Tanworth In Arden
Parish Council

PARISH ASSEMBLY

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REPORT BOOKLET

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Serving the people of Tanworth-in-Arden, Earlswood, Forshaw Heath, Aspley Heath, Wood End and Danzey Green

Parish Assembly 2026!

Welcome to the Parish Community Expo! This year, the formal meeting has been replaced with a dynamic exhibition style event, designed to deliver a much better experience for our community members.

Why choose to host a Community event this year?

- Formal meetings limit you to listening to a stage. This format allows residents to talk directly with organizers to ask your specific questions.
- You can explore at Your Own Pace and do not have to sit through topics that do not interest you. Walk the floor and visit the groups that matter to you.
- Meeting representatives face-to-face builds real, lasting relationships. It breaks down the barriers of formal agendas and builds personable connections.
- Dozens of local groups, charities, and organisations are gathered here and hopefully you discover services you never knew existed.

Explore the stalls, talk to your local representatives and enjoy connecting with the incredible organisations shaping our community!

Representatives from the below organisations are available around the hall and have also submitted a report for this booklet.

Tanworth in Arden Parish Council

Stratford District Council

Warwickshire County Council

Warwickshire Police

Warwickshire Fire & Rescue

Tanworth Residents Association

Tanworth Educational Foundation

Earlswood Allotment Association

Tanworth Tennis & Pickleball Club

Tanworth Village Hall

Earlswood Village Hall

Hickory's Smokehouse

Earlswood & Forshaw Heath Residents Association

Earlswood Musuem

Earlswood Historical Society

Tanworth Scouts & Beavers

Tanworth Rainbows

Tanworth & Camp Hill Cricket Club

Earlswood Town FC

The Lakes Station Adopters

Earlswood Sailing Club

Tanworth Gardening Club

Tanworth Music Club

Tanworth Bowls Club

Canal & River Trust



Welcome to
Tanworth-in-Arden Parish Council



Tanworth Ward	**Earlswood Ward**
Cllr Leila Chaudry (Chair)	Cllr Mark Franks
Cllr Mike Saunders (Vice Chair)	Cllr Ewen Cunningham
Cllr Tom Ross	Cllr Roy Willmott
Cllr John Brougham	Cllr James Lines
Cllr David Cowan	Cllr Sarah Ruddick
Cllr Oliver Muntz	Cllr Roy Eady

Clerk to the Parish Council	Mrs Hayli Jennings
Deputy Clerk to the Council	Mrs Sarah Barnes
Park Keeper	Mr Neil Guest

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What does your Parish council do?

As the first tier of local government the Parish Council strives to -

- **represent the local community**
- **deliver services to meet local needs**
- **improve quality of life in the parish**

Some of the work undertaken by the Parish Council-

Comment on notified planning applications and local development

Liaison with community service officers

Footway Lighting

Provision and maintenance of Earlswood Leisure Park, including play equipment

Provision of grant funding where relevant to the parish

Maintenance of The Green & Bellfield within Tanworth in Arden

Provision and maintenance of defibrillators around the Parish

Community Engagement via parish council website, monthly e-newsletter for subscribers and two parish noticeboards

And much more ….

The Council meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, except August and December. The meeting of the Full Council is a discussion of general matters affecting the Parish. The public are welcome at meetings and are encouraged to register with the Clerk if they would like to speak in the public forum. A member of the public can speak during the Public Forum on any subject for up to 3 minutes. Meetings usually start at 7.30pm and are held at Tanworth and Earlswood Village Halls on alternate months. Agendas and meeting dates can be found on the Parish Council website and are also displayed on noticeboards.

Annual Report from the Chair of the Parish Council

It has been another productive year for the Parish Council, with continued focus on improving our local environment, responding to resident concerns, and supporting community initiatives.

It has been a challenging year for the planning committee, with the 5 year land supply shortage in the Stratford Upon Avon District significantly impacting planning decisions within our Parish. The South Warwickshire Local Plan will continue to be a significant focus for the Council who will advocate the community's interests to ensure the best possible outcomes for the area.

