

GREAT SHEFFORD PARISH NEWS

July 2026

Welcome to a new era of the Great Shefford Parish News

When I received the last Great Shefford Parish News from Linda and read that it was the final one, I decided it was a Great Shefford institution worth saving. I've taken it on temporarily and sporadically and of course depend entirely on the various groups and interests of Great Shefford for contributions. Hopefully, together, we can keep everyone who wants to be informed of what's going on in and around Great Shefford.

Here is the July round up as we settle into the summer holidays. The next one will be in the Autumn. We hear from the Social Club, Great Shefford U5s, Welford Park Cricket Club, Shefford C.E. Primary School, as well as news from the Parish Council with minutes from their last 3 meetings, information on a community litter pick coming up and the latest report from the Speed Watch team. You'll also find a letter from the Lambourn Surgery Patient Participation Group.

In addition, you can access the most recent District Councillor Report here:

[District Councillor Report](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR JULY AND AUGUST

Date	Time	Event	Location
August 1st	8pm	Knockout	Social Club
August 2nd	10.30-11.30	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Great Shefford
August 5th	7.30pm	Bellringing	St Mary's, Great Shefford
August 7th	9.30am	Craft Club	Village Hall
August 8th	8pm	Bingo	Social Club
August 12th	7.30pm	Bellringing	St Mary's, Great Shefford
August 14th	9.30am	Craft Club	Village Hall
August 16th	10.15-11.15	Café Church	St Mary's, Great Shefford
August 19th	7.30pm	Bellringing	St Mary's, Great Shefford
August 21st	9.30am	Craft Club	Village Hall
August 26th	7.30pm	Bellringing	St Mary's, Great Shefford
August 28th	9.30am	Craft Club	Village Hall
August 28th	8pm	Cheese Club	Social Club
September 7th	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall

Great Shefford Parish Council – Meeting Summary 21 May 2026

The Parish Council met following the Annual Parish Assembly on 21 May at the Village Hall. All 7 Parish Councillors were present.

Cllr Tony Coard was elected Chairman for 2026/27, with Cllr Carol Turner appointed Vice Chairman.

During the Open Forum, residents enquired about a replacement gate at the recreation ground and requested the Council's support in clarifying the current status of the Emergency Management Team.

One planning application was considered (26/00864/FUL – barn at Coldridge Copse) and the Council raised no objection.

Councillors agreed to submit a West Berkshire Members' Bid application for a replacement defibrillator, following a report that two of the village's existing units are now over 10 years old.

Great Shefford Parish Council – Meeting Summary 01 June 2026

The Parish Council met on 1 June at the Village Hall, with all councillors present.

During the Open Forum, a resident reported hedge growth affecting the footpath at Spring Meadows and an overgrown path to the allotments. They will speak to the landowner at Spring

Meadows and continue to help with maintenance if permitted, and the Chairman will inspect the footpath.

Repairs to the fence on Newbury Road were confirmed as complete, at a cost of £1,486.99.

Councillors adopted the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Management Strategy for 2026/27. A physical check of village assets will be carried out ahead of formal adoption of the Asset Register.

Planning updates were noted, with no new applications requiring comment.

The Council approved the Internal Auditor's Report and the Annual Governance and Accounting Statements for 2025/26, which can be found on the website.

Preparatory work has begun on a 5-year project to refurbish the play area and recreation ground, including a residents' survey to gather views.

More volunteers are needed for Community Speedwatch, and the handheld device requires repair or replacement.

Plans for the Christmas tree and lights event are progressing, and a date will be set for the next community litter pick.

With the Parish Newsletter editor stepping down, more information will be shared via the Parish Council website.

Councillors also noted the need to repaint the Shefford Woodlands telephone box, housing a defibrillator.

It was agreed to contact the Emergency Management Team for an update on its current status, and a local conservation group, Hickson Hedgerow, has raised concerns about future funding and may seek Parish Council support.

Great Shefford Parish Council – Meeting Summary 06 July 2026

The Parish Council met on 6 July at the Village Hall, with all councillors present.

