

Menheniot Green

Review and Progress report to Menheniot Parish Council

May 2023 and details of projects delivered and planned.

- 1 Flower beds on East Road, at Merrymeet and Mine Hill.** These were planted and flowered giving an impressive display of wild flowers. Bulbs were planted at Merrymeet for flowering this spring. Positive and appreciative feedback received from the public. The planting at Merrymeet and Mine Hill received recognition by the RHA and South West in Bloom awards.

Thanks goes to all the volunteer planters of Merrymeet and Roskilly and Henwood for ploughing and planting in East Road and the ongoing work by Jaynene on the bank in Mine Hill.

The Community Garden continues to thrive under Keith Goldsmith's stewardship. The garden was awarded outstanding in the South West in Bloom awards. The Community Garden is supported by MPC with an annual grant for plants and bulbs (£200), last year additional support was given for weed treating the gravel paths this will need repeating this year at an additional cost of £80 which is requested.

Keith is in discussion with RHA to include the Community Garden and other sites in the Parish in next year's Garden Safari Scheme.

- 2 Tree of Life.** This project funded by Menheniot Parish Council and in collaboration with Menheniot School offered a tree to every new starter at Menheniot Primary School to be planted and nurtured by the pupil, family and friends. Fourteen trees were provided under the project last Autumn. Two trees were planted in the Community Garden to replace two that were lost.

It is proposed that the scheme is repeated for this year's new starters in September 2023.

- 3 Holy Well.** Ideas are being developed for a number of options for making significant improvements to the well and setting. Cllr Cole and Jon Selman, representing the PCC, have been in detailed discussions. Plans being prepared include, allowing the well to be seen from road, bench relocation, drainage, information board and planting. Before a detailed plan can be prepared ready for consultation on options, a level survey will be required including invert of drains. An estimate for this work is in the region of £500. A budget allocation is requested from the Parish Council for this survey.

In the meantime the area in front of the wall has been tidied up and the wall planted with primroses.

- 4 Village Green and other .** Cllr Goldsmith has done sterling work on the existing planting beds and introducing new ones. Now the metal work has been repainted in black and gold around the Green this will set off the summer planting and the new

planters. The main features will be the addition of planted troughs and containers on the boundary of the green to the south and hanging baskets to the bus shelter.

Emma Grange of the Nursery School has been working with the children on planting out planters near the school. It is proposed that the Nursery School is invited to submit a grant from the Council for the reimbursement of the cost of the plants.

Future enhancements are planned with the provision of free standing bespoke planted containers each side of the Lych gate. Maintenance is underway on the bus shelter.

Jet washing is required to remove surface algae and moss from the paved area of the The Green, to avoid the present slip hazard. The current drought restrictions in place apply to domestic premises or sites and not commercial or public areas. The use of a jet wash is therefore permitted, however the extent of washing will be limited and a domestic washer will be used to reflect the reasoning behind the current restrictions.

**5 Community Energy.** The steering group comprising Cllrs Cole, Berg and Crocker have met intermittingly since June last year when the group was set up . Whilst there has been approaches to potential partners as proposed, there has been slow progress in this very complex project. The changes in the economy has not helped the prospect of potential investment in such schemes. Discussions however are still taking place to identify the most likely potential sites in the Parish for further detailed study.

Cllr Cole

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Events to mark the Coronation of King Charles III  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### **Background**

As reported at the March meeting a Councillor led working group was set up to identify and support events planned in the Parish to mark the Coronation and raise awareness of these so the Parish as a whole could be invited to attend and celebrate together.

### **Events planned**

The outcome of the initial meetings has been that events are now planned for the community to come together to mark this historic event over the weekend of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May to Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> May

A banner to be placed in the village and a flyer for distribution by the organiser groups together with other publicity and financial support for the organisers to run the individual events has been provided by the MPC.

The following events are planned (extracted from flyer)

Friday 5 May

**Singing Celebration at Menheniot Primary School from 2pm.** All children and parents welcome. *Tickets available for residents. Please phone*

*01579 342580 to reserve yours.*

**Coronation Lunch organised by Menheniot Playgroup Friends and Neighbours from midday onwards.** This is a free event on Menheniot Village Green for our children and their friends.

*If you'd like to attend, please call 07826 852 789.*

Saturday 6 May

**Join Merrymeet residents for a Party and Cream Tea in the play area on Church Road from 3pm.** Donations welcome. *More information from Peter Luck on 01579 340147 or 07832 708 898 email: peter.luck5@btinternet.com*

Sunday 7 May

**The Kings Coronation Big Lunch starts at 2pm by the playing fields at East Road.**

We'll provide the tables, chairs and live music from Katie Delbridge. Bring your own lunch to enjoy and share. Licensed bar, teas and coffees. The Cherry Fayre committee are hosting this event. *Please email menheniotcherryfayre@gmail.com for more info!*

**A Family Friendly Service to celebrate and give thanks for the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla will be held at St Lalluwly Parish Church at 10am.** Everyone welcome. *More details from revlisselman@icloud.com*

Monday 8 May

**Join Menheniot Mother's Union for a Proper Cream Tea. We'll be at The Old School between 3pm and 5pm.** Donations welcome. *More info from Jen Kemplen - 01579 345740*

### **Funding**

Organisers have been invited to submit applications for funding to the Clerk against the budget agreed at the last Public meeting in March for this event.

### **Road Closures**

Submission for part road closure in East Rd was refused by CC as less than 6 weeks of event. Fortunately organisers have alternative options available.

### **Presentation of Coronation mugs**

Mugs have been delivered and invitations made to parents to register eligible children. A number of requests have been made to purchase mugs as a memento of the occasion.

### **Further help and assistance**

Help with fixing up bunting that has been made by volunteers is still required particularly at height. Volunteer with suitable machinery is requested.

Cllr Adrian Cole  
April 2023.