



# ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

ALL RESIDENTS OF RADLETT, LETCHMORE HEATH,  
PATCHETTS GREEN AND ALDENHAM

ARE INVITED TO THE

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WHICH WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2023 at 8pm

IN THE DOUGLAS HICKS ROOM, THE RADLETT CENTRE,  
ALDENHAM AVENUE, RADLETT

ALL WELCOME

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

**Contents for the Annual Parish Meeting from the following:**

**The Chairman of Aldenhams Parish Council**

**Finance and General Purposes Committee**

**Planning Committee**

**Events Working Party**

**Access For All Working Party**

**Allotments Working Party**

**RNP – Community Projects – Cycling/Footpaths**

**Phillimore Recreation Improvement Working Party –**

- **Phase 1 Installation of café**
- **Phase 2 Improvements to the car park**
- **Phase 3 Improving the children's play area**





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**THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED AT THIS MEETING WILL BE:**

- 1. Welcome by Chair of the Council.**
- 2. Apologies for absence.**
- 3. To receive, and if so resolved, confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 May 2022.**
- 4. Annual Reports –**
  - a) Chairs' Annual Report.**
  - b) Finance and General Purposes Committee.**
  - c) Planning Committee.**
  - d) Phillimore Rec Improvement Working Party – Phase 1 Cafe & 2 Car Park.**
  - e) Phillimore Rec Improvement Working Party – Phase 3 Children's Play Area.**
  - f) Events Working Party**
  - g) Access for All Working Party**
  - h) Allotments Working Party.**
  - i) RNP – Community Projects – Cycling/Footpaths.**
- 5. To receive the Accounts and Reports from Charities and Organisations that have received grants from Aldenhams Parish Council during the year.**
- 6. To receive reports from other Charities and Organisations within the Parish.**
- 7. To receive questions from electors.**

**Councillor Helen Jones**  
**Chairman Aldenhams Parish Council**





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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The past 12 months have been particularly busy for Aldenhams Parish Council (APC), with more public events in one year than ever before, along with a lot of work fighting the proposed Solar Plant. We continue to hold our meetings both online and in person. Full Council and our committee meetings are held in person to allow easier public access, and the working parties remain online to provide greater flexibility for the members of these groups.

One of the major projects throughout the last 12 months was the fight against the Solar Plant, after the developer appealed the initial refusal by Hertsmere. This meant that the entire application would be examined in a hearing by the Planning Inspector, with reports and experts from both sides making their case. This ended up being a lengthy hearing of 9 days due to the volume of evidence brought by the parties involved, for the opposition consisted of not just APC but Hertsmere Borough Council and a group of local societies who had joined together to fight the proposal. APC hired experts to write reports about the impact of the proposal on the greenbelt and the local heritage sites, and one of these experts spoke at the hearing. APC also hired a legal team to present our arguments, as it was felt that this was a case we could not afford to lose. In the end, the case ended up being 'called in' by the Secretary of State to decide personally, as it was of such importance. This decision has not yet been made but we eagerly await the outcome.

As mentioned, the last twelve months saw APC hosting many public events, many of them historic. In June, we celebrated Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee with two events managed by Inspire All: the Beacon Lighting and Funfair on the Thursday evening, and the Street Party on the Sunday. We had a great turnout for both events and it was wonderful to see the community come together to celebrate, especially after such a period of isolation and distancing beforehand.

The wonderful joy of the Jubilee was to be followed a few months later by the sad occasion of Her Majesty's passing, bringing the country together once more but this time to pay homage to her incredible life filled with service to her people.

In connection with this, I was honoured as Chair of the Parish Council to be invited to witness the Accession Proclamation by the High Sheriff at Hertford, and then the Mayor in Elstree, before discharging my duty by reading the Proclamation here in Radlett. It was incredible to be part of a tradition that predates modern communication, and I was touched to see so many residents attend.

In August, APC, in conjunction with 'Inspire All', were once again able to run the children's summer activities, which proved very popular despite the heatwave. There was a great variety of activities for children of all ages, along with shows by Captain Calamity, which proved a great hit.

