

**TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Councillor,

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Twyford Parish Council, on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm**, to be held at the Gilbert Room, Twyford Parish Hall, Hazeley Road, Twyford, SO21 1QY.

Yours sincerely,



Jamie Matthews  
Clerk to the Council

**Meeting of the Twyford Parish Council**

25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**AGENDA**

Members of the public and press are invited to attend except for the specific items marked confidential on the agenda. The press and public may not speak when the Council is in session, but they can make points or ask questions in the allocated time during the questions from members of the public item on the agenda. Please contact the Clerk to the Council before 12 noon on the day of the meeting if you wish to register to speak.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
1	Chairman's comments
2	To receive and approve apologies for absence
3	<b>To consider</b> the granting of a dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 to enable members to participate in and vote on an item of business on the agenda where they would otherwise have a disclosable pecuniary interest and to confirm how long this dispensation may have effect.
4	<b>To receive and record</b> Declarations of Interest. Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in an item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, members may not participate in any discussion, of or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which they have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. Councillors must withdraw from the room when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.
5	<b>To approve</b> as a correct record and authorise the signing of the minutes of the Meeting of Twyford Parish Council held on 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.
6	<b>Public Representation</b> – Councillors to receive representation, including on agenda items, from members of the public provided they have given notice of their intention to the Clerk no later than 12 noon of the day of the meeting. The maximum time limit allowed per person is 3 minutes and the maximum time designated for this agenda item is 15 minutes. Questions shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The Chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.
7	<a href="#"><u>To receive the County Councillor's report.</u></a>
8	<a href="#"><u>To receive the District Councillors' report.</u></a>

- 9 [To receive the Clerk's report.](#)
- 10 **To consider** the co-option of members to Council.
- 11 [To receive the draft minutes from the Planning Committee meeting and approve recommendations contained therein.](#)
- There are no Recommendations.
- 12 [To receive and approve the Schedule of Payments for April 2024.](#)
- 13 [To receive and note the bank balances as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.](#)
- 14 [To receive a report on a Public Works Loan Board application](#)
- 15 [To receive and consider a report on the Grounds Maintenance Contract](#)
- 16 [To receive and consider a report on the Cricket Square Maintenance Contract](#)
- 17 [To receive and consider a grant application from Twyford St. Mary's School](#)
- 18 [To receive and consider a grant application from Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley](#)
- 19 [To review the Council Safeguarding Policy](#)
- 21 **To receive a verbal update** on the arrangements for Hunter Park 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fun Day
- 22 **To receive a verbal update** from the Hazeley Road Development Area Advisory Ctte.
- 23 **To receive a verbal update** from the Traffic Solutions Advisory Committee.
- 24 **To receive a verbal update** from the Climate Advisory Committee.

## Agenda Item 7

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROB HUMBY'S REPORT

APRIL 2024

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#### **New County Council Cabinet Portfolios**

##### **Adult's Health and Care:**

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Liz Fairhurst; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Jan Warwick
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##### **Children's Services:**

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Edward Heron; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Steve Forster

##### **Universal Services:**

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Nick Adams-King; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Russell Oppenheimer

##### **Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services**

- Leader, Cllr Rob Humby; and
- Deputy Leader, Cllr Roz Chadd

##### **HR, Performance, Communications and Inclusion and Diversity**

- Executive Member, Cllr Kirsty North

## **NINE OUT OF TEN YEAR 6 PUPILS OFFERED FIRST PREFERENCE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HAMPSHIRE**

More than 98 per cent of parents in Hampshire (14,312) have been offered a place for their child at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2024

[Nine out of ten Year 6 pupils offered first preference secondary school in Hampshire | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSIDERS CONSOLIDATING OFFICE SPACES ACROSS HAMPSHIRE**

Proposals by Hampshire County Council to reduce its office accommodation in towns across the county will be considered next week, as part of efforts by the Local Authority to consolidate staff into fewer buildings and help save money on running costs