During the Open Forum, a resident enquired whether the Parish Council would be consulted when West Berkshire Council prepares a new Local Plan and it was confirmed that the Parish Council would be a consultee.

A resident advised that Parish Councillor declarations of interest on the West Berkshire Council website were out-of-date. Action: Parish Clerk to liaise with West Berkshire Council

In Planning Applications, Councillors Armstrong and Copcutt agreed to assess planning application 26/01314/HOUSE Rose Cottage, Shefford Woodlands and agree the Parish Council's consultee response before the deadline of 16 July 2026.

A financial report for the period 01 April 2026 – 30 June 2026 was noted.

The residents' survey for the Play Area and Recreation Ground refurbishment was circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Coard advised that there had been a lot of litter and beer bottles at the recreation ground, and the grass

between the goalposts would benefit from extra attention.

Cllr Armstrong is to explore storage options for Parish Council equipment.

The Traffic calming and speed awareness scheme is struggling from a lack of volunteers. Cllr Bullock reported that a lack of volunteer availability had resulted in only one deployment recently, highlighting the need for more volunteers. It was agreed that 30-minute sessions may be more appealing and easier for volunteers to facilitate and this reduced commitment should be supported if required by volunteers. See advertisement for volunteers later in this Newsletter.

A new email address on the greatshefford.org.uk domain has been provided for use by the Great Shefford Parish News.

The positive response to the clearance of the footpath between the recreation ground and the route to Northfield Farm by volunteers, Allendale Farm and West Berkshire Council Public Rights of Way operatives has led to a conversation on Community Maintenance and Village Pride. Cllr Carter is to take steps to establish a network of volunteers willing to help with tasks around the village.

Councillor Hooker advised that SUDS (Sustainable Drainage) Engineers had requested reworking of drainage documentation relating to the Spring Meadows application (25/01800/FULMAJ). There would likely be a site visit before the application is

considered by the Western Area Planning Committee (WAPC). Cllr Coard sought assurance that the Parish Council's response, compiled following public meetings with residents, would be given due consideration by the WAPC. The government's response to Local Government Reorganisation proposals for West Berkshire was expected by 16 July 2026.

A quote for play equipment remedial repairs was considered, and a second quote was awaited. Cllr Pearson and the Parish Clerk may appoint the contractor offering best value when the second quote is received.

The full Minutes of all Parish Council meetings can be found at:

www.greatsheffordparish.gov.uk or scan the QR code below.

Future Council meetings will be held on 07 September 2026, 05 October 2026, 02 November 2026, 04 January 2027, 01 February 2027, 01 March 2027 and 05 April 2027.

Residents are warmly welcomed to all Parish Council meetings.





Great Shefford Under Fives

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We are now at the end of term and looking forward to a rest over the summer. The summer term has been busy with lots of teacher visits, a trip to Bucklebury Farm Park, visits from Rev. Mike to play his guitar and Rev. Matt to read a story, meeting the pigs and paddling in the river to manage the heat! We also welcomed a visit from the Newbury Agricultural Society Education Officer to explain how milk gets from farm to fridge and we all had a go at milking Buttercup. Our last day of term will be the Sports morning which has been brought to an earlier start at the park to avoid the midday sun. The children will receive the medals they made, plus a leaver's book.

Fourteen children are leaving us to go to Shefford, Brightwalton, Welford, Kintbury, Chilton Foliat and Wantage schools. We will be sad to see them go but know that they are excited for their next adventure.

We do have Pre-School spaces in September so if you would like to know a little more about what we can offer your pre-school child, please do get in touch or look at our website.

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We wish everyone a safe and fun summer break. Best wishes, Denise



News from Welford Park Cricket Club

There is a lot of cricket at Welford Park this year. There's the usual junior coaching from school year 1 upwards on Friday evenings, Under 13 matches in the Berkshire Junior League, a new Development XI who usually play on Thursdays and the availability for the senior teams has been so good that on occasions an extra Saturday or Sunday team has been fielded in addition to the two Thames Valley teams and usual Sunday XI.