The summertime activities were held at Phillimore Recreation Ground, which we are delighted to announce has once again been awarded Green Flag status. We would like to place on record our thanks to the Open Spaces Team, in particular, David Jenkins, who pushed this initiative forward.



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The Winter Fair and Christmas lights switch-on was another popular event. We had a great turnout, especially given the cold and rain on the day. There was a wonderful selection of stalls, rides and Santa's Grotto, while the lights were switched on by the delightful Dame Dotty. Our thanks go to the APC office staff who organised the whole event, as well as ensuring that all went smoothly on the day.

Looking ahead, APC is in the process of planning another historic event to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. We will be screening the coronation live at the Phillimore Recreation Ground, with tables available for hire as at the Jubilee. There will also be food and drinks available for purchase, along with a small funfair for the children.

APC is delighted to announce that planning permission for a café at Phillimore Recreation Ground has been granted and we are now working on finding an operator to be part of the design team as we progress to finalising plans and select a contractor to build it. A café has been the most requested amenity in every survey APC has done, and so we are pleased to see this project moving forward.

This winter has been a difficult one with the very cold weather making rising costs and squeezed finances even tighter. The council worked with Hertsmere Borough Council and local churches, synagogues and libraries to create a timetable of Warm Spaces throughout the week, where residents could go for warmth and company. Due to this being the first time we have run such a project, the response was minimal but APC is looking at how to improve on this next winter, as we continue to try and support the community as much as possible.

APC has switched to designated working parties, to allow us to have more targeted groups that also allow members of the public to join. We are still legally required to have full council meetings, a planning committee and a finance and general purposes committee but we now have working parties to address, among other things, improvements to Phillimore Recreation Ground, improvements to Phillimore Playground, an Allotment Holders' working party and an Access for All working party. In addition, we have a very active working party to prepare for the Coronation. If you would like to join one of them, we would love to hear from you!

APC was delighted to welcome a new member of staff, Johanna Shearman, as an Officer in September. I'm sure all the councillors will join me in thanking Peter Evans, our Council Manager and Monika Duong, his deputy, for all their continued hard work. They have worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the office in another busy year.

Lastly, at the time of writing this report in January, the situation in Ukraine continues with no end in sight and our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have lost loved ones in this terrible war.



Councillor Helen Jones  
Chair, Aldenham Parish Council



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# FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

The Finance and General Purposes Committee's terms of reference include responsibility to Aldenham Parish Council (APC) for: budgetary control, risk management, insurance, health and safety, the council's policies, management of the council's properties, reserves and all staff matters.

APC reserves on 1 April 2022 stood at £1,470,994 (2021: £1,367,955) of which £419,966 must be used only for capital projects. £83,997 has been earmarked for specific purposes such as Christmas Lights, trees & play equipment. We also held £515,863 (2021: £373,811), Community Infrastructure Receipts (CiL) received from Hertsmere Borough Council for development in the parish (formerly Section 106 monies). With the exception of a small number of grants awarded to Radlett Bowls Club, Aldenham War Memorial, 1st Radlett Scouts and Radlett Men's Club, the balance of CiL has been earmarked towards the Phillimore Recreation Café project. The remaining funds are held in a general reserve.

Our level of reserves remains healthy and will be used to fund a number of capital projects planned over the next few years to provide further community benefit, including improvements at Phillimore Recreation Ground (Café project and children's play area), King George V Playing Fields and other works across the parish. Please refer to our website and the Around Radlett magazine for updates. Further, we continue to support the running costs of The Radlett Centre as one of our key community assets which is reviewed annually. We also have an allocation for grants scheme to other local organisations, which are welcome to apply for grants towards capital projects.

For the 2023/24 financial year, mindful of the challenges many households face with cost of living increases, APC has limited the increase to its precept based on Band D households to 1.89%. This is significantly below the current rate of inflation and the increase set by both Hertsmere Borough Council and Herts County Council. We have achieved this by reviewing expenditure plans for the coming year, reducing contingencies and using some of our general reserves which APC felt it could do without risk to future planned investment.

The Finance Committee regularly reviews the budgets for both running costs and capital expenditure. There is a thorough process of analysis of all cost and income headings before the level of precept is recommended to the Full Council. This year, once again, we have reduced some operational costs to reflect the more challenging economic situation and to accommodate increases in energy costs.