[Hampshire County Council considers consolidating office spaces across Hampshire | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## **£300,000 OF ILLEGALLY SOLD VAPES AND FAKE TOBACCO SEIZED BY HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Illegal vapes and fake tobacco products valued at £300,000 have been seized by Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards over the last 12 months – in their crackdown on retailers who sell vapes to under 18s

[£300,000 of illegally sold vapes and fake tobacco seized by Hampshire County Council | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## **BOOST FOR 'BOYS NEED BINS' CAMPAIGN AS COUNTY COUNCIL ADDS SANITARY BINS TO ALL MALE TOILETS IN ITS PUBLIC AND OFFICE BUILDINGS**

Male toilets in Hampshire County Council's premises, including Country Parks and libraries, will have sanitary bins added to cubicles, in support of Prostate Cancer UK's 'Boys Need Bins' campaign. This comes as the County Council confirmed it will install over 200 sanitary bins in male toilets across its buildings used by the public and staff

[Boost for 'Boys Need Bins' campaign as County Council adds sanitary bins to all male toilets in its public and office buildings | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN IN WATERLOOVILLE, WINCHESTER AND FARNBOROUGH**

More children with special educational needs could soon benefit from additional specialist support, as Hampshire County Council seeks to progress proposals for three schools in Waterlooville, Winchester and Farnborough

[Hampshire County Council to consider additional special educational needs support for children in Waterlooville, Winchester and Farnborough | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE AUTISM STRATEGY UNVEILS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BETTER SUPPORT FOR ALL AGES** Issued on behalf of Hampshire Autism Partnership Board

[New Hampshire Autism Strategy unveils recommendations for better support for all ages | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## **CHOOSE ‘WHAT YOU’LL USE’ TO SAVE MONEY AND THE PLANET**

Hampshire County Council is calling on residents to become savvy food shoppers – helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also saving money

[Choose ‘what you’ll use’ to save money and the planet | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## **MORE BUS SERVICES SET TO RUN IN HAMPSHIRE**

Travelling by bus will soon become even more appealing for Hampshire residents when three bus companies introduce more frequent services on some of their commercially operated routes across the county

[More bus services set to run in Hampshire | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## **CREATING A SMOKE-FREE GENERATION COMES A STEP NEARER**

Up to £23 million will be spent from April 2025 over the following seven years to support Hampshire smokers to quit, and to help stop people taking up the habit in the first place

[Creating a smoke-free generation comes a step nearer | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## **HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TO SELL BUILDINGS IN WINCHESTER**

Hampshire County Council will shortly be marketing three sites in Winchester for sale – Three Minsters House, on the High Street, Four Chimneys Family Centre, near the Andover Road, and property on the County Council’s Monarch Way site, near the Romsey Road

[Hampshire County Council to sell buildings in Winchester | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## **COUNTY COUNCIL INVITES COMMUNITIES TO BID FOR FUNDING TO PLANT DISEASE RESISTANT ELMS**

In a boost for nature recovery, communities across Hampshire are being invited to apply for funding to plant disease resistant elm trees. The once abundant species has been decimated by disease in recent decades, but new varieties are now taking root across the county

[County Council invites communities to bid for funding to plant disease resistant elms | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## **NEW FORUM LAUNCHED TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES TO SPEAK UP**

Young people across Hampshire with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) have an exciting opportunity to join a new youth forum to voice their opinions and share experiences directly with decision makers from the local authority on topics that directly affect them – such as education, training and employment opportunities

[New forum launched to encourage young people with additional needs and disabilities to speak up | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

## Agenda Item 8

### **District Councillors' Report to Twyford Parish Council**

*Item to follow*

## Agenda Item 9



# Twyford Parish Council

### **Clerk's Report**

Councillors are reminded that the items within this report are provided for information only and not available for debate. If it is considered that an item listed within the report should be debated fully by members, then it will be placed on the next appropriate committee or council agenda. Any member wanting clarification or further information on any aspect of items within the report please contact me in advance of the meeting.

