

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & QUESTIONNAIRE

With the closure of Urchfont Manor grounds to pedestrian and vehicular traffic with effect 3rd September 2012, there are a number of issues which are being addressed by the Parish Council in consultation with Wiltshire Council. This flyer seeks to share those issues with you and seek your comments in relation to usage of community facilities and associated accessibility issues which you may have concerns about.

Access to Oakfrith Wood

Access to, and use of, the existing permissive path to Oakfrith Wood, which many of you would have accessed to date through Urchfont Manor grounds and via the now closed gate in the far corner of Manor car park, will be denied at some point in the near future. In due course and, subject to ongoing negotiations between Wiltshire Council, the prospective new owner of the Manor and the tenant farmer, we hope that a new path will be provided running from the Crookwood Lane side of the Playing Field to a new entrance to Oakfrith Wood alongside the Woodland Crafts Centre. It is currently understood that:

- This new path would be fenced to stop dogs venturing into the fields used by the Manor tenant farmer and also onto the Playing Field.
- The path might possibly be accessed via gates in Crookwood Lane opposite Cuckoo Farm.
- The gate to the existing permissive path in the far corner of the Playing Field will be closed off.
- Out of School hours, when the entrance path and gate to the School from Top Green is open and not controlled, access to the path could probably be made across the Playing Field to a new path entrance, **BUT ONLY WITHOUT DOG(S)**.

In the interim and until the route of a new path is agreed, pedestrian access to the existing permissive path will be:

- **Without dogs** - walk across the Playing Field and enter the permissive path through the existing gate in the far corner.
- **With dogs** - walk along Crookwood Lane to the steps up the bank to the Public Right of Way kissing gate, proceed along the Public Right of Way towards Witchell Lane until it crosses the existing permissive path. Join the existing permissive path at this point.

Vehicular and Pedestrian access to Oakfrith Wood via the gate from Witchell Lane remains unchanged.

Access to the Cricket Club

Similar to Oakfrith Wood, pedestrian access will no longer be available via Urchfont Manor Grounds. At present pedestrian access will only be available by:

- Walking along the B3098 to get to the Witchell Lane entrance
- By crossing the B3098 and using the Bridle Path behind New End Cottages to get to the Witchell Lane entrance
- By using the Public Right of Way from Crookwood Lane to Witchell Lane.
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Access to the Playing Field / Playground

This is already the subject of a survey which you will hopefully have seen and responded to in the last two editions of Redhorn News and on the Parish Council & Community Website. **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED** anywhere on the Playing Field

- Access to this area will normally only be available through the gates from Crookwood Lane.

- Out of School hours, when the school entrance path and gate from Top Green is open and not controlled, this path can be used to access the Playing Field.

To assist with and inform the consultation process / negotiations with Wiltshire Council, the Parish Council need to establish the information detailed in the questionnaire below. It would be very much appreciated if you would complete the questionnaire and return it to the Clerk to the Council as soon as possible and by 30th September 2012 at the latest.

Oakfrith Wood

How often on average do you visit Oakfrith Wood? Daily / every few days / Weekly / Monthly / Other

Do you go there with your dog(s)? YES / NO / MOSTLY

Do you go there with your children? YES / NO - How many?

Do you use a pushchair, wheelchair or mobility scooter? YES / NO

Do you have difficulty with steps or steep slopes? YES / NO

Until now, did you access the existing Permissive Path via Urchfont Manor Grounds? YES / NO / Occasionally

Do you have any concerns about walking to Oakfrith Wood along the pedestrian routes described overleaf?

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Cricket Ground (now incorporating Croquet lawn)

How often do you walk to the cricket ground?

Do you go ALONE / WITH OTHERS / WITH CHILDREN?

Until now, did you access the existing Permissive Path via Urchfont Manor Grounds? YES / NO / OCCASIONALLY

Do you go to the Ground TO WATCH / PLAY CRICKET or CROQUET?

Do you have any concerns about walking to the cricket ground via any of the routes listed overleaf?

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Playing Field / Playground

If you have not already responded to the previous survey, please respond now using the survey in Redhorn News or on the Website. Otherwise please express any concerns on accessibility via Cuckoo Corner / Crookwood Lane that you may have?

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Please use additional sheets if there is not enough room on this questionnaire for you to fully respond; also include any other comments on this subject that you feel may help.

Your Name:

Your Address:

Please Return Form to: Bob Lunn, Clerk to the Parish Council, 14 Walnut Close, Urchfont, SN10 4RU or email your response to urchfontpc@hotmail.com as soon as possible but no later than 30th September 2012.

This survey can also be found on the Parish Council & Community Website at www.urchfont-pc.gov.uk under 'News & Events' along with a map showing the various pedestrian routes referred to herein.

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