



News

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WOW! where does the time go and what do they say about time flying by when you're having fun. I have just completed my 6 month's probationary period, which I am very pleased to say I passed. It may be a strange thing to say, but I have now found myself adopting Cradley & Storridge as a second home and have found myself becoming protective of it. I can only put this down to the warmth of my welcome, by not only the councillors but the people of the parish. A huge Thank You to you all.

The one thing which has really touched my heart is the huge community spirit and the willingness of volunteers within Cradley & Storridge. From the unsung volunteer heroes who empty the dog waste bins, the Parishes footpath officers who spend hours walking the footpath's reporting problems, the unseen team of residents who do the bulb planting around the recreation areas and the watering of the plants in the summer. The resident who cleaned off all the graffiti on the road signs, all these things are not done my magic, even if it seems they are, the list goes on and on.

Christmas, I feel is a good time for one to reflect on what both Parishes already have, be that the amazing village halls with their active committee's that do the day-to-day jobs which keep them running smoothly. The amazing and highly respected doctors' surgery which tops all the ratings, the well-supported Royal British Legion Club which bring the wider community together young and old or the two amazing Parish Churches which ooze with history and charm and which I hope will be bursting at the seams over this forthcoming Christian festive period. Lastly don't forget the Village shop an envy to many villages who have lost theirs. Remember everything I have mentioned should be supported and used, or we will lose it. **Support Local.**

All these things mentioned are what the Parish has, the BIG question is, what would you like to see in the parishes over the coming months and years, that is the question. The Parish Council want to hear your views, so while your sat in front of the fire eating that last mince pie and sipping your wine, please have a think on how things could improve.

May be your New Year's resolution could be to join the Parish Council and make a difference and forge the new future for Cradley & Storridge.

You may be thinking, where is all the Parish Council news, don't forget the Parish Council don't meet in December, so watch this space for a bumper amount of news in the New Year. Plus, the Reporter magazine will be through your door in December.

Please don't forget the next Parish Council meeting will be on the 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Storridge Village Hall.

On behalf of the Chair, the Councillor's, and myself, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Why not enrol on to the Cradley & Storridge Parish Council website www.cradleyparishcouncil.gov.uk you will then get emailed all the latest Parish Council news and other useful documents.



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