### **General reading and information.**

The following publications have been received and available for members to read:

- Rural Service Network – Rural Bulletin 9<sup>th</sup> April
- HALC Newsletter – April 2024
- WeCAN News April
- South Downs News – April
- WCC – Your Council News – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### **Other information**

- 1) All members need to be aware of the disclosable pecuniary interest forms and consider whether there have been any changes since it was last written. If there was a need for any change to be made, please contact me and I will supply fresh document for completion.
- 2) CIL applications for the Flood Mitigation Scheme and Itchen Navigation access improvements have been submitted to the SDNPA in time for the deadline of 12th April.
- 3) The first tranche of 2024/25 precept has been received.

Jamie Matthews  
Parish Clerk  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Agenda Item 11

[Planning Committee Meeting Minutes](#)



## Agenda Item 12

### Schedule of Payments – April 2024

#### Recommendation:

Council to **approve** the schedule of payments for April 2024

<b>Tx No.</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Vat</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Details</b>
1	220.49	0.00	220.49	Wyatt Electrical - March 2024 Caretaking duties
5	78.00	13.00	65.00	Green Smile Ltd - Additional bin emptying Oct to Dec
6	36.00	6.00	30.00	Vodafone - Mobile Telephones - March
20	37.92	6.32	31.60	Viking - Stationery - Parish Farm
21	232.56	38.76	193.80	Viking - Stationery
23	13.58	2.26	11.32	Screwfix - Door bolt for Pavilion
25	68.38	11.40	56.98	Toolstation - Replacement locks for pavilion
27	9.50	1.58	7.92	Waitrose - Batteries for Speedwatch equipment
28	33.97	5.66	28.31	Amazon - PoE Switch for CCTV
29	3.00	0.00	3.00	Lloyds Bank (Card) - Monthly Fee
34	8.44	1.41	7.03	1&1 IONOS - Monthly web host support
37	67.18	0.00	67.18	Winchester City Council - Business rates
2	965.47	160.91	804.56	Shoreland Network Solutions - Monthly maintenance - March 2024
3	2,293.46	382.25	1,911.21	Green Smile Ltd - Monthly grounds maintenance
36	143.43	6.83	136.60	Octopus Energy - Pavilion Electricity
30	275.34	45.89	229.45	Pitchcare - Replacement sight screen nets
4	113.82	18.97	94.85	Ecohound - Dog Poo Bags
19	36.00	6.00	30.00	Vodafone - Mobile Telephones - April
8	1,194.00	199.00	995.00	Elite Playground Inspections - Play area repairs
9	388.00	64.67	323.33	Gladson UK Limited - New bin for Northfields
10	150.00	0.00	150.00	Defibrillator awareness training session 18.04.2024
11	50.00	0.00	50.00	Chandlers Ford Vets - Deposit return
12	50.00	0.00	50.00	Hedge End Tigers - Deposit return
13	50.00	0.00	50.00	Compton Football Club - Deposit return
14	50.00	0.00	50.00	Pavilion Panthers - Deposit return
35	8.44	1.41	7.03	1&1 IONOS - Monthly web host support
15	210.00	0.00	210.00	Sarson Press - Newsletters
16	2,474.30	0.00	2,474.30	Employee Salaries - April Salaries and expenses
17	559.22	0.00	559.22	HMRC - PAYE & NI
18	672.80	0.00	672.80	HCC Pensions - Pension Contributions
24	25.00	4.17	20.83	The Petersfield Cobbler - Key Cutting for pavilion
26	87.76	14.63	73.13	Waitrose - Refreshments for APA
31	255.00	42.50	212.50	Externiture Ltd - Quarterley Bus Shelter cleaning
32	553.00	0.00	553.00	HALC - Annual Subscriptions (HALC and NALC)
33	1,137.00	0.00	1,137.00	Hampshire Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust - Grazing
38	8.74	1.46	7.28	Business Stream - Pavilion water
39	143.22	23.87	119.35	Philspace Ltd - Toilet hire
40	144.00	24.00	120.00	Nick Horn Ltd - Woodchip for berry Meadow
41	1,935.94	322.66	1,613.28	Hampshire County Council - Street Lighting Oct to March
42	69.66	11.61	58.05	Simply Hi Viz Clothing UK - Hi Viz Vests
	<b>£14,852.62</b>	<b>£1,417.22</b>	<b>£13,435.40</b>	

