

You are cordially invited to:

Odiham and North Warnborough Annual Parish Assembly

To be held on ***Tuesday 8th April 2025***
at North Warnborough Village Hall

Doors open for refreshments and community stands from 6pm

Meeting 6.30 – 8pm

Presentations will include : An update from RAF Odiham

The anniversary of the Magna Carta Odiham: presented by local resident John Champion

All Parishioners are invited to attend (no need to book)



See you there!

Your 
Odiham

Chair's Welcome Cllr Dr Angela McFarlane

Odiham Parish Council

1. Chairman's welcome and housekeeping
2. Signing of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th April 24
3. Guest speakers:
 - ▶ RAF Odiham
 - ▶ John Champion- Local resident
 - ▶ Questions
4. Council highlights of the year – Cllr McFarlane
5. Reports from Council committee chairs
 - ▶ Planning & Development Committee – Cllr Verdon
 - ▶ Community Committee – Cllr McFarlane
 - ▶ Amenity Areas Committee – Cllr Sanger
 - ▶ Finance Committee – Cllr Tyler
 - ▶ War Memorial working group – Cllr Bell
6. The year ahead – Cllr McFarlane
7. Questions
8. Networking



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RAF Odiham



John Champion The Magna Carta

Magna Carta 2025

- ▶ 1215 – Odiham was a stepping stone to Runnymede
- ▶ 1215 – Magna Carta sealed at Runnymede
- ▶ 2025 – Revised, definitive Magna Carta issued by Henry III
- ▶ Magna Carta Day is 15 June, annually

2015 – Odiham gets its own castle



Council Highlights of the Year

**ODIHAM AND NORTH
WARNBOROUGH**


NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLAN 2014-2032



LOCAL COUNCIL
AWARD SCHEME
QUALITY GOLD



Council Highlights of the Year



Odiham and North Warnborough

Community Emergency Plan

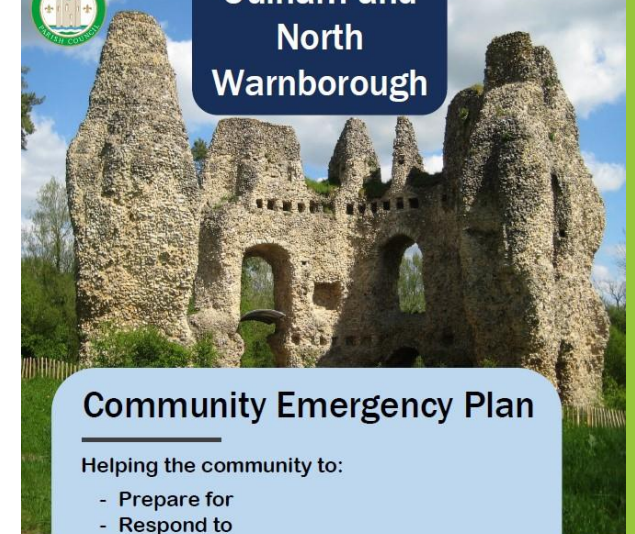

Helping the community to:

