIVE PARISH COUNCIL, WHO HAVE WORKED HARD TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF VILLAGERS AS WELL AS CONTINUING THEIR USUAL TASKS, OF MAINTAINING THE GREEN SPACES, FOOTPATHS, AND CEMETERY.

INDIVIDUALS HAVE LOOKED AFTER THEIR NEIGHBOURS, MAKING HOMITY PIE FOR A ‘SHARED’ BUT INDIVIDUAL LUNCH, DELIVERING ROAST LUNCHES OR SOUP AND CAKES TO ELDERLY NEIGHBOURS.



SHARING EXPERTISE



LOCAL ORGANISATIONS HAVE WORKED OUT DIFFERENT WAYS OF KEEPING GOING, SO WE NOW HAVE MANY ZOOM EXPERTS!

PEOPLE HAVE SHARED EXPERTISE IN HELPING OTHERS COPE WITH DAY-TO-DAY TASKS, AND THEY HAVE GREETED EACH OTHER FROM A DISTANCE AND WORKED THROUGH THE PROBLEMS TOGETHER.

SEASONAL TRAILS



THE PRE-SCHOOL USUALLY HOLD THE ANNUAL FIREWORKS. BUT IN 2020 THIS WASN'T POSSIBLE. AND SO THE ALL CANNINGS HALLOWEEN TRAIL WAS BORN.



THIS PROVED SO POPULAR THAT THERE WAS A CHRISTMAS VERSION LATER ON!





ALL CANNINGS SHOP AND COMMUNITY

THE VILLAGE SHOP REALLY CAME INTO ITS OWN IN PROVIDING CRUCIAL SUPPORT TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE THIS IN OUR VILLAGE AS SO MANY LOCAL SHOPS HAVE CLOSED. NEARBY VILLAGES NOW LOOK AT THE SHOP AS THEIRS TOO WITH SOME VOLUNTEERS COMING FROM OUTSIDE. WITHOUT THIS TRADE THE SHOP WOULD NOT BE SOLVENT AND COULD GO THE WAY OF THE OTHERS.

THE SHOP MAKES A SPECIAL EFFORT TO SELL LOCAL PRODUCE AND SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS.

WITH THE HELP OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A WHATSAPP GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS WAS FORMED SO THAT SHOPPING COULD BE DELIVERED TO SHIELDING AND ELDERLY RESIDENTS.



PEWSEY VALE'S MILK AND HONEY





THE VILLAGE SHOP ALSO ACCOMMODATES AN EXTREMELY POPULAR FRESH MILK DISPENSING MACHINE, REPLENISHED DAILY FROM A VILLAGE FARM AND USING RECYCLABLE GLASS MILK BOTTLES.

THIS IS REDUCING THE VILLAGE'S CARBON FOOTPRINT, SUPPLYING DELICIOUS LOCALLY SOURCED MILK, AND IS APPRECIATED BY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS FROM NEARBY SURROUNDING VILLAGES IN THE CENTRAL PEWSEY VALE.

THIS PROVED A LIFELINE FOR RESIDENTS BOTH ON FOOT AND A SHORT RIDE AWAY. WITH THE PANDEMIC NOT OVER IT MAY WELL BE NEEDED AGAIN.

A NEW MACHINE IN ROWDE WILL SERVE THE FAR SIDE OF DEVIZES.

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE BEEN KEEN TO REDUCE TRAFFIC SPEEDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

NOW IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VILLAGE HALL WE ARE LOOKING AT ADDING ‘SLOW’ MARKINGS ALONG WITH EXTRA SIGNAGE AND STOP LINES WITHIN THE CAR PARK.

A FURTHER SUGGESTION OF HATCHING TO STOP PARKING AROUND THE ENTRANCE MAY BE EXPLORED FURTHER.

WE ARE LOOKING TO ENACT THE SLOW MARKINGS ONCE WE ARE FULLY UNDER THE PEWSEY AREA. (WE MOVE COUNCIL AREAS AWAY FROM DEVIZES AT THIS ELECTION).





TRAFFIC STATISTICS



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Total	Total	New Estimate Assuming 18% of forms	Daily Average	Max Lockdown Transaction, Assuming 2.25l average		Cars Per Hour (staggered opening hours = 12 hours MH, 8 hours Shop)
2	Forms	115			117	litres	
3	Shop Only	49	272	39	0	N/A	6
4	Milk Hut Only	23	128	18	41	litres	2
5	MH and Shop	42	233	33	74	litres	5
6	Camera Total	653	633	90	115	litres	8

‘300 EXTRA CARS A DAY’ HAS BEEN BANDIED ABOUT AS ‘FACT’ RECENTLY. BUT THIS IS INCORRECT FROM BOTH LIVED EXPERIENCE AND FROM HARD STATISTICS+.

+ Pre-School users have been included in the CCTV stats erroneously. But from pre-school sources 3-4 parents use car park twice a day plus 2 staff park there each day.

* The alternative shop milks come from Yeo Valley 57 miles away + intermediaries or Mueller Dairy even further, so 100 food miles per bottle.

PEAK LOCKDOWN SALES OF 117 LITRES A DAY AT THE MILK HUT COMBINED WITH THE SHOP SURVEY AND EVEN THE CCTV TOTAL FROM THE NEIGHBOURS GIVES US A DAILY AVERAGE OF 90 CARS, ONLY 18 OF WHICH (MAXIMUM) ARE SOLELY FOR THE MILK HUT. THIS EQUATES TO ONLY 2 CARS PER HOUR (7AM-7PM MH HOURS) QUITE A DIFFERENCE!

THE ROWDE HUT HAS ALREADY REDUCED SALES IN AC BY 10% - 5 LESS CARS A DAY!

WE HAVE SAVED 50X400 = 20,000+ 2L PLASTIC BOTTLES FROM LANDFILL AND REDUCED MANY FOOD MILES* IN THE PROCESS TO HELP WITH THE UK’S NET ZERO CARBON TARGET!



SUMMARY

THE MANY THINGS ABOVE SUM UP THE CONTINUING STRENGTHS THAT WE HAVE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY AND WITHIN THE PARISH COUNCIL EVEN IN A STRANGE TIME.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, AND I MUST SAY THE WIDER COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE TOO THIS TIME AROUND, WHETHER BORN AND BRED IN THE VILLAGE OR RELATIVE NEWCOMERS WORK QUIETLY FOR THE GOOD OF THE VILLAGE AND PARISH AS A WHOLE.

THANKS ALSO TO ANYONE ELSE WHO HAS SUPPORTED US ALL OVER THE LAST YEAR AND MORE.

THANKS AGAIN TO OUR CLERK AND RFO, MANY THANKS TO MY FELLOW COUNCILLORS AND ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK TIRELESSLY BEHIND THE SCENES TO KEEP THE PARISH WHAT IT IS TODAY.

AMY GRAY, CHAIR