## Agenda Item 13



## Twyford Parish Council

**Full Council – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Bank Balances as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Recommendation:**

Council to **note** the report.

<b>Ordinary Accounts</b>		<b>Interest rate</b>
Unity Trust C/A	£546.43	0.0%
Nationwide	£28.02	0.00%
Redwood (35-day notice)	£80,205.88	3.20%
Unity Trust (Instant Access)	£33.22	2.75%
<b>Short Term Investment Accounts</b>		<b>Interest rate</b>
Cambridge & Counties Bank	£50,000.00	4.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£130,813.55</b>	

## Agenda Item 14



# Twyford Parish Council

**Full Council 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## **Potential Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) application.**

**Recommendation:** That Council **note** the report.

### **Background**

At the January 2024 meeting of Full Council, it was resolved that Council would commence the process to apply for a PWLB loan to be used towards funding of the pedestrian crossing and flood mitigation projects in Twyford.

The report the Council considered at the time set out the proposals for an indicative loan amount of £100k repayable over 15 years. It was anticipated that the process would take several months, will require demonstrable community engagement and further refining of the exact sum of monies to be borrowed before a final decision can be made by the Council.

### **Update**

A request was made to the Hampshire Association of Local Councils, who have provided the necessary information and forms required to apply. The advice received includes the requirement to provide current and future budget information in order for the decision maker to be assured of affordability aspects and the provision of business case report to be presented to Full Council.

The Council is also required to demonstrate some public consultation on the relevant projects. This may include webpage and newsletter updates on the progress of the project, surveys to seek residents' views and any community workshops that have taken place.

If the Council intends to increase its council tax precept for the purpose of repaying the loan then it must show evidence of public support of this in order to get the loan approved by Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The evidence of public support can only come from a council tax precept increase survey, poll or consultation, which needs to be run at the earliest possible opportunity.

It should be noted that the proposal for a PWLB loan considered at the January 2024 meeting of Full Council did not result in a proposed increase in precept to make the payments, relying instead on a reallocation and reprioritise of existing budget spend.

Jamie Matthews  
Parish Clerk  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Agenda Item 15



# Twyford Parish Council

**Full Council 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

## **Grounds Maintenance Contract**

**Recommendation:** That Council ratify the extension to the Grounds Maintenance Contract with Greensmile Ltd, for a period of 5 years from 1st April 2023. The contract will include the matters determined under minute 26/22 and R38/22.

### **Background**

In May 2022, Council approved in minute 26/22 the terms of an interim extension to the Grounds Maintenance Contract until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and that a new five-year contract, with annual RPI revisions, as set out in the report accompanying minute 26/22, will commence from 1st April 2023.

In October 2022, the Recreation Committee reviewed and approved the maintenance schedules which accompany the contract. This was resolved under meeting minute R38/22.

Greensmile Ltd have been working to approved schedules since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

Council is asked to formally approve the signing of a contract which ratifies the status quo in respect of the relationship with the contractor.

### **Financial Implications**

There is no implication to the budget for 2024/25. The annual budget for Grounds Maintenance for 2023/24 and 2024/25 has been calculated on the baseline figures agreed by Council in May 2022.

### **Equality Act implications**

None identified.

### **Crime & Disorder implications**

None identified.