At Lords they've used the "too much cricket on the square" excuse for the unsatisfactory rating in the recent test match. Not so at Welford Park and its due to a lot of hard groundwork, particularly by John Fletcher and Ian Herrington.



The 1s celebrate their first win of the season. They seem distracted. Is someone bringing free beer?

Stand outs for the 1st XI so far have been Suvo Datta's 88 and young Drew Brown's 5 wickets in the victory against Eversley and Max Seaward's undefeated 91 in overcoming Sonning. For the 2nd XI opener Ian Perry's 69 not out was key in defeating Mortimer West End.

The Development XI recorded their first victory against Abingdon Vale. Young bloods Oscar Angus (starting the match with a double wicket maiden) and Tristan Greenslade (19 not out) with support from some of the old hands took *The Park* to an eight wicket win.



Ian Perry (right) after his 69 with captain Mike Harrison*

The U13s season commenced with a friendly at Hungerford at which the home team's new "green carpet" was metaphorically rolled out. The ceremony to celebrate their new artificial wicket was attended by England bowler Lauren Bell.

Best U13s performers so far are Olly Paphitis with 30 not out in the Hungerford game and leg spinner Noah Horton with three wickets for the season to date.



The U13s with Lauren Bell

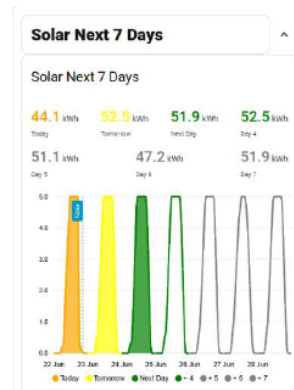


With a foresight that can only be attributed to Nostradamus (or pure luck) the pavilion was positioned so that the sunny side of the roof faces away from the square and so is unlikely to be the impact point of a well struck six. Fast forward thirty years ...

... With excellent support from the supplier, Meadham Energy Solutions, a new Solar Panel and battery installation went live on the 22nd of June. It has the capacity to generate up to 52kWh on the clearest of late June days. This, coupled with battery storage, now provides daily

hot water for the club, meets all the club's electrical needs and still leaves a surplus for export that is expected to cover standing charges throughout the year thus providing renewable energy to the grid for use in local homes.

Apparently the adjacent graph utilises a complex combination of weather forecast and angles to the sun to estimate output.



Contact: To contact the club about participation in any of these activities it's: Ian Herrington: lanherro810@gmail.com 07879 204696.

News from the Social Club

I'm sure you have now seen the amazing space we have created at the social club. While we have been having a break from renovations during the World Cup, our next big project is the flooring and the toilets. We have been very lucky to have been donated enough tiles to redo both toilet areas. If you feel you can help with anything when this starts, please contact us.

As usual, we have our Monthly Bingo on the second Saturday of the month, Cheese club on the last Friday of the month and Knockout competitions on the first Saturday of the month – this month it's pool, so come along and join in.

We are also planning a family fun day and a summer party over the next few months. We would love to get some live music up the social club; again, if anyone knows someone who may like to come and entertain the village for a few hours, please point them in our direction. Keep in touch on Facebook or text 07771474767 if you are interested in joining the events WhatsApp group.

There's a new project in the pipeline as well, so watch this space for more information about how we can utilise the space during the day times.

As you know the social club is run by volunteers and are a not-for-profit establishment. If you feel you could help in the renovations in any way at all, please do contact us. We do have a go fund me page also if you feel you can help financially:

<https://www.gofundme.com/manage/renovate-and-redecorate-our-community-led-social-club>

Thanks to all our supporters. Remember it's your Social Club, so come get involved!

Stuart, Steve, Nick, Amy, Chloe, Shaun, Gaynor and Paul.

News from the craft club

This month our monthly workshop was to create some iron on applique. The subject was very appropriate for our lovely village... a mallard duck!