Each year the Council strives to improve its services while at the same time offering value for money with greater efficiency. This is achieved through the hard work of a dedicated





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and experienced team. As always, we would like to thank Peter Evans (Council Manager) and Monika Duong (Deputy Clerk) as well as their office colleagues and the Open Spaces team members for their continued hard work, commitment and professionalism.



Councillor Shaun Wilson  
Chairman, Finance and General Purposes Committee





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### Aldenhams Parish Council Accounts 2021-22

Aldenhams Parish Council ('the Council') is required by statute to publish its annual accounts for the previous financial year.

These accounts are audited both internally by IAC Audit & Consultancy Ltd and externally by PFK Littlejohn LLP. These are the final audited accounts which were examined by them and they made the following comment that APC need to remove the land held under the King Georges Fields Radlett Trust from its fixed asset register. There were no other concerns.

#### Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2022

<u>2020-21</u>	<u>Income</u>		<u>2021-22</u>
686,613	Precept	<u>Note 1</u>	636,934
4,320	Bank interest		4,832
2,401	Grants & Sponsorship	<u>Note 2</u>	9,558
7,559	Fees charged by Council	<u>Note 3</u>	9,776
5,552	Miscellaneous		1,371
97,978	Community Infrastructure Levy	<u>Note 4</u>	170,601
<b>804,423</b>	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>833,072</b>
<u>2020-21</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>2021-22</u>
195,621	Council Administration	<u>Note 5</u>	205,328
156,646	Maintenance of Open Spaces	<u>Note 6</u>	159,966
	Grant and contribution to Radlett		
138,716	Centre costs	<u>Note 7</u>	137,495
61,492	Community Events and interaction	<u>Note 8</u>	58,200
	Grants awarded by the Council to		
29,143	outside bodies	<u>Note 2</u>	20,676
40,010	Earmarked Reserve Projects	<u>Note 9</u>	19,819
	Capital Infrastructure Levy		
20,739	spending	<u>Note 4</u>	28,549
	Long Term Investments	<u>Note 10</u>	100,000
<b>642,367</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>730,033</b>





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1,205,899	Funds balance represented by: Balance brought forward as at 1st April 2021	1,367,955
162,056	Excess of income over expenditure for the year	103,039
1,367,955	Balance C/F as at 31st March 2022	1,470,994

The reserves currently held by the Council are comprised as follows

	£
General Reserves	451,158
Earmarked Reserves (for certain Council projects)	84,007
Capital Reserves (which can only be used on capital projects)	419,966
Community Infrastructure Funds	515,863
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,470,994</b>

Note 1 - Precept -- this is the amount of your Council Tax that is allocated to Aldenhams Parish Council.

Note 2 – Grants & Sponsorship – This includes monies received from Herts County Councillor C Clapper Locality Budget and the four Hertsmere Borough Councillors (Cllrs LL Selby, D Lambert, C Clapper & J Graham towards the celebration event at Phillimore Recreation Ground marking the 100 year of ownership of the area by Aldenhams Parish Council. There was also sponsorship from Debenhams Ottaway for this event.

APC subsidises Newberries Car Park so the first hour of use is free, and grants were made to Citizens Advice Bureau so it could continue its work during the pandemic.

APC also gave grants to Churches Together to provide sound at the Remembrance Day in Radlett and to Tabard RFC for the annual firework display.

Note 3 – Fees charged by the Council -- Income derived from the hire of the allotments, leases with various local organisations which use APC land, plus the phone mast in Radlett Gardens.

Note 4 – Community Infrastructure Levy – These are funds that are paid to Hertsmere Borough Council by developers and passed on to APC, as a condition of certain planning permissions granted.

Community Infrastructure Levy must be allocated to capital funding, APC have put some of these funds aside to help local community groups with capital projects that they have, as well



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as the funding of the proposed café in Phillimore Rec. In 2021/22 funds were allocated as follows;

- Grant to Radlett Bowls Club for improvements to the watering system around the green
- Architect, quantity surveyor and consultation fees for the provision of a café in Phillimore Rec.
- Grant for improvements at 1<sup>st</sup> Radlett Scout hut.
- Grant to Radlett Men's Club for equipment in the Village Institute.