This year dedicated Park Keeper John retired from his position at Earlswood Leisure Park. On behalf of the Parish Council and the local community I would like to thank John, and his family, for all the work they have put in to the Park over the years and wish them all the best.

The Council has been involved with a number of projects this year regarding Community Safety. The Council continues to pursue measures to address speeding concerns around the Parish and funded a safety audit report on Well Lane to investigate traffic calming measures. The council has obtained quotes for the measures suggested by WCC Highways.

Efforts have been made to restart the Community Speed Watch scheme; however, there are currently insufficient volunteers to make the initiative operational. This scheme plays an important role in addressing local speeding concerns and increasing road safety.

If you are interested in supporting your community, becoming a Community Speed Watch volunteer is a valuable opportunity. Full training and guidance are provided.

The Council has also attended stakeholder meetings convened by MP Manuella Perteghalla to bring the relevant authorities together to discuss Anti-Social Behaviour at Earlswood Lakes following outreach from local residents.

Work around the Parish

In Tanworth in Arden, the Parish Council has been progressing plans to improve Bellfield by widening the south side of the road to match the dimensions of the north side, including upgrades to drainage gullies. The Council have applied for match funding grant from the Warwickshire Highways Community Action Fund towards funding the project.

In addition, the central green at Bellfield had become overgrown and required maintenance. Improvements included thinning trees, coppicing shrubs, clearing undergrowth around the seating area, and cutting back vegetation to improve access. Habitat piles were also created to support biodiversity, resulting in a more welcoming and usable green space for residents.

In Earlswood, the park entrance sign has also been replaced with a new, updated version to provide clearer information for visitors. Improvements have also been made to the public footpath leading into Earlswood Leisure Park. The Parish Council responded to concerns regarding dogs in the children's play area at Earlswood Leisure Park by installing a designated Dog Parking Zone adjacent to the playground. This provides a practical solution for dog owners while ensuring the play area remains safe and clean for children.

The defibrillator at Earlswood Village Hall has been replaced with a new unit, ensuring continued access to vital lifesaving equipment.Leila Chaudry

To encourage engagement with younger residents and promote biodiversity, the Parish Council launched a Summer Bug House Competition. Bug houses are a simple yet effective way to support local wildlife and encourage environmental awareness.

The Parish Council is pleased to have awarded grants to support local organisations and events, including Earlswood Village Hall for VE Day celebrations and Tanworth Village Hall for a new PA system. These contributions help strengthen community engagement and support local initiatives.

The Parish Council remains committed to enhancing the parish, addressing local concerns, and supporting community wellbeing. If you have any suggestions or would like further information on any of the projects mentioned or have suggestions regarding work or maintenance around the Parish, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you to all residents, volunteers, and local organisations who continue to contribute to making our parish a vibrant and supportive community.

To keep up to date with what is happening in the Parish, please email the Clerk to be added to the mailing list to receive the Parish Council E-Newsletter. The Parish Council also has a Facebook page to highlight news, make announcements, engage with the community and share information. You can find us @tanworthpc.

Leila Chaudry

Chairman to the Council

Parish Council Financial Report

Audited Accounts 2024 - 2025

	31 March 2024	31 March 2025
Balances brought forward	133,933	170, 547
(+) Precept or Rates and Levies	97,000	97,000
(+) Total other receipts	21,061	48,144
(-) Staff Costs	42,011	48,393
(-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0
(-) All other payments	39,436	181,021
(=) Balances carried forward	170,547	86,277
Total cash and investments	170,547	86,277
Total assets	167,623	220,090
Total borrowing	0	0

Finance Matters

- The audit for Tanworth Parish Council for the year ending 31st March 2025 was successfully completed earlier in the year. The full audit report is available on the Parish website for anyone who wishes to view it.
- The Parish Council budget for 2026/27 has been approved by the council and precept will be £100,000, no increase on last years precept. Tanworth Parish precept is much lower than the average precept for the Stratford District and accounts for around 3% of the average households (Band D) council tax.