- Prepare for
- Respond to
- Recover from

Emergencies in our area

Introduction

Last updated: 29/05/2024



The Bridewell



The Bridewell

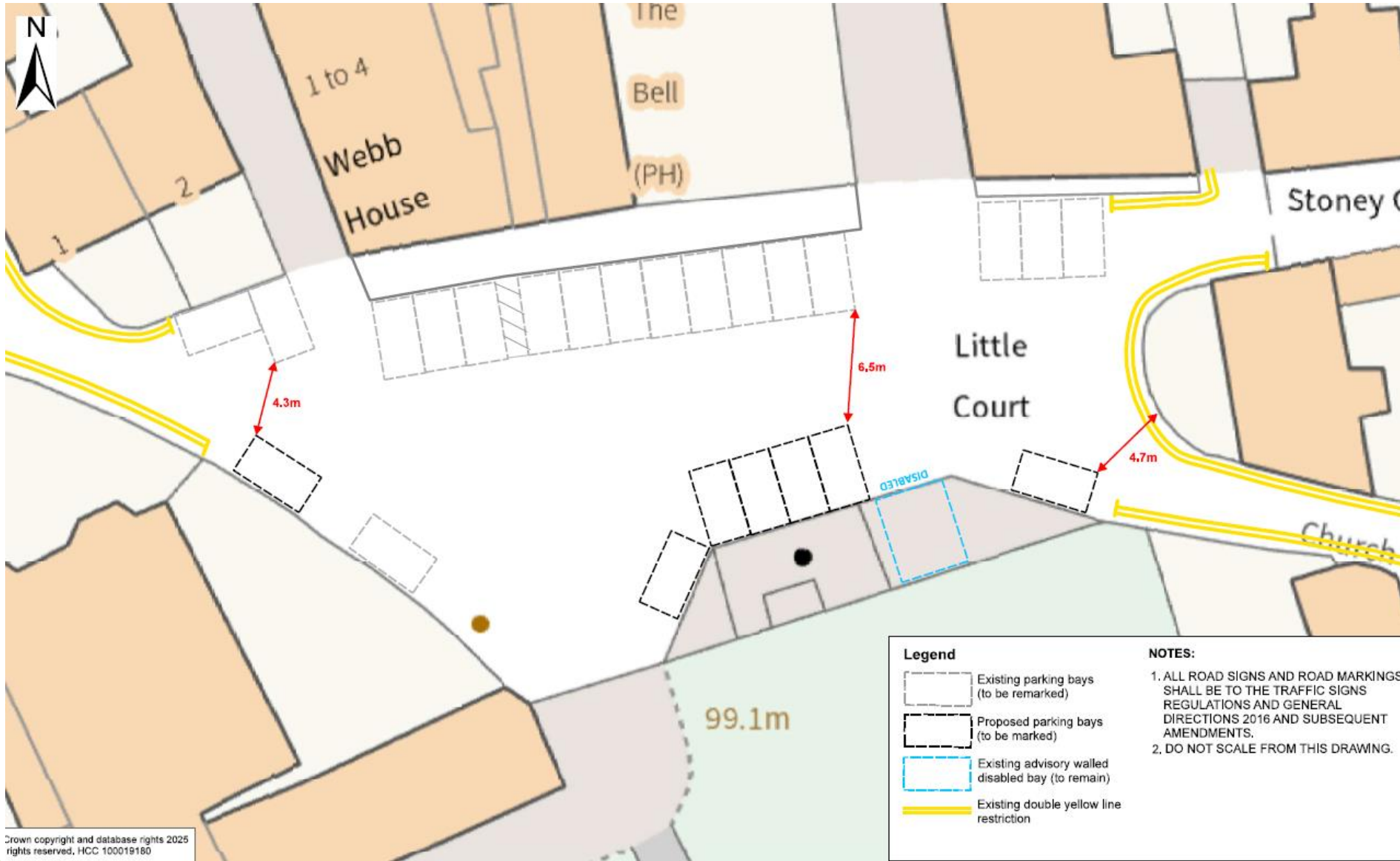
“That, in light of the review, OPC should not pursue the expansion of available space at this time, not least due to the challenges of servicing the needs of more than 30 people in the building at one time and the lack of parking in the immediate vicinity. Instead, OPC should focus on the following short to medium term goals which consolidates and improves existing space at The Bridewell and continues to meet the original project aims:

Re-decoration, flooring and window dressings.

1. Upgrading lighting to energy efficient lighting.
2. Improved energy efficient heating.
3. Updating shelving in the Library Room to maximise floor space and enable improved heating.
4. Improvements and possible re-configuration of the corridors surrounding the courtyard.
5. Additional toilet provision.
6. Repairing the building fabric including removal of render on the external walls.
7. Ownership of the block paving area at front of building.
8. Research for an alternative solution to provide access to the first floor that offers a more affordable solution.