Note 5 – Council Administration – These are the costs of managing the council offices at the Radlett Centre including accounts and general management.

Note 6 – Maintenance of Open Spaces -- These are the costs of maintaining the open spaces owned or leased by Aldenhams Parish Council, including Phillimore Rec (the allotments, children's play area, main field and Fir Spring Wood), Scrubbits Wood, Tykeside and Radlett Gardens, KGV Playing Fields, Aldenhams Green, Letchmore Heath (The Green, the pond and Children's Play area) and Pegmire Lane. This includes staffing, equipment maintenance, planting (including the hanging baskets on the High Street) and repairs.

Note 7 – Grant and contribution to Radlett Centre costs – This year APC continued to fund the centre as the theatre recovers from closure due to Covid.

Note 8 – Community Events and interaction -- all costs associated with engaging with the community such as website, administration and Around Radlett. Also, events such as summer activities and the winter fair/Christmas Lights switch on.

Note 9 – Earmarked Reserves Spending – Projects this year included provision of mezzanine floor in the depot, costs of the 2019 election of councillors, and plans for the allotment drive project.

Note 10 – Long Term Investments – This is funds already held that have been placed in a two year bond.

I hope you have found this summary useful. If you have any queries or wish to see the actual accounts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peter Evans  
Council Manager



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# PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Over the last year, we have continued with our regular twice monthly planning meetings. We have continued to see a steady flow of applications for residential extensions and new builds, including some larger apartment developments. Many of these new builds have continued the trend of demolishing existing homes to produce a new much larger property in established locations.

As I am sure most people know, Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) is a statutory consultee and not a decision-making authority. Our responses to planning applications are passed to Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC) for consideration. Hertsmere does not have to agree with our responses, but APC's responses can highlight issues with applications and help Hertsmere planning officers understand the views of our residents.

This year has seen a public enquiry held into the refusal by Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC) of the proposed solar plant on Green Belt land. APC participated fully in opposing this appeal, and a final decision by the Secretary of State is expected in the Spring 2023.

APC has also received via HBC notification of a planning application for nearly 200 homes on Green Belt land between Shenley Hill and Theobald Street. This follows the Draft Local Plan being shelved with this site being one of those proposed.

We would like to remind all parishioners that it would help the planning committee if you could copy your comments to HBC planning department on applications that concern you, to us. This will make sure that APC will be in a position to consider your views when commenting on applications.

All local residents are welcome to attend out planning meetings on the first floor at The Radlett Centre. These meetings are generally held on the first and third Mondays of every month and the agenda is published beforehand on our website [www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.aldenham-pc.gov.uk)

Once again, we would like to thank officers for all their help in supporting the planning committee, along with Graham Taylor, our specialist co-opted member and the committee members who spend considerable time in reviewing applications before the meetings.



Councillor Mark Cherry  
Chairman of the Planning Committee





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# PHILLIMORE RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENT WORKING PARTY

## PHASE 1 – CAFÉ

Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) has finally been granted planning permission by Hertsmeire Borough Council to build a café/tea room at Phillimore Recreation Ground on Gills Hill.

The café/tea room will be situated in the main field, just next to the depot and will have both inside and outside seating. It has been designed to be as ecologically friendly as possible using sustainable materials such as a timber structure and APC is planning to have solar panels on the roof to help with heating and hot water. The immediate surrounding area will have planters and possibly new trees planted around it.

Now that APC has planning permission, the next thing to do is to find an operator to run the café/tearoom and once we have someone on board, we will then start looking for builders and getting it built. APC is also reviewing the budget to ensure that we get best value.

APC also has plans to enhance other areas of Phillimore Recreation Ground including new gates, a bike park, improved notice boards and a path going all around the playing field making it easier for pushchairs and wheelchairs, etc.

Cllr Catherine Kilhams  
Chairman Phillimore Rec Improvements Working Party





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# PHILLIMORE RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENT – PHASE 3

## CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA WORKING PARTY

As part of the Phillimore Recreation Ground Improvement Project, Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) is looking to improve the Children’s Play Area in a cohesive way and established the working party in order to facilitate this.