Statement of Expenditure 2024-2025

2023/2024	**RECEIPTS**	2024/2025
97,000	Precept	97,000
4530	Interest	5318
11,447	CIL	19,837
3,001	Misc	557
0	Donations/Grants	20,030
2,084	VAT	2,403
118,061		**145,144**
	PAYMENTS	
42,011	Salaries (inc PAYE & NIC)	48,393
15,589	General Administration	10,270
5,885	Grounds Maintenance	130,328
1,017	Subscriptions	1,158
2,247	Lighting	7,005
7,540	Donations/Grants	4,209
2,466	NDP	0
129	Defibrillators	255
2,160	Misc	1,152
2,403	VAT	26,644
81,447		**229,414**

Tanworth-In-Arden Ward

Annual Crime Report 2025-2026

Thanks to technological investment and changes within Warwickshire Police we are now able to produce the crime statistics on demand. This saves a lot of time, avoiding the need to looking through individual crime reports manually, as I did for the previous annual statement. Moving forward, the reports will be extracted from the system.

The following data reflects the entire Tanworth in Arden Ward, has been taken from the last 12 months prior to 27th of April 2026 and then contrasted to the 12 months prior.

In the 12-month period between 2025 and 2026 there has been 147 crimes reported, which is a decrease of 25.8% on the previous year.

Some explanation for the decrease is a result of a drop in violent offences. Fewer persons were assaulted leaving no injury (12 last year, down from 19 the previous year). There were also fewer persons being assaulted which resulted in injuries (9 down from 19). Most of all assaults will have taken place inside private residents during domestic incidents and are not typically felt by the wider community.

The only noteworthy increase in crime was an increase in successful and attempted residential burglaries last year, rising slightly from 10 to 13. This is the second lowest rate in the last 4 years (18 in 2023-2024 and 22 in 2022-2023).

The largest change in any crime trend was a decrease in vehicle crime. This has been a consistent local priority, so I am pleased to report that in the last year there were a total of 29 vehicle related offences, which is a fall of over 44% from 52 in the previous year. Included in these records, was a massive 58% decrease in theft of property from motor vehicles, such as registration plates, from 22 to 7 in the last 12 months. Furthermore, the crime reports for vehicles being stolen over the last 12 months also fell by 38%.

Get in touch

You can report intelligence to us via 101, via our team email at alcester.snt@warwickshire.police.uk or by using the Warwickshire Police website. This can be done anonymously.

We also recommend signing up to Warwickshire Connected for updates.

On behalf of the Safer Neighbourhood Team
Kind Regards - PC 1348 Lovatt

District Councillor Lynda Organ

The year has been dominated by five items; the lack of a 5 year land supply; the emerging South Warwickshire Local Plan; local government re-organisation; Earlswood Lakes; and the number of planning and enforcement items that flow through the planning system.

5 Year Land Supply: The government has made two significant changes that affect housing supply:

- updating the methodology for calculating local housing need which resulted in increasing the District Council's annual housing requirement from 730 to 1,112 homes per annum.
- updating the methodology for calculating the 5 year housing land supply which resulted in the District Council now having less than a three year land supply. The implication of this is:

an influx of applications from developers generally in locations outside of either the green belt or the Area of Natural Beauty, and the likelihood that housing applications will be more likely to be granted planning permission unless there are significant and demonstrable factors that outweigh the benefits of the development.

The current administration at Stratford District Council have not overcome this situation.

South Warwickshire Local Plan: Following the collection of a vast amount of data to guide plan choices and the subsequent public consultation, the draft "Regulation 19" plan is due to be published in May. Once this has been approved by both Warwick & Stratford District Councils and the analysis of representations have been made, it will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 31st December 2026 "Regulation 22".

