# All Cannings Parish Council Report from the Chair 2023-24

CORONATION AND POURING

By Cllr Amy Gray, Chair of the Council

## Grass Cutting

We have new contractors now managing the grass cutting in the village, replacing the previous contractors whose work deteriorated significantly after a relocation of their base depot from Devizes to Westbury. ACPC decided to end the contract with Idverde early after it became clear that the contractors could not maintain All Cannings green spaces satisfactorily. The new contractors are doing an excellent job getting All Cannings green spaces smartened up.

## Best Kept Village

All Cannings has entered the best-kept village competition again this year, we nearly withdrew last year due to the poor condition of our green spaces but still came in second place. Work has started on cleaning up the public areas, with councillors collecting dumped rubbish on the Glebe field, and weeding and trimming plants on the floral bank. It is hoped that the residents will do the same with their properties so that the village presents well to the BKV judges.

## Coronation Bank

Last year it was decided to alter the maintenance plan for the Glebe bank, which was also renamed the Coronation Bank, in celebration of King Charles III assent to the throne. The Coronation Bank will no longer have short-mown grass, it will be allowed to grow longer to encourage wildflowers and nature to thrive, new crab apple trees have been planted to replace the diseased and felled ash trees and provide nutrition for birds. Due to the poor weather conditions, it has taken longer to establish than expected, hopefully, this year it will start to mature.

Work has started tidying up the cemetery, cutting back overgrown hedges, and dying trees, and removing logs. The railing fence will require repainting soon.

## Coronation Celebrations

The council organised village celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III, with a film screening in the village hall, a bake-off and a dish fit for the king. Also, all enjoyed music, pop-up shops, children's circus, BBQ, children's dressing-up competition and fairground activities on the village green.

## All Cannings In Bloom

This year we have a brand-new event, All Cannings in Bloom instigated by a fairly new councillor and assisted by another new councillor. Who has done a lot of work acquiring, prizes, cups and sponsorship, the event is entirely self-funding. The council hopes all residents will take part, regardless of the size of their garden, even a hanging basket alone could be entered.

## Summary

The many things above sum up our continuing strengths within our community and the Parish Council. All members of the Parish Council, whether born and bred in the village or relative newcomers like myself work quietly for the good of the village and parish as a whole.

Thanks also to anyone else who has supported us over the last year. Thanks again to my fellow councillors and all volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the Parish what it is today.

**Amy Gray, Chair**