Historically, APC has made changes when a piece of equipment has reached the end of its life, or as funding has become available. In 2008/9 there were a number of new elements that were added to the area due to a large £50,000 Section 106 grant being available. Since then, APC has added a zip wire, extra swings, replaced the slide, added the table tennis and a small tractor creative play seat. On average, APC has added a new piece every two years. The last addition was a slide in 2019. A recent safety assessment highlighted that several items will soon reach the end of their working life.

In 2020/21, due to a mixture of a very wet Autumn/Winter and the cleaning regime for the play equipment during Covid19, the grass surface became dangerous and the area had to be closed to the public for six weeks while the ground recovered.

All of these factors have led APC to believe that the time is right to review the Children’s Play Area and see how we can improve the site, with a special focus on making it more accessible to all.

APC conducted a survey at the end of 2022, by asking residents their thoughts on the playground. We had 150 responses and this helped shape the working party’s aims and vision.

The working party is currently looking at how the equipment might be reorganised to make usage safer, as well as looking to add more accessible pieces. The working party is also considering the addition of a new path to ensure year round access whatever the weather, while still retaining the verdant nature of our play ground that so many love.

As this is a new working party, we would welcome members of the public with a particular interest to join.

Cllr Helen Jones  
Chairman of Phillimore Rec Improvements –  
Phase 3 Children’s Play Area Working Party





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## EVENTS WORKING PARTY

2022 was a busy year for events, starting with the Queen’s Jubilee which saw Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) host two events to coincide with the national events – the Beacon Lighting on Thursday 2 June and The Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5 June. Both events were incredibly well attended, with thousands joining together to celebrate the historic occasion. It was fantastic to see so many people attending, and the atmosphere at each event was something to be treasured – the very best of Radlett’s community spirit.

In August, APC organised two free summertime activity days for children at Phillimore Recreation Ground, with Inspire All providing the on the day services. There was a great range of activities for all ages, including bouncy castles, inflatable football, soft play, Jolly Jodie and Captain Calamity. Turn out was brilliant with hundreds attending despite the scorching weather.

Once again, a wonderful Winter Fair was held last November despite the weather being rather unhelpful for most of the day, although it did clear in time for our light switch on by local celebrity Dame Dotty! Following on from last year’s success, we had a mix of things to do with a selection of stalls inside, and funfair rides and Father Christmas’ Grotto outside. The Radlett Youth Council also ran an impressive tombola raising money for their chosen charity.

All of the APC events cross reference with the Access for All working party on how we can be a working party that takes account of varying access needs across the entire community.

A special thanks to the entire APC staff, who did so much work organising all these events.

Looking to the future, we are already planning for 2023 with the King’s Coronation in May.



Cllr Helen Jones  
Chairman of Events Working Party







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# ACCESS FOR ALL WORKING PARTY REPORT

Coinciding with the release of the Government's National Disability Strategy in 2021, Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) formed the Access for All working party.

The aim of this working party is to address the many aspects of our local environment, from high street walkways to parks and open spaces and community events, which could and should be more accessible for people of all ages with any level of disability – visible and otherwise.

APC's Access for All working party is committed to our community becoming a positive example of inclusion and equity. The growing group of participants, from differing political persuasions, is continually identifying how inclusion can be put at the heart of activity, environment and daily life and it has already made a positive impact on the way we plan and communicate. We have done this by focusing our attention on accessibility through the whole journey from booking an event to attending. This includes looking at the web site and comms design, including phone numbers for whom digital remains an issue, providing disabled parking, or fast passes for those that find queuing an issue, supplying chairs for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee lunch and putting in additional support for the Winter Event. We also consider the general event's lay out and try to provide sensory area/s where possible. We also consider accessibility as we conduct consultations (more on this to follow), post social media communications, plan and design the recently approved new café at Phillimore Recreation Ground, and even employment.

In order to be most effective with our work, we have been trying hard to reach those who would benefit the most from our efforts. Through social media, word of mouth and posters, we have been actively sharing news of our working party to get people to join and aiming to see what people might need us to focus on, or invest in, the most – whether they join or not. The next step with this outreach is to continue to signpost services and information for the community as well as actively seek to forge useful data through a short survey, coming soon, asking carers to provide basic information about their clients and/ or family members which will help us stay relevant and show the right support to those who need it. Be proactive!