Local Government Reorganisation: The two options for Local Government Reorganisation in Warwickshire are either one unitary authority for the whole of Warwickshire or two unitary councils in Warwickshire, a north and a south.

Stratford-on-Avon District Council submitted the proposal for the creation of two new unitary authorities in Warwickshire. The proposal has strong public support and is backed cross-party by five of Warwickshire's six Members of Parliament.

Warwickshire County Council submitted a proposal for the creation of a single unitary authority in Warwickshire. The government's decision is expected in Spring 2026.

Earlswood Lakes: I have worked with District Council officers to drive the PSPO for The Causeway at Earlswood Lakes. It became apparent that the PSPO was not possible and there is now work in harness for a WCC Highways solution. I continue to pressure with fellow stakeholders for a solution that retains The Lakes as a peaceful and tranquil visitor attraction that contributes to the leisure offering within the District.

Planning: As Tanworth-in-Arden and Earlswood are among the most pleasant and desirable places to live, there is considerable pressure for development along with improvements to existing properties. However, one of the reasons why the parish is such a sought after location is because of the planning constraints of the green belt and Arden Special Landscape Area that wash over it. These two opposing tensions – the desire for development versus the constraints of the green belt – result in the constant pressures on the planners, the enforcement officers and myself.

And finally,

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is England's top recycling area: It had the highest household recycling rate in England in 2024/2025 according to figures published by Defra this week.

With a 63.9% household recycling rate, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has jumped up two places in the league table after seeing a 2.9% increase from the previous year – well done to every resident who has made this possible.

And into 2027….

I can't see the District achieving a 5 year land supply within such a short timescale.

The SWLP will be on its way to adoption, so long as it is found to be sound at the Examination in Public "Regulation 24" which is timetabled between January and September 2027. The Inspector's Report is timetabled for October 2027 followed by 2 months of public consultation, 2 months of analysis, then to adoption "Regulation 25" in March 2028.

Planning applications and enforcement issues will continue to flow.

And the main item to dominate the year will be the transition from a two tier authority to a single unitary with elections to the shadow unitary authority timetabled for May 2027. The 2 authorities will work together to enable Vesting Day in April 2027 when the new unitary council will officially assume its legal powers, assets, and responsibilities.

James Crocker

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – JAMES CROCKER

As the new County Councillor for the Arden Division in May last year, I was fortunate to receive tremendous guidance from Ian Shenton, who stepped down at the last election. Ian continues to serve as a local District Councillor, and I still see him regularly.
He remains extremely generous with his time — his experience and technical knowledge have been invaluable.

On a personal note, I began my time at Warwickshire County Council as a backbencher, largely due to time constraints. I focused on learning how best to support my parishes and served on several committees, contributing particularly to areas such as local government pensions. Balancing this with my full-time role as an investment manager made it difficult to take on more at first. However, in the past year I've been able to free up more time, delegate more effectively, and decided to put myself forward as Deputy Leader of the Group at Shire Hall — and was delighted to be elected. At the WCC AGM on May 14th, this will be formalised, and I will take up my position as Deputy Leader of the Council, working alongside Cllr George Finch, who continues as Leader.

One of the main reasons I took on this role is that, as the only councillor in the south of Warwickshire representing the Reform UK group, I felt a duty to ensure our voice is heard in Cabinet. With Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) progressing rapidly, many residents have expressed concerns that key decisions are being shaped by councillors from the north of the county, who may not share the same insight or passion for our towns and villages in the south. I can assure you that my voice will be loud and clear — the interests of Tanworth-in-Arden, Earlswood, and the wider area are being ardently represented (no pun intended!).

LGR will likely dominate headlines over the coming months, with a decision expected this summer on whether we move to a single or split unitary structure. I personally favour the single unitary option, though it wouldn't surprise me if the government opted for two, reflecting recent precedents elsewhere. Whatever the outcome, my immediate responsibilities remain unchanged.