It was a fairly fiddly activity cutting out the small pieces and layering them up to create the image, before ironing them in place with iron on interfacing.

They could then be embellished with stitching and/or beads. Most of us took our “masterpieces” home to complete this step, but here is a picture of the works in progress.



We had planned to have a social summer lunch on 26th but decided that the weather was going to be just too hot, so decided to postpone it until the weather is more temperate. We did however go ahead with our “show and tell” session where members brought along items they have been working on at home. Pictures of that will be included next month as too late to meet the deadline.

We would like to share however a picture of an amazing piece of embroidery by one of our members. She chooses a photograph of wildlife, in this case a goldfinch and then painstakingly recreates in in stitchwork. A very talented lady!



Community Litter Pick – Sunday 02 August

Great Shefford's next **Community Litter Pick** will take place on **Sunday 2 August**, starting at **10am**. Everyone is invited to come along and help give the village a summer tidy-up.

We'll be meeting at the **Recreation Ground**, where equipment will be provided. The session is relaxed, friendly and suitable for all ages — whether you're joining in for a quick fifteen-minute sweep or staying for an hour, every bit of help makes a real difference.

Community litter picks are a simple way to care for our shared spaces, meet neighbours and keep Great Shefford looking its best.

We hope to see lots of you there, helping to keep our village clean, welcoming and well-loved.



Enquiries to clerk@greatsheffordparish.gov.uk

Great Shefford Speed Report – June 2026

Throughout June 2026, the village's Speed Indicator Device on Wantage Road recorded a full month of traffic movements, giving us a clear picture of how vehicles are travelling through Great Shefford. The results show a busy road with generally compliant speeds, though a consistent minority of drivers continue to exceed the limit.

Traffic Volumes

A total of 57,620 vehicles passed the monitoring point during the month. Average daily traffic ranged between 1,900 and 2,100 vehicles, with weekday peak hours showing the highest flows:

- Morning peak (08:00): around 161–193 vehicles
- Afternoon peak (16:00): around 165–195 vehicles

Sundays were noticeably quieter, with 962 vehicles recorded.

Speed Patterns

- Average speed: 29.63 mph
- 50th percentile speed: 29 mph
- 85th percentile speed: 35.2 mph

- Maximum recorded speed: 70 mph

This means that 85% of all vehicles were travelling at or below 35.2 mph.

However, speeding remains a recurring issue. Across the week:

- Between 14% and 17% of vehicles exceeded the limit
- The average speed of those exceeding the limit was consistently around 40 mph

These figures show that while most drivers are behaving responsibly, a significant minority continue to travel faster than they should.

Daily Trends

The data shows that speeds tend to rise during quieter periods of the day, particularly late evening and early morning when traffic volumes are lower. During busier daytime hours, speeds generally fall in line with the flow of traffic.

The Parish Council will continue to monitor speeds and share data with Thames Valley Police and Community Speedwatch. This data is used to support future discussions on road safety measures.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Join the team

Do you want to make a difference in our community by helping to reduce speeding?

Can you spare a couple of hours a month?

Community Speedwatch is a national scheme that enables members of the public to monitor the speed of traffic passing through our village and identify vehicles that exceed the speed limit.

The scheme is run by volunteers, supported by the local Policing Team – Thames Valley Police.

We need more volunteers

If you're aged 18 or over and interested in joining the Great Shefford Community Speedwatch Scheme, please email Linda Bowden (Great Shefford Speedwatch Co-ordinator) to register your interest

ljbowden883@gmail.com

Lambourn Surgery

Patient Participation

Group Newsletter, June 2026

I am often surprised that, for a variety of reasons, patients may feel uneasy about attending an appointment at our surgery. This is often for very personal reasons and since I have recently been updated on areas where the practice is aiming to put patients at ease, I thought I would share some of this information in our newsletter.