This working party is committed to highlight disability/ inclusion throughout the year and generate better awareness and understanding. This was done through Neurodiversity Celebration Week (21 – 27 March 2022), Autism Awareness/ Acceptance throughout April, World Alzheimer's Month last autumn and International Disability Awareness in December. We have devised a template for each of these annual 'moments' so we can signpost support services and charities as well as encourage ideas about how our community can



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be more accessible, welcoming and better prepared for those who fall into these and other categories.

Finally, we commissioned local charity, Disability Watford, to undertake a formal accessibility audit on behalf of the working party throughout the summer of last year. The audit was undertaken by a group of people with varying 'disabilities', focusing on the high street in the first instance. Based on the quality of the document, we will consider expanding the audit to include recreational areas. Sadly, their report has been delayed due to poor health and other barriers faced by the vulnerable group of people who were carrying out the audit, but we are hopeful we will receive their report soon. This report will tell us more about the challenges people face day- to -day, through a variety of lenses, so we can further determine how we can make the most impact and in what time frame – and at what cost.

In the meantime, our message to the community is clear. "If you are disabled or have a medical condition, are a carer, or have someone in your family living with the challenges of disability or age-related issues such as dementia or want to drive equality in our community for any reason – the Access for All working party would love to hear from you. **You are not alone**".

Councillor Clare Diskin  
Chair of Access for All Working Party





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# ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY REPORT

The Allotment Working Party has the remit to manage the running of the allotments and reports to Full Council. I chair the Working Party and I am joined by Cllr David Lambert. Three experienced allotment holders, Peter Hordern, Robin Crosher and Gary Walton have been co-opted onto the Working Party.

A key focus of the Working Party has been to set up a supportive regime within which allotment holders can request and receive help but in return must reach an appropriate standard of cultivation and maintenance. In 2022, we implemented a revised inspection procedure. The procedure involved staff from the open spaces team accompanied by a member of the Working Party. An inspection took place in June and all tenants advised of the result. Those allotment holders whose allotments failed to reach the required standard were given a further six weeks to make improvements before a further inspection on those allotments took place in July.

As a result of this inspection procedure, seven allotment holders were asked to vacate their plots. The vacated plots were made available for re-letting and by the end of December, all seven were re-let. The allotments are again full.

Setting out a firm but fair procedure has been welcomed by allotment holders who now understand what is expected from them. The inspection procedure will be repeated again in 2023. Members of the Working Party will offer help to any allotment holder who may be struggling to maintain their plot.

We look forward to the 2023 summer growing season with confidence.



Aldenhams Parish Cllr John Graham  
Chairman Allotments Working Party





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# RADLETT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (RNP) COMMUNITY PROJECTS

## CYCLING & FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

The cycling and footpaths working party was set up by Aldenhams Parish Council (APC) to action some of the visions and objectives in the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan (RNP).

One objective in particular was to implement easy access to the countryside and provide a well maintained network of footpaths, bridleways, cycle-ways and streets within the area. Some of these have already been identified in the RNP as being in need of upgrades or changes and the working party will be concentrating on them in the first instance.

The working party is keen to encourage safer cycling for all. Ideally, the working party would like to see new designated cycle/pedestrian paths created in and around Radlett. It has been shown that if there is a safe place to cycle, people are more likely to consider cycling as an alternative form of transport or cycle as part of their exercise regime.

It is hoped it might be possible to extend the Beryl bike and electric bike scheme that is operating in Borehamwood to this area in the near future. This would enable people to hire a bike, use it for their journey or enjoyment and then leave it at any designated bay when it is no longer needed.

These are ideas the working party will be looking into over the coming months and by liaising with the appropriate authorities, such as Hertfordshire County Council and Hertsmere Borough Council, some of these initiatives could be achieved for the benefit of the local community.

If you are interested in joining this working party, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Cllr Estelle Samuelson  
Chairman of the RNP Community Projects  
– Cycling & Footpaths Working Party







