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# Chairman's Blog

I am delighted by the news this month that the Secretary of State has sided with us and turned down the application for a Solar Farm on land North of Butterfly Lane, saving 320 of green belt land from development. The green belt is vitally important in stopping urban sprawl and maintaining the openness of the countryside we are so lucky to have so close. In keeping with this need to protect the green belt, Aldenham Parish Council (APC) is seeking your feedback for the draft local plan. We will be hosting an information evening in conjunction with Cllr Caroline Clapper on 21st May – please see our website for further details.



Helen Jones



## Phillimore Playground Easter Event

APC joined forces with Proludic to host a fantastic Easter Event to celebrate the opening of the new playground. The festivities included giant bubble fun, an Easter egg hunt, assault course challenge, face painting, sweet treats and glitter tattoos, applied by the brilliant Radlett Youth Council. The sun was shining and there were lots of happy faces enjoying all the fun.

A big thank you to the APC office staff and Open Spaces Team for organising a fantastic event and to all that attended to show their support .

## New Defibrillator at Patchetts Green

APC is once again thrilled to be able to help install a new defibrillator, this time in Patchetts Green. It has been installed on the back wall to the left of the main entrance of The Three Compasses pub, so is accessible to all 24/7. This means all main areas within the parish of Aldenham now all have this vital piece of life-saving equipment. WIIS grants were received from Hertsmere Borough Councillors along with a grant from County Cllr Caroline Clapper.



## Poppy Appeal Organiser for Aldenham Needed

Poppy Appeal is run entirely by volunteers and currently they do not have an Organiser in Aldenham. Donations raised by Poppy Appeal all go towards helping to support our Armed Forces Community. If you could be a volunteer for the Aldenham area, please call us on 01923 856433 or email Sam at [ross@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:ross@britishlegion.org.uk)



## New Co-Opted Councillor Elected

APC is happy to announce that **Stuart Howard** was co-opted, at the Full Council meeting on 30 April, as our newest councillor. Stuart moved to Radlett 10 years ago and has raised his family here. He is a Chartered Accountant and appointed trustee of the local Poppy School Academy and the Aldenham School Parents Assoc, and APC look forward to working with him.

## Café Project Update - Works Begin!

APC is excited to report that works will begin on **Thursday 9 May 2024**, where the team will start to cordon off the area in preparation for construction works to commence on **Monday 13 May 2024**, with an anticipated completion of mid-October. As a result, there will be limited parking in the car park at Phillimore Recreation Ground. Regular updates will be posted on our website.