Parking in The Bury



Planning & Development Committee

CIr Pam Verdon

- ▶ Planning Committee continues to meet every 3 weeks on Zoom. Some applications are referred to Full Council meetings in order to meet statutory deadlines.
- ▶ Members of the public are welcome to join meetings online.
- ▶ Since May 2024, over 100 housing applications and 34 tree applications have been considered.
- ▶ **Policy 2 Housing Development Sites:**
 - ▶ Site (i) Land at Longwood
 - ▶ Sites (ii) Land at 4 Western Lane
 - ▶ Site (iii) Crumplins Yard
 - ▶ Site (iv) Land at Albion Farm
 - ▶ Sites (v) Land at Dunleys Hill
 - ▶ Site (vi) Land at Hook Road
 - ▶ Site (vii) Land next to Crownfields
- ▶ **Other developments**
 - ▶ Chosely Solar Farm
 - ▶ Industrial warehouses at Newlyns
 - ▶ Albion Centre, Dunleys Hill
 - ▶ Pest House
- ▶ **Other work:**
 - ▶ Secured £88,000 Section 106 developers' contributions from the two development sites east of Hook Road.



Neighbourhood Plan Review

CIr Pam Verdon

► Reason for review

An essential step to ensure that our Neighbourhood Plan remains current and robust and stands up to challenges from developers.

► Main changes

- Policies and maps amended to reflect reality on the ground such as where agreed housing has already been delivered
- The addition of 11 Local Green Spaces valued by the community.
- One development site – Land at Dunleys Hill removed as the developer was denying the link with the Public Green Space on the rest of Dunleys Hill which had been a fundamental reason for allocating that site originally.

► Referendum results

A convincing 95% (545) voted in favour. 30 people (5%) voted against and one vote was spoiled.

► The Plan will be formally adopted at Hart's full council meeting on 24th April.





Community Committee

CLlr Angela McFarlane

Community Grants



- ▶ £270 to Odiham raft race to help with running costs.
- ▶ £500 to 1st Odiham Guides to help towards updating the camping and outdoor equipment.
- ▶ £400 to Odiham and North Warnborough Bowls Club to help with electrical instillation to comply with current requirements for health and safety.
- ▶ £500 to Odiham Book Exchange to help with costs for the inaugural Book Festival.
- ▶ £580 to Baker Hall for a solar project to install solar panels to reduce costs and maximise environmental benefits.
- ▶ £250 to Mustard Seed Autism Trust for a new laptop to create resources and information for autistic children and their families.





Odiham Parish Council
and In Stitches



WANTED!

Can You?

Knit, Crochet, or
Sew Poppies?

Free wool & pattern provided

Please help us to make
our War Memorial
"Poppy Proud" for this
years' Remembrance.



To find out how to get started,
Contact:
Odiham Parish Office: 01256 702716
deputyclerk@odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk
InStitches: JoJo Roberts 07740 627124
jcroberts2@tiscali.co.uk

Community Committee Cllr Angela McFarlane

Promotion

- ▶ Summer newsletter (online) Autumn and Spring newsletter.
- ▶ Supported Speedwatch.

Events for 2025/26

- ▶ Freedom Parade 27th June
- ▶ Poppies for The War Memorial- joint project with In Stitches and Odiham Parish Council to knit/crochet/sew poppies for the War Memorial In time for Remembrance.
- ▶ Remembrance Sunday -9th November
- ▶ Christmas Tree lighting -27th November
- ▶ Small drinks reception to thank local volunteers.



Amenity Areas Committee

Cllr David Sanger

- ▶ Contract and Site Management
- ▶ Recreation ground and play areas.
- ▶ Chamberlain Gardens play area and Beacon Field.
- ▶ Chapel Pond and Bufton Field play areas.
- ▶ Allotments.
- ▶ Land at The Firs and Colt Hill.
- ▶ Odiham Cemetery.
- ▶ 2 chapels and Chapel Cottage.
- ▶ Community orchard.
- ▶ The Bridewell.
- ▶ The Parish Room.
- ▶ Noticeboards and benches (over 50).