Lambourn Surgery is committed to providing a safe and comfortable environment in which both patients and staff can feel confident that best practice is consistently upheld. If you wish for a Chaperone to be present during your examination, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the reception team or a clinician. A chaperone is available for any consultation, examination, or procedure if you would like one.

You can request a chaperone at any time. A chaperone is present to support, ensure your comfort and safeguard both the patient and the clinician, and to act as an impartial observer, ensuring that ongoing consent is maintained throughout the procedure.

It is recognised that patients may have cultural, religious, or gender preferences regarding who acts as their chaperone. If you let the surgery know

your preferences, they will try their best to accommodate them.

The surgery team are keen to ensure that any patients who need Accessible Information are accommodated. Please let them know if you find it hard to read letters or if you need some communication support for your appointments. They can provide information using tools including Large print, Easy read, Hearing loop, British sign language, Braille, Email, Text message.

All disabled people have the right to Reasonable Adjustments. The surgery aims to make it easy for disabled people to use health services. Reasonable adjustments are dependent on the person. Everyone has different needs.

Some examples might include:

- making sure there is good access for people who use a wheelchair in the Surgery;
- providing plain English or easy read appointment letters;
- offering a longer appointment if someone needs more time ensure they understand the information they are given;
- having a quiet space available for people waiting for their appointment;
- making sure there is a hearing loop system in the consultation room;

- using a communication chart to support a person with dementia during an appointment.

If you have requirements that are not shown above, please let any member of the surgery team know and they will discuss those needs with you and try to find a way to meet those needs, record those needs on your notes and, where appropriate and with your consent, share those needs with other NHS or social care providers.

There is further information on the surgery website or you can ask at reception or any PPG member.

Finally, the surgery is undergoing a study to identify young people under the age of 25 who have left the care system. This is a vulnerable group who often find themselves in the community with little or no support. They may not be aware

that they are entitled to free prescriptions until they turn 25 and also extended length appointments. Often these young people are not registered with a GP practice and so are not aware of their entitlements. If you know of such youngsters please encourage them to register with a GP and once “in the system” they can be better supported.

Please Help Keep Everyone Informed

Please be so kind as to share this newsletter with those who would not normally have access to electronic communications.

Thank you.

You can contact the PPG via email; ppgchairpersonlambourn@gmail.com or in writing via the surgery office, addressed to the Chair of the PPG.

Alan Breadmore, Chair, Lambourn Surgery PPG

Chaddleworth and Sheffield Federated CE Primary Schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our amazing PTFA! What a wonderful Summer Fete was organised for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to each and every member of the PTFA, and their extra volunteers, for all the planning, preparation and time given for this event, and all the super events offered to our school community throughout this year. We have staffing updates to share with our families as we come to the end of term. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Harris and Mrs Simpson-Jones at the end of this academic year. We want to thank them for all they have contributed to our school and wish them both good luck in all their future adventures. We can also share that we will welcome Mrs Brown back into the SENDCo role permanently from September and Miss Lally will be joining our teaching team in Kingfishers. Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend,
Ms Munday Headteacher

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PTFA summer fete

Thank you to everyone who came along, volunteered at, and contributed to our fete on Saturday! It was a brilliant day, and it was great to see so many people! The winners of the bake-off competition were Stanley for the under 8s best cupcake and Seb for the over 8s best cookie! The costume competition

winners were Quinn and Kaleb! Well done to those children and to everyone else who took part. If you have any feedback from the day, please feel free to share this with us via email at chair@csptfa.org.uk or by contacting Mrs Chrimes or Lottie Hadland. The PTFA are excited to share that we have raised all the funds needed for our whole school trip to the Cotswolds water park and beach! Thank you all for continuing to support our PTFA. Lottie Hadland



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Afternoon Tea & Prosecco



- 3:00 - 5:00pm
- Saturday 15th August 2026
- St James Church, Leckhampstead
- £15 per person inc. glass of prosecco!
- Tickets include sandwiches, cakes, scones & tea
- Supporting St James Church & The Dogs Trust
- Use the QR code or call Michelle on 07792 117384 to book tickets



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