



**Want to know what Glemsford Parish Council is up to?  
Here's the latest Bulletin to keep you in the picture**

Greetings to all Glemsford residents from the Parish Council. For obvious reasons this has been the most difficult of years with family, work, health, and social life severely disrupted for all of us. You may like to know however that the Parish council is still here for you. We have continued our regular meetings on line with full public access, dealing with planning applications, local problems and village improvements. In other words business as usual....almost! Here are some of the things that have been achieved during Lockdown and news of others in the pipeline.

### QUIET LANE STATUS FOR THE HORSESHOE

Great news for all those of you who have been enjoying the peace and beauty of this leafy lane for fresh air and exercise, especially during Lockdown. After a long wait and patient negotiations by Councillor Brian Stephens, the legal processes are almost complete. 'Quiet Lane' signs at both ends of the Shepherd's Lane/Plum Street/New Street loop should be installed in the early Spring. The signage is designed to make motorists more fully aware of the importance of the route to the public for walking and leisure pursuits. We want to make The Horseshoe as safe for you as it can possibly be.



### VILLAGE HALL UPDATE



You'll be pleased to know that the new Village Hall extension project is well underway. There have been successful public consultations and you can see the plans on the Babergh website. We're also moving forward on funding. The extension will consist of a smart three gabled structure, as shown on the left, which will bring a much needed new look for the exterior of the building. Inside there'll be new meeting areas, improved storage and a brand new kitchen. It's a long term process but have faith; it will be fabulous and great for the Village too.

### CLIMATE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

An environmental policy was approved by the Parish Council in January this year with the help of Lesli Tunbridge and Glemsford's Climate Emergency Working Group. The plan is to do anything possible in our small way to reduce the carbon footprint of the Village and help the Planet in the process. Despite COVID the work goes on, with for example an initiative to involve children at Glemsford Primary School in Eco projects and a switch to a renewable energy supplier for the Village Hall. Thanks too to Lesli and Councillor Adrian Southgate for their efforts to develop a planting and wildlife area in the Churchyard.



### SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AT BROOK STREET

Following representations to County Highways and Glemsford Parish Council, Suffolk County Council are proposing to extend the 30mph speed limit along Brook Street and Duffs Hill. The new signs will be 130m North of the original, at the top of Duffs Hill. Efforts to have them moved to the junction of Fern Hill and Braggons Hill were refused on Highways Criteria grounds.



## KING'S ROAD PLAY PARK



The parish Council finally has the go ahead from Babergh District Council to get on with the play park fencing on condition that there is a safety inspection after installation. We're hoping that the contractor will be able to start work soon.

## FROM BABY BOTTLES TO COCOA

It's official. GCB (Guan Chong Berhad), a Malaysian owned chocolate company, has acquired the former Philips AVENT factory, with a pledge to invest £62.2m and create upwards of 220 jobs. The company manufactures a range of cocoa products and though there will be a time lag before positions start to be advertised, the investment will provide training and skilled opportunities both in Glemsford and the Sudbury area. This is all part of Babergh's vision to attract new businesses and grow the economy in the region. Look out for heavenly aromas on the streets of Glemsford!

## LATEST ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

As you know there have been consultations ongoing about the future development of Glemsford with a view to environmental concerns and the wish to preserve the history and spirit of the Village. This is The Neighbourhood Plan which is now at the stage of seeking funding to look at changes in infrastructure in the coming years. The idea is that if there is a need for moderate expansion, we will have a well designed plan of our choosing ready. A referendum will be held next year and the target for completion of the plan is no later than 2022. This is a fascinating project and if anyone would be interested in joining the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group we are looking for volunteers. Please contact Stephen Plumb on 01787 280890 or 07548 153793.



## ACTIVE WELLBEING

It may be that Lockdown has made it extra difficult for you to socialise or take exercise? If you're an older person or have health issues this may well be the case and the **ACTIVE WELLBEING SERVICE** is here to help. Supported by Sport England and Suffolk local authorities, it's all about your wellbeing and is designed to guide adults, 50+, to find activities that will improve mental and physical health. Active Suffolk's advisors will be working closely with Glemsford Surgery to help identify which patients would benefit. In the meantime if you or someone you know meets the criteria call Chris Lawson 07748181434 or e-mail [Chris.lawson@activesuffolk.org](mailto:Chris.lawson@activesuffolk.org)

## TACKLING LONELINESS

There is also doorstep support available in Glemsford via an organisation called **LIFELINK** a local initiative which has now been specially adapted to assist those with loneliness and anxiety issues during COVID. It uses coaching and local knowledge to introduce people to groups of individuals that can help. To find out more contact local organiser Jan Wilderspin on 07976 798777 or online at [sudburyrural-lifelink@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sudburyrural-lifelink@westsuffolk.gov.uk)

## YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

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