**Marshfield Community Council**

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The clocks have changed, the evenings are darker and winter is on the way, and Marshfield Community Council is still meeting on the second Tuesday of every month serving the communities of Marshfield and Castleton. If you would like to learn more about what the council does then you can join the meetings as a member of the public or even better come and fill a vacancy and help your community. All details can be obtained from our clerk Gerry on the information contact details.

**A Warm Welcome**

To Christine Roberts and Jonathan Avers our newest councillors who have recently joined Marshfield Community Council.

**Community Benches**

Two more benches have been provided by MCC and have been recently sited outside Castleton Village Hall and the junction of Mallards Reach and Marshfield Road. We have had some lovely positive comments about how nice they look. Three picnic tables have also been purchased and will be sited at the village hall playing fields soon.

**Coffee Hub Update**

Work is ongoing in fitting out the coffee hub to be based at Marshfield Village Hall. The kitchen units, flooring and counters have already been installed for this project, we will let you know when it is finished and ready for opening. Anyone who wishes to get involved by volunteering or sponsorship please contact the MVHMC.

**Christmas Competition**

Caroline Antoniou is running a Christmas Decoration Competition on behalf of MCC and would like to invite all children in Marshfield and Castleton of primary age and under to make a Christmas decoration of their choice. All decorations will be displayed on the Christmas Tree which will be sited on the green opposite the village shop in December.

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This is being sponsored by Marshfield Community Council who will judge the competition and award prizes to the best top three decorated decorations. Please ensure that your ornament has a fixing so that it can be attached to the tree. All decorations should be delivered to 107, Mallards Reach, CF3 2NL before November 30th between 6pm and 7pm and attach your details (name/phone number) so the prize winners can be contacted. The decoration should be no bigger than 15cmx15cm and can be any shape and theme. Further details email marshfieldmagpies615@gmail.com

**Santa and his Sleigh**

Will be visiting our villages on Sunday 19th December 2021; leaving Castleton Village Hall at 5pm and making his way through Marshfield. This event has also been sponsored by Marshfield Community Council and further information can be obtained by emailing marshfieldmagpies615@gmail.com

**Community Speed Watch Team**

Marshfield Community Council has participated in a Speed Watch Team for some time. New equipment is being provided to the council from the police with training and vetting. Any member of the community can participate after training and this all helps monitor vehicle speed on Marshfield and St. Mellons Roads. Data is collated for the police and helps to guide future road needs (cameras/bumps). If you are interested in taking part then please contact the clerk on the details above as we are in the process of setting up a new team.

**Road to Nature**

The fly tipping black spot formerly known as ‘The Road to Nowhere’ has been renamed by a group set up known as the Friends of Road to Nature. This desperate area has recently been cleared of fly tipping and a very successful litter pick was held on Saturday 30th October. The last remains of litter were removed by over 100 litter pickers from many local groups and members of the public. The group will be working to re-wild this area with wild flowers, trees and insect and hedgehog boxes. Further details can be found at facebook *Friends of the Road to Nature,* or email roadtonature1@gmail.com

**Police Surgeries**

These are held at Marshfield Village Hall on the first Sunday of each month at 11am, the next one is on the **5th December 2021;** they are an opportunity for community members to have a say and ask our police officers any questions.

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**Youth Forum**

The community council would like to encourage our younger members of the community to engage with us and let us know your views and any ideas for your villages – we would love to hear from you so please contact our clerk.

**Engagement with Our Communities**

This is a very important aspect of council responsibilities and MCC has just started working towards a greater interaction with our communities. MCC are aiming to hold an Engagement Workshop early in the New Year and would like residents to attend to tell us what is important to them. Please keep a look out for full details in the next month or so.

**Footpath Clearing**

With the help of Cardiff Conservation Volunteers part of the Castleton Circular Route has been cleared of blocked areas and more will be tackled in the coming months. If any routes are found difficult to pass or blocked please contact our clerk.

**Contacting the Clerk**

The clerk would prefer contact to be made via email where possible; however, MCC understands that not everyone has access to a computer.

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