

Madingley Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Highways

Beyond applying for funds under various grant schemes, the Parish Council has no authority over the development, use or repair of the highways (and footpaths) in the village and Parish.

All repairs are managed through a County Council reporting and planning tool which is accessed online here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>

Highlighting issues through the online portal is the quickest and most efficient way of getting repairs done. Contacting individuals in the Parish, District or County Council directly only slows repairs as they are simply forwarded to the officer who single-handedly manages 37 parishes and who then needs to upload the information to the same system that could have been accessed directly (but without the intervening steps and delays).

Active Travel Scheme

This last year has seen the implementation of the Active Travel Scheme along Cambridge Road. The scheme was designed to:

1. Provide a safe connecting route for pedestrians and cyclists to join with the footpaths and cycle lanes that run to and from Cambridge;
2. Stop rat-running traffic that used to come off at Madingley Mulch roundabout, head down Church Lane and Cambridge Road before connecting again with Madingley Road;
3. Reduce the number of accidents occurring at the Cambridge and Madingley Road junction.

The scheme is in place under an Experimental Traffic Order. Once the impact of the scheme has been assessed, along with the views of the public, the County Council will decide whether or not to make the scheme permanent. There are no further opportunities for the Parish Council to influence the outcome of this decision.

A14 Legacy Fund

The Parish council made an application under the A14 Legacy Fund to implement measures to help mitigate the impact of traffic passing through the village as a result of the

redevelopment of the A14 and the re-opening of The Avenue. Over the last year, our application resulted in:

1. The implementation of a 40mph speed buffer on The Avenue as it comes into the village;
2. The building of the new chicane on The Avenue inside the village;
3. The installation of Not Suitable for HGV Vehicle signs at all entrances to the village.

LHI Application

In 2022, the Parish Council, made a successful application under the Local Highways Improvement fund for new signage along Madingley Rise to warn drivers to be aware of pedestrians or queuing vehicles near the public footpath that runs along the side of the American Cemetery and joins Madingley with Coton. A generous donation by the American Cemetery will help fund the signage which has now been put in place, making it a little safer for people who wish to cross this fast and dangerous road.

20mph

The Parish Council has submitted an application for a 20mph zone in the village. If successful, this will hopefully help to reduce the speed and volume of traffic passing through the village.

The Junction between The Avenue and the A14 local access road (A1307)

Although this is within the parish of Girton, residents of Madingley are most aware of the dangers of the junction and it is distressing that accidents are still happening here.

After the two most recent accidents in February the parish council probed into why nothing had been done about replacing the missing signage, despite nine reports to Local Highways over a period of twelve months and found that neither Highways England nor Local Highways accepted responsibility for maintaining the junction. After raising the issue with our district and county councillors and the neighbouring parishes we understand that the signage has now been ordered and safety officers are examining the junction to see if further measures are needed. You may already have spotted that reflective material has been fitted to the top and sides of the farm gate opposite the junction.

PlaygroundThe Playground is leased by the Parish Council from Cambridge University. Over the last year, the Parish Council has negotiated a lease extension for the playground until September 2031.

Unfortunately, the Playground has been a victim of the current spate of vandalism, with damage being made to both the play equipment and the fencing. The Parish council is making an insurance claim to have the damaged play equipment replaced; this will remedy the immediate safety issues but is, unfortunately, likely to result in an increase in our insurance premiums going forward.

Defibrillator

The village defibrillator (located on the side of the Village Hall) has now been in place since 2019 - but has not yet needed to be used. In September, the Parish Council replaced the perishable 'pads' which either have to be changed every two years, or after use.

Planning

The Parish Council can make comments regarding planning applications in the Parish but does not have any authority to approve or reject any plan.

The Parish has however made representations regarding the South Cambridgeshire District Council's 'Call for Sites update' which permitted interested parties to submit revised applications for development sites across the County. This included objecting to the revised development proposal by Dry Drayton Estates to build 6200 dwellings and 100,000 sq.m. of commercial floorspace on fields to the west and east of Scotland Road. (The field to the east stretches from the A428 to Dry Drayton Road.)

Transport

The proposed route for the Cambourne to Cambridge (C2C) Better Public Transport Project has now been finalised and will not pass through Madingley. The scheme is now moving to the Public Enquiry phase before then going on for Ministerial approval.

Although the route of the proposed East West Rail scheme has not yet been confirmed, it is clear that a 'Southern Route' is preferred. This would result in the new tracks joining existing

infrastructure between Foxton and Shelford. The section of track between St Neots and Cambridge may still go North of the A428 to meet with a new station, Cambourne North. If this route was to be confirmed it would undoubtedly be a precursor to new development on existing farmland north of the A428. This would set a worrying precedent which might then impact on other proposed developments within the Parish.