Jamie Matthews  
Parish Clerk  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Agenda Item 16



# Twyford Parish Council

**Full Council 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

## **Hunter Park Cricket Square Maintenance Contract**

**Recommendation:** That Council:

- a) **note** the termination of the Hunter Park Cricket Square Maintenance Contract between the Council and Shoreland Network Solutions Ltd effective from 23:59 on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- b) **approve** a contract between the Council and Twyford Cricket Club for Hunter Park Cricket Square Maintenance, effective from 00:00 on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024
- c) **delegate** to the Clerk to agree with Twyford Cricket Club the Schedule 1 & 2 of the Hunter Park Cricket Square Maintenance Contract.

### **Background**

Shoreland Network Solution have exercised their contractual right to serve notice to terminate the Hunter Park Cricket Square Maintenance contract. The notice was received on 1<sup>st</sup> April and would become effective no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

The Twyford Cricket Club (TCC) have approached the Council and offered to perform maintenance of the Hunter Park Cricket Square on the same contractual terms as the current contract. TCC have also confirmed that they have relevant Public Liability and Employer Liability insurance of up to £10 million as required by the contract.

The contract was originally signed in 2018 for a fixed three-year period. Council agreed to extend the contract, on an open-ended, basis in September 2021 and reviewed the contract price.

Upon termination of the contract, Council is entitled to re-tender for the work if it so wishes. However, in this case, in order to ensure continuity of Council's services and taking into account that a better price, than the current contract price, is likely to be achieved, thus there is no negative financial impact, it is recommended that to waive the relevant Financial Regulations is justified in this situation.

Either party can give three months' notice to terminate the contract, which would allow the Council to re-tender in due course should it choose to do so.

### **Financial Implications**

The 2024/25 budget provides up to £9,100 for maintenance of the cricket square, this is broken down into £7,300 for ongoing work to the square including preparation of up to 40 matches per season and £1,800 for the annual post-season renovation.

TCC have indicated that the cost of certain items of maintenance performed could be reduced by up to 10% on the current contract price.

### **Equality Act implications**

None identified.

### **Crime & Disorder implications**

None identified.

**Twyford Parish Council**  
**Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations**  
**Local Government Act 1972, Section 137 (or under any other Statutory Power)**

Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of audited annual accounts showing the applicant organisation's income, expenditure and level of balances.

If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, please state why; and provide copies of the organisation's bank statements.

1	Name of Organisation ("the Applicant")	Twyford St Mary's C of E Primary School
2	Name and postal and email address of the Applicant and/or its contact person  (please explain the contact person's relationship with the Applicant)	Mrs Sophie Davies Twyford St Mary's C of E Primary School School Road Twyford SO21 1QQ adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk  Headteacher
3	If the Applicant is a registered charity please state its number	
4	Amount of grant requested	Fencing and material supplies/water butts/tools for maintenance £1,000  We would be very grateful for any financial support for the development of a wild outdoor school and community project.
5	What is the purpose or project for which the grant is requested?	Twyford St Mary's School is seeking a grant to support the development of a wild outdoor school and community project.  This initiative aims to revitalise an abandoned allotment by creating bug and hedgehog habitats, a pond area to attract newts, and cultivating native South Downs flowers for bees. Additionally, the project will provide bird feeders during the hungry gap and install signage to educate the community on ways to support local habitats.  This outdoor school will offer critical educational opportunities for children aged 4-11 within the school curriculum, while also serving as an open community space for all to engage with and explore local wildlife
6	When would the expenditure to be met by the grant be incurred?	As soon as possible please – we have started work on clearing the area, phase 1 would be additional fence installation and site safety over the spring/summer term.

7	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the balance be financed?	<p>£150 contribution from PTA fundraising events at school</p> <p>We have applied for a grant for the main part of the project from South Downs National Park (e.g., pond installation, pathways, signage, bird feeders, wild flowers)</p>
8	Have you applied for a grant for the same purpose/project to another organisation? If so, which organisation and for how much?	Yes, we have asked for a grant from South Downs National Park
9	Who will benefit from the project and how?	<p>The Wild Area will be flat and wheel chair accessible in the pathways. It will provide sensory experiences for the young people at TSM who have ASD and other additional specialist sensory needs.</p> <p>The space will be open to all and we will welcome the elderly and playgroup of the community to use the space alongside us.</p>
10	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners of Twyford?	149 school children and the whole of the Twyford community.

