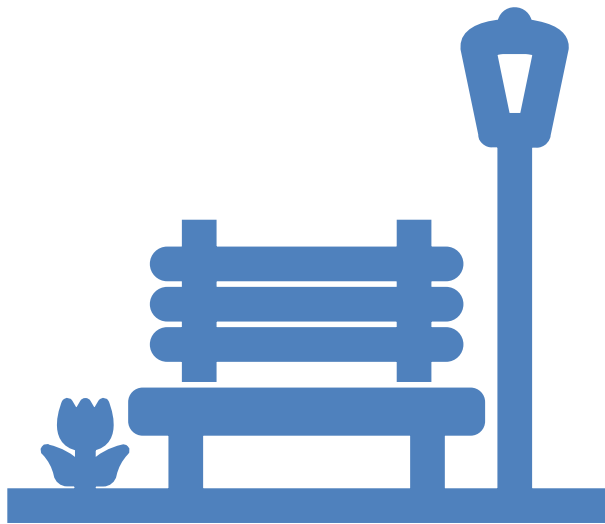




Achievements Report – May 2024 to
May 2025

Kingstone & Thruxton Parish Council

Community Support & Wellbeing

- Established the Kingstone Food Share and incorporated a coffee morning to combat social isolation.
- Organised CPR training with Herefordshire Heartstart, with more sessions planned for this year.
- Supported the Kingstone Village Hall Committee with funding.



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HEARTSTART
Simple skills save lives



Environment & Green Spaces

Organised successful bulb planting with many volunteers 🌸

A new path to be installed on the orchard behind Whitehouse Drive

Parish allotments remain well used, with just one plot vacant.



Recreation & Youth Engagement

- Supported Sports Association with funding
- Formed Youth Engagement Working Group to plan new spaces
- Maintained the dirt bike track and looking at making further improvements



Community Spirit & Seasonal Activities



- Installed and decorated the Parish Christmas Tree 🎄
- Christmas switch-on disrupted by bad weather but tree still a focal point in the village
- Thank you to councillors and volunteers for litter picking – 74 bags collected!





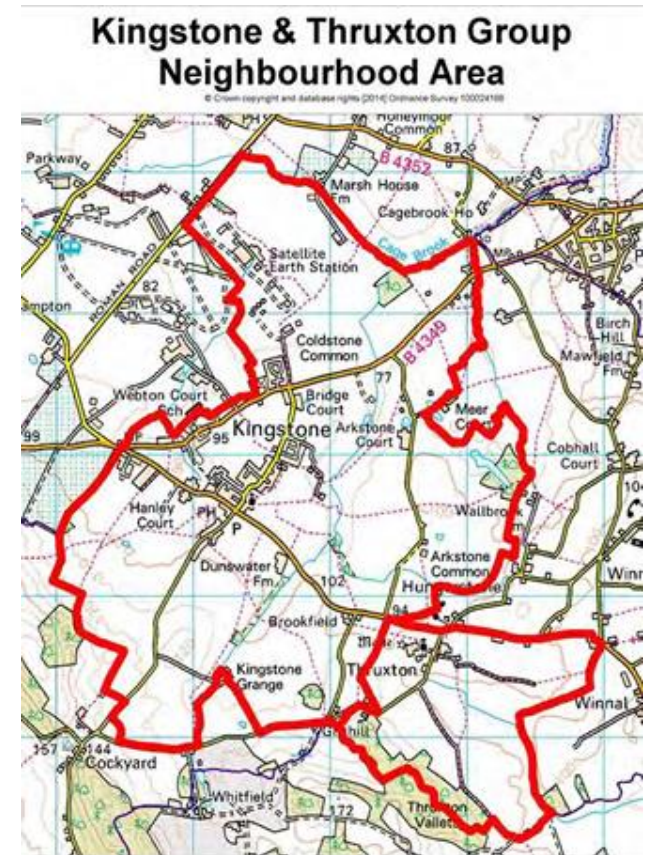
Celebrating Our Volunteer Footpath Officer

Huge Thanks to Paul

- Paul, our Volunteer Footpath Officer, has done an **outstanding job** maintaining and keeping open the footpaths across the parish.
- The Parish Council has supported him by providing equipment to assist in this vital work.
- All of this is done **voluntarily**, with commitment and care for our community.
- A special thank you also goes to his helpers: *Fenton and Ellie*
-  Your efforts make a real difference — keeping our countryside accessible and enjoyable for all! 

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Review

- The update of the NDP is progressing well, with several meetings already held
- Efforts will continue to gather background information to enable the implementation of plans once approval is received from Herefordshire Council
- Work will proceed in collaboration with the planning consultant



Welcoming Our New Contractor

- A new contractor, MJH Contracting was appointed for Lengthsman duties towards the end of 2024.
- Since then, he has been **actively working across the parish** carrying out:
 - General maintenance tasks
 - Drainage improvements funded by the **drainage grant**
- We will be **liaising with him shortly** to prepare a new grant proposal for further drainage works this year.
- The Parish Council looks forward to continuing this partnership with Matt, please do say hello if you see him out and about in the parishes.



Governance & Communication

- The Parish Council maintained effective governance and oversight through regular meetings, transparent decision-making processes, and sound financial management in accordance with statutory requirements.
- **New noticeboards** have been installed in both parishes to help keep residents better informed along with a planned increase in social media presence.
- Councillors have also taken part in various **training sessions** and attended both in-person and online meetings with Herefordshire Council to continue building knowledge and staying up to date on key local issues.

Financial Administration & Grants

- Grants made: £500 to Food For Families, £600 to Village Hall, £2,500 to the Sports Association, £200 to Kingstone PCC, £300 to Dore Community Transport, £500 to Kingstone Surgery Charitable Trust Automatic Dispenser project.
- Obtained various grants from Herefordshire Council to assist with village maintenance

A black dog is sitting in a grassy field with patches of snow. A large, weathered log lies horizontally across the middle ground. In the background, there are several trees with bare branches and some evergreens. The sky is a pale, overcast blue. The entire scene is framed by a white, hand-drawn style border.

Thank You

To all the volunteers, residents, and
community groups
**your support is what makes our parishes
a great place to live.**

*It's the people that make our community
special.*