

Chairman's Report

Annual Parish Assembly 2017

I will start by thanking my fellow councillors and my Clerk for a very active year working for our Parish.

We have made our roads safer in several ways:

- The pedestrian crossing has been made safer. The zigzags have been extended, after a lot of effort we have bright halo lights, and we also have white flood lighting installed over the crossing.
- We installed dropped kerbs at Mead Park and Chapel Rise.
- Double yellow lines have been placed at Mead Park and Bradford Road as there had been problems due to inconsiderate parking.
- We joined a Speed Indicating Device sharing scheme. So far, the device has been installed for a week at both the western and eastern sides of the village.
- We initiated a metro count near the Bear garage which showed that of 52,494 vehicles checked, 15% travelled at or above 38mph, which means that we still qualify for Community SpeedWatch. The average speed was 31.6 mph.
- The wooden directional signpost at the Poor House Cottage is being repaired by the Bradford on Avon Walkers Welcome Group.

There is a visual improvement to the Clock Tower area with new tarmacking and a new noticeboard.

There is a new Atworth Community Resilience Equipment container at the Business Park. This is in readiness for flooding and any other disaster that may have to be dealt with should the need arise.

We are also saying thank you to William Bird who donated and installed a new gate at the recreation ground to keep dogs off the playing field.

We have provided training sessions for villagers in using our defibrillator and also in CPR. We also provided dementia awareness training, with almost all those attending becoming Dementia Friends. With one in fourteen people over 65 years having some type of dementia, it is important to realise that more understanding is useful in being good neighbours to one another.

I end with my final thanks to Steve Clark for winding our village clock every week, and keeping it in good order, to the WI who work throughout the year in keeping Atworth litter free and also to Steve Jordan for erecting our flags and looking after them.

Effie Gale-Sides Chairman