At present, the most pressing issue is the future of The Causeway at Earlswood Lakes. A public engagement afternoon will take place on Saturday 9th May, offering local stakeholders the chance to share their views. I'll be there, alongside MP Manuela Perteghella, District Councillor Lynda Organ, and several senior officers and members from WCC. This will be a drop-in session rather than a formal meeting.
One option under consideration is an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, which would temporarily close The Causeway to vehicles for up to 18 months. The aim would be to improve the experience for walkers, cyclists, anglers, and other lake users. To be clear, no decision has yet been made — this consultation is to understand public appetite, listen to residents, and gather suggestions and concerns.

Other ongoing issues include the unacceptable levels of anti-social behaviour in and around The Lakes, where I continue to press for increased police presence, particularly on sunny evenings. Highways and road conditions remain a constant challenge, with potholes an enduring frustration, though there are signs of progress, and I'll be watching closely as the data emerges over the next winter.

It’s been a genuine pleasure working with the parish over the past year. As we continue to get to know one another, I look forward to collaborating on projects that will further enhance our beautiful corner of Warwickshire.

MY RESPONSIBILTIES AS WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Within Warwickshire County Council, other parishes in the Arden division include Wootton Wawen, Ullenhall, Claverdon, Langley, Henley-in-Arden & Beaudesert, Wolverton and Preston Bagot.
- Serving on both the **Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Local Pension Board of the Firefighters’ Pension Scheme** and the **Warwickshire Pension Fund Local Pension Board.**
- Member of the cross-party working group for the **Bus Service Improvement Plan**. I have recently received a number of requests from residents asking for service extensions to key areas such as Warwick Hospital. If you have any views or suggestions regarding local bus services, please do not hesitate to get in touch.
- Appointed to the **Member Oversight Group**, a cross-party body focused on WCC’s investments, trading companies and including the Warwickshire Investment Fund.
- Member of the **Audit & Standards Committee**, concerned with ensuring that WCC has robust systems of internal control and making sure that both councillors and officers follow high standards in the way they conduct the business of the council.
- **Deputy Leader** of Reform UK at WCC.

Also Chair of the Reform UK branch for Stratford-on-Avon.

Getting in Touch

For any issues or ideas that would benefit Tanworth-in-Arden and Earlswood, as your representative, I am always available to listen and support local priorities at Warwickshire County Council.



Report to the 2026 Parish Assembly from

Tanworth Residents and Neighbourhood Watch Association

The Chairman Tom Ross writes:

2026/7 looks like being a busy time for the Association.

The new **South Warwickshire Local Plan** that is designed to shape planning and other matters up to 2050 is being prepared jointly by Stratford and Warwick District Councils. It has just finished its latest "Preferred Options" Consultation stage.

Originally, two sites for possible major new settlements had been identified in the Plan: One to the east of Wood End and the other to the south of Tanworth village. A1 and A2 in planner speak.

To these have been added a possible major commercial site at **Portway** at J3 of the M42 and a new worryingly large area around **Danzey** Station.

These are all major matters of concern to residents as we move to the next stage of the process. Residents need to familiarise themselves with the proposals and all public bodies need to make their views known by the end of May. The SWLP is a very complex and confusing document. It can be found at:

https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/

We should know soon whether the present County Council and Stratford District Council will be replaced by either a new "super" **Warwickshire** or two smaller North and South Warwickshire unitary authorities. The Government says it will reach a decision soon.

Cank Farm, or Harrington as we must now call it, is complete. The six affordable homes are occupied. Stratford District Council is responsible for ensuring that the required "local connection" of the new owners has been verified or where details of the permanent discount (which will apply to future purchasers) have been recorded.

The new wooden stairs built in **Well Lane** still do not provide access to the public footpath through the churchyard and the Association and our local District Councillor, **Lynda Organ,** have been active in trying to get the District Council to "remember" what was promised and enforce it. At long last a meeting has recently taken place between the Council's Chief Executive, David Buckland, and representatives of Spitfire to try to resolve the matter.