## Agenda Item 18

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17/4/24

Twyford Parish Council

Dear Councillors

We are writing to request that you kindly consider Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley (LEW&TV) for a grant towards our work of providing health, well-being and drug prevention education to approximately 143 children at Twyford St Mary's Primary School when we visit them on 24/6/24 for 2 day(s).

**The cost** to deliver our workshops to schools is £530 a day; schools contribute approximately 70% of this, and we need to raise the shortfall. We will be spending 2 days visiting the school, which equates to a shortfall of **£430**. We do not expect your Council to contribute the whole of the difference, but obviously that would be fantastic if you were able. Nevertheless, any contribution you could make would make a real difference to outcomes for local children and families.

**Background:** LEW&TV is an independent and self-financing charity and delivers the UK's leading health, emotional well-being and drug education Workshops, 'Coram Life Education', to children (aged 3–11 years) across Dorset, Somerset, Devon & Cornwall, Hampshire & the Isle of Wight, and the Thames Valley (Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire). In the 2022/23 academic year, over 73,500 children experienced the Life Education workshops.

Our strap line is '**Helping Children Make Healthy Choices**'. Workshops address many topical issues e.g. *emotional health & well-being, obesity, drugs, alcohol and smoking*. In a nutshell, we help children:

- Understand how their bodies work
- Understand what they need to do to look after themselves
- Understand the adverse effects of drugs, including alcohol, tobacco & new psychoactive substances
- Learn the skills and gain the self-confidence to make and implement healthy decisions now and in the future

**Why Life Education is so vital:** Children and young people face increasing pressure and temptation to damage their health and their futures through obesity, the use of drugs, smoking, alcohol, poor diets and the internet.

Research shows that children who have better health and emotional well-being do better in life – both academically and socially. Children are also facing growing pressures at home, at school and with their friends, leaving many primary school pupils ill-equipped for life at secondary school and beyond.



- 41% of boys and 35% of girls aged 10-11 were either overweight or obese  
(Source: Office of Health Improvement & disparities 2021/22)
- 18% of children aged 7-16 were identified as having a probable mental disorder, up from 16% in 2020  
(Source: Mental Health of Children and Young People in England 2022)
- 9% of children aged 8-15 had ever used e-cigarettes or vaping devices, up from 7% in 2018  
(Source: Health Survey for England 2021)
- 20% of 8-11 year olds who go online say they have seen something worrying or nasty  
(Source: OFCOM Media Use & Attitudes Report 2023)

Early intervention can prevent mental health problems, obesity and substance misuse in children now and in later life and helps to prevent drug and alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour. Our work not only benefits children's health and their futures, but also promotes healthier families and safer communities.

Life Education workshops empower children with key thinking, learning and social skills to make healthy choices and stay safe online and in the real world. Children graduate with confidence, knowledge and resilience to cope with the stresses of secondary school and life beyond.

**Workshop Delivery:** Our workshops can be delivered in either in the schools' own classrooms, in the LifeSpace which is an innovative inflatable classroom, or via SCARF Live Online, which uses ZOOM virtual video technology. Workshops focus on the mental health and wellbeing of children.

Schools also have access to **SCARF**, a comprehensive, interactive and flexible set of online resources which supports the entire PSHE curriculum.

Through our annual visits, children progressively acquire the skills and knowledge to make their own healthy choices in life. As well as helping the children who participate, the benefits of this preventative education cascade out to the wider community, as children who make the right healthy choices grow up to become better citizens and make a positive contribution to society.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that ***you will be able to continue helping us to help your local children make healthy choices.***

Yours sincerely,



John Clements  
Administrative Assistant



## Agenda Item 19

[Twyford Parish Council Safeguarding Policy](#)