Amenity Areas Committee

CLr David Sanger

Improvements during past year:

- ▶ Regular inspections, repairs and maintenance of playground equipment, safety surfacing and benches.
- ▶ Improvements to Odiham Cemetery - levelling of some burial plots, grounds clearance and additional grounds maintenance.
- ▶ Full open tender process to award new grounds maintenance contracts for 2025-28.
- ▶ Installation of bird and bat boxes in 4 amenity areas.
- ▶ Structural surveys of all properties.



Finance Committee

Cllr Helen Tyler

- ▶ The 2025-26 budget and precept was agreed by full Council 21st January 2025:
 - ▶ Budget £301,506
 - ▶ Income £57,940
 - ▶ Precept £243,566
 - ▶ Equates to £101.78 per Band D equivalent
- ▶ The 8.36% increase includes direct increases in running costs, for employee national insurance costs, property insurance and the management of buildings and local open space facilities.
- ▶ The Council is pleased to continue supporting the following groups and activities next year:
 - ▶ £4,500 grants to InOdiham for Bands in The Bury, Odiham Food Festival and Extravaganza.
 - ▶ £2,000 community grants to support small projects which benefit local people.
 - ▶ Financial support to Citizens Advice.
 - ▶ Projects which support RAF Odiham personnel.
 - ▶ Financial support for the management of Odiham Common, Broad Oak Common and The Basingstoke Canal.
 - ▶ Street lighting.



War Memorial working group

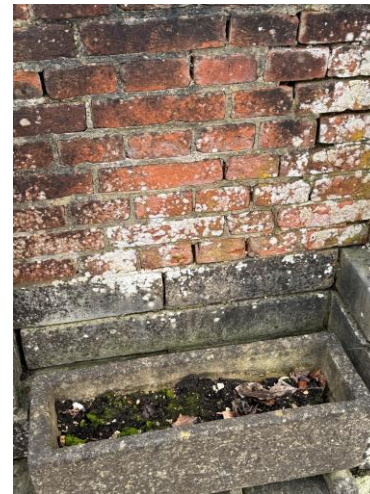
Cllr Steve Bell

The war Memorial in Odiham is a piece of architectural history.

Working group created to try and tidy up the steps and the area surrounding the War memorial. The bushes were trimmed, and the steps cleared.....

As you can see there is a lot of structural work that needs to be completed to restore it back to its original state.

A grant application for £30,000 has been submitted to The War Memorial Trust to help with the works



ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Annual Report

April 2025



Council Priorities 2023-2027

Copies available
Published online



The year ahead

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2025-26

This annual action plan should be read in conjunction with the Odiham Parish Council Business Plan 2023-27 <https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/OPC-business-plan-adopted-March-2024-2.pdf> and follows on from the Annual Action Plan 2024-25, available for inspection at <https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/council/annual-reports>

Actions will be monitored and reported in an annual report presented to residents at the Annual Parish Assembly and shared online at <https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/council/annual-reports>



- ▶ Events to commemorate 100 years of aviation at RAF Odiham – Freedom Parade 27th June.
- ▶ Community voluntary activities:
 - ▶ Conservation volunteers – 26th April, 31st May, 28th June
 - ▶ Speedwatch
 - ▶ Poppies
 - ▶ War memorial
 - ▶ 20mph scheme on King St research
- ▶ Watching brief on Devolution in Hampshire and local government re-organisation.
- ▶ Focus on smaller scale works to improve the current facilities at The Bridewell and finding tenant for vacant office space.
- ▶ Focus on longstanding issues at amenity sites eg war memorial and starting a project to replace play equipment at the Chapel Pond play area.





Questions