As you are all no doubt aware, very few buses come to and from the village. As part of the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership's congestion charge scheme, 'a huge increase' in rural bus services has been promised. As yet no details on what services might be available have been released. However, 'on-demand' bus schemes are currently being trialled in other parts of Cambridgeshire and may yet come to villages such as Madingley. The Parish Council will endeavour to lobby for an increase in bus connectivity should the Congestion Charge scheme move forward.

Charles Crichton-Stuart

Chair Madingley Parish Council

WHO & WHAT IS THE PARISH COUNCIL?

Madingley Parish Council has 5 unpaid Councillors representing the electorate. Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years and if they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and may speak during Public Forum on matters that are on that meeting's agenda. The Parish Council is not permitted to decide on matters that have not been duly advertised to the public unless any matters are considered urgent or are authorised in the Parish Council's standing orders.

The Parish Council's major role is to represent the parish on issues affecting us to the District and County Councils, and to regional and central government, and other agencies. It is responsible for some parish grass cutting, its own street furniture (noticeboards, seats, and some street lighting) and through the Parish Paths Partnership, ensures that registered Rights of Way are open and maintained. It maintains open spaces: children's play area and the Village Green.

The Parish Council considers and comments to the Local Planning Authority on all planning applications (statutory consultee). The Parish Council supports other charitable groups and organisations which work within the village.

Madingley Parish Council Year End Account Summary

Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2023

Cash in Hand 01/04/2022			15,895.63
ADD			
Receipts 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023			17,539.08
SUBTRACT			
Payments 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023			13,039.67
Cash in Hand 31/03/2023 (per Cash Book)			20,395.04
Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
Unity Bank	31/03/23	9,922.94	
Cambridgeshire Building Society Savings Account	31/03/23	10,472.10	
			20,395.04
Bank Balance			20,395.04

**MADINGLEY VILLAGE HALL
ANNUAL REPORT to MADINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL 2023**

Registration number:	300410
Address of the Charity:	c/o 2 The Old Wood Mill Church Lane Madingley, Cambridge CB23 8AF
Governing document	Declaration of Trust dated 14.10.1964 and schedule of 19.11.1985
Charity Trustees	Mr Chris Baldwin Rev'd Christine Barrow Mrs Janet Dean Mr John Freegard Mrs Virginia King Professor John Naughton
Aims and objectives of the Charity	A village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Madingley and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions and in particular for use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
The Charity is organised by the six elected members.	
Bankers:	Lloyds TSB Chesterton Road, Cambridge
Independent Audit Examiner	Simplex Solutions, 33 Hoylake Drive, Farcet, Peterborough RE7 3BD

Activities of the Charity

Over the year the Hall has been used safely when possible. With all mandatory requirements now relaxed and with clear evidence of numbers of infections stabilising the hiring of the Hall is increasing. Educational/wellbeing events are limited to 16 persons, classroom style seated training events are limited to 30 people, some small scale family parties have been agreed to a limited maximum of 48 persons in the Hall.

Madingley Stephen Perse School continues to book the Hall on Mondays for pre-school gymnastics. Other events have included small-scale dance practices and meetings, regular movement classes, wellbeing classes and private hires.

The Hall will be used in conjunction with Madingley Church for a bring and share lunch on Sunday 7th May to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

The 'Big Breakfast' event, so well organised by John and Fiona Naughton attracts around 30 villagers who clearly enjoy the socialising experience as well as the food. The next Big Breakfast will be held on Sunday 28th May from 09.00 to 10-30.

Coffee mornings in association with the Parish Church have been introduced on the first Saturday in the month. During the colder weather these coffee mornings have been held at the Village Hall and during the Summer they will be held at the Church. This event has been extremely popular with numbers regularly exceeding 30 of all ages.

The re-thatching of the North elevation of the main roof and the maintenance of the South elevation was successfully undertaken by Jeff Helme Thatching Services Ltd in the spring of 2022 and the whole roof looks excellent.

In summary, the strategy of the Committee has been continued guardianship of the building, on a 'not-for-profit' financial basis, so that villagers can continue to benefit from this facility. In planning the hire costs and further development of the Hall, the Committee has kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at their meetings and in their planning.

With the exception of cleaning services, all work undertaken for the running of the hall and the building development programme has been undertaken on a voluntary basis.

I would like to extend thanks to my fellow Trustees for their assistance over the year and also to the following volunteers whose particular contribution has been invaluable: John Naughton our secretary, John and Fiona Naughton and Anna Baldwin who have assisted me through the year with setting up, opening, closing. Thanks to you all!

It is with sadness that I have to record the death of Professor Roger John Buckley who died on 12th October 2022, aged 77. Former consultant ophthalmologist at Moorfield and Addenbrooke's Hospitals, academic and fine musician. Roger contributed to the management of the Village Hall for several years.



