

Dear Residents

January 2022

Happy New Year!

It's a new year and a new start. We sincerely hope that 2022 will be a better year for all, please remember to stay safe and protect yourselves and others.

A look back at 2021

It was a difficult year for all including the Parish Council. We started the year with full lockdown restrictions in place with the Council were meeting virtually. In May we were able to start meeting face to face and operations slowly started to return to some form of normality. We continue to meet face to face with social distancing. With the situation constantly changing we will do our best to continue to serve our residents the best we can.

In May there were local elections, and this year Denham Parish had an uncontested election but we do have three new Unitary Councillors who we have worked closely with to progress local issues.

In 2021 we have completed many projects and progressed others. We started the year with the bloom of our spring bulbs, we hoped that residents would appreciate a flash of colour around the Parish after such a difficult festive period. We have continued through the year with investment in Tatling End Play Area, the installation of a new outdoor gym, new fencing and the planting of the commemorative Oak tree for HRH Prince Phillip Duke of Edinburgh.

Other successful projects have included updating our noticeboards, new wildflower verge in Denham Green, installation of new benches and defibrillators.

Upcoming Events

We are planning to continue with our indoor events in the new year in particular the Memory Café on the **14 January 2022** at 11am and the Tea Dance in February.

Please keep an eye on our website and follow us on Twitter **@denhamPc** to make sure you don't miss out on a year of exciting community events we are planning in 2022. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer please mail enquiries@denhambucks-pc.gov.uk or call 01895 834709.

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Result

On the 9 December 2021 there was a historic referendum for residents in Denham. The result of the referendum was that residents supported the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan will now be taken into account for any future development in Denham. The Plan protects the unique characteristics of the area. The Neighbourhood Plan is now an official legal document and will be given weight in all planning decisions in Denham.

We would like to thank all those residents that came out to vote on a cold winter's day. We would also like to thank all of the residents and volunteers that contributed towards the formation of the Neighbourhood Plan over recent years.

2021 Christmas Card Competition



For the second year running we ran a successful Christmas Card competition with our local schoolchildren. This year there was a Christmas card winner and the younger children created a Christmas collage.

Well done to all of the children that took part in the competition and the collage has been displayed in the school.

See a Problem - Report It!

If you see any issues around the Parish relating to the roads, pavements, potholes, bins or lighting don't forget to take a picture and report it directly to Buckinghamshire Council on the Fix My Street website <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>

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