Chairman – Chris Baldwin

Madingley News Report

When at the end of 2021 Fiona and I decided that we would take on responsibility for *Madingley News* after Lesley and Roger Buckley stepped down – after seven years and 30 issues – we knew that the only way we could ensure that the *News* continued was to take it online. But we didn't want to turn it just into a website – as often happens with these things. We wanted it to be a publication that was delivered to people in their homes, just as the paper edition used to be.

For this we chose a publishing service called Substack, which exists to enable people to produce newsletters that are delivered by email to those who subscribe to them. Since taking over in 2022, we have produced four quarterly newsletters, each of which arrives in subscribers' email inboxes at 7am on the 10th of March, June, September and December. And the first one for 2023 arrived recently on March 10th.

The Newsletter currently has 66 subscribers, which looks like a significant proportion of households in the village.

The online version of Madingley News is modelled on the template that Roger and Lesley created for the paper version. As before it contains:

- * News and updates on events in the village
- * Invited contributions from the Church; the Village Hall; the Cricket Club; the Village History Group;
Camshedders; Village Speedwatch; Madingley Hall and Estate; The American Cemetery;
County and District Councillors and the local MP.
- * A list of useful contacts
- * Information on bus and other services

For those who don't wish to subscribe to receive the email version, *Madingley News* is also published on the Web at madingleynews.substack.com, where it's always available.

Villagers who decide that they would like to get the email version can subscribe on the website. And anyone who wishes to alert us to news or suggested topics can email us at:

madingley.news@gmail.com

John and Fiona Naughton

MADINGLEY PARISH CHURCH

REPORT TO MADINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON THE YEAR 22 – 23

Following the lifting of restrictions placed on the life of the Parish Church by Covid, the past year has been extremely busy.

We are hugely fortunate to have a strong and inspiring ministry team of three, led by our Vicar, the Rev'd Michael Bigg (who is also Rector of Girton), supported by the Rev'd Christine Barrow and Lay Minister Miss Susan Rawlings.

There is a service at 10.30 every Sunday morning augmented by special services for the seasons of Christmas and Lent. Numbers in the congregation at Madingley continue to be steady at an average of 24. During the year there were four services of baptism, five weddings and, sadly, four funerals. Michael says "It is a testimony to God's goodness (and the hard work of many) that a village the size of Madingley can sustain well-attended weekly worship and pastoral care for so many. A particular highlight for me has been to witness the growing effectiveness of the monthly coffee morning that the congregation has started. This gathering brings church and community together in a positive and helpful way, and I'm encouraged by the initiative shown in setting this up." We are grateful to the Village Hall Trustees for supporting this event by allowing the use of the Hall throughout the winter months.

The ministry team is supported by a huge body of volunteers who care for the building and churchyard, provide music by playing the organ and harp, deal with financial and administrative matters, arrange flowers and undertake pastoral work. Unfortunately, the building was targeted by lead thieves during the Autumn. The roof alarm was triggered and the thieves apprehended without any significant damage being done.

The PCC continues its rolling programme of works to this Grade 2* list building including tree and electrical work. Investigations have been carried out into the condition of the Dame Cotton Memorial and the Royal Coat of Arms as well as patches of algae growth inside the church. Planning is well underway for the replacement of part of the floor of the Chancel which has been deteriorating.

The Church community looks forward to continuing to serve the Parish of Madingley through their care of its beautiful, historic Parish Church and by providing a sacred space where

people come for quiet and reflection and to mark significant moments in their own lives and the lives of our country. The Coronation of King Charles III will be marked with a commemorative service on 7th May to be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Village Hall, to which everyone is invited. We also look forward to supporting the Garden Team at Madingley Hall for the annual National Gardens Scheme event on the earlier than usual date of 21st May by serving teas from the church.

Sue Baldwin, Secretary
Madingley Parochial Church Council

1 May 2023

Madingley Cricket Club

After a strong 2022 the first team was unexpectedly promoted to the Senior 2 division of the Cambridgeshire league, despite finishing just below the promotion places. The second team was relegated back to Junior 3 after a poor run at the end of the season. A full fixture list for 2023 is available on the club website <http://madingley.play-cricket.com/>, with the first games being played on Saturday 6th May. Both teams are away, the first team at Buntingford and the second team at Stapleford. We've had a few players leave the club, and brought in a few new joiners, but new players are always welcome; please feel free to contact us at madingleycc@gmail.com. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@madingleycc).

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS 2022/23

Charles Crichton-Stuart	Chairman
Fiona Naughton	Vice Chair
Joan Stevenson-Hinde	Councillor
Victoria Keevil	Councillor
Andrew Wallace- Hadrill	Councillor

As of April 2023, we have no Parish Councillor vacancies.

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