Our Association remains committed to supporting residents on **Broad Lane** in their efforts to make the stopping places for school buses safer and to slow down traffic in Tanworth generally. There have been major concerns expressed about the speed and volume of traffic at peak times for some time.

Parking near the school, in the Bellfield and speeding and congestion in the village centre remain problems.

Both our County Councillor, **James Crocker,** and our MP, **Manuela Perteghella,** have offered to do their best to help to address Broad Lane speeding/congestion, traffic issues in the village and the dangerous junction at Flower Knott Cottage.

Tanworth Residents Association thanks the **Parish Council** for its continuing help and support and looks forward to continued co-operation with it and neighbouring Residents Associations over planning matters and other issues of mutual concern.

2025 was the 14th year of our website at www.tanworthresidents.org.uk

In normal times our volunteers deliver at least one newsletter a year to 600 households in the part of the parish south of the M42. Thank you to those residents who did not attend our delayed AGM this April but have found ways to pay their annual £3 membership subscription by bank transfer or cash/ cheque through the letterbox of one of our committee members.

Our next Annual General Meeting will be held in Tanworth Village Hall either later this year or early 2027 at a date to be advised later.

Tom Ross
23/04/2026

Earlswood & Forshaw Heath Residents' Association

Members will have recently received their periodic newsletters. We will be happy to discuss any subjects raised in the newsletter, or any other subjects concerning the E&FH Ward that are live issues. Non-members are welcome to join at the Parish Assembly and raise issues too.

https://earlswood-forshawheath.org.uk/

Tanworth Educational Foundation

The charity The TEF, was originally set up in the 1800, to look after the children of the parish, which we do to this to date as a donation to the two schools , ST Patricks academy and Tanworth in Arden academy , to which we donated £25,000 to each to be used in enhancing their educational needs.

It is a small charity, we meet four times per year in person, at the old workhouse (one of our properties) to discuss how to keep our properties and land investments viable to help the schools.

As a charitable organisation we carefully curate a property and land portfolio, all profits derived from which are donated towards the aforementioned schools, to the benefit of both the community and parish.

Hi, I am Andy Keast, and it is now just over a year since I took up the role of Area Operations Manager based at Tardebigge.

Last year was a particularly challenging one for the network, with prolonged dry weather and widespread drought conditions having a significant impact. Water levels across all of our reservoirs fell to record lows, placing real pressure on both navigation and the water resources that support the canal network. Fortunately, following a much wetter winter period, all reservoirs refilled and are currently in a far healthier position as the boating season starts again.

Many of you will have known our former ecologist, Paul, who undertook many projects to improve habitats and biodiversity across the region before leaving the Trust to pursue new opportunities. I am pleased to confirm that we have now (at last) appointed his replacement. Our new ecologist, Emma Hughes, has recently joined the Trust and will be gradually getting to know the area, our sites, and local priorities over the coming months. I am sure you will see the benefits of her work in future updates.

There continues to be some great support from our volunteer 'Earlswood Taskforce', led by our Volunteer Team Leader, Dafydd Jones. The group is out on site most weeks, helping to manage the wide range of challenges that come with maintaining these lakes for wildlife, residents, and visitors. As ever, there is always more work than volunteer time and funding allow, so priorities have to be carefully managed. If anyone would like to get involved, even on an occasional basis, please visit Volunteer with us | Canal & River Trust and sign up – it would be great to see you.

As usual, our annual grass cutting programme has started, including works on reservoir embankments. This can sometimes cause disappointment where wildflowers are removed, but it is important to note that the Trust has a legal responsibility to maintain reservoirs in a safe condition. Being able to carry out clear visual inspections of dam faces and surrounding areas is critical, as subtle changes in appearance can be one of the earliest indicators of potential structural issues. Maintaining short grass also encourages a dense root system, which helps reinforce embankments and reduces the risk of surface slips and erosion.

I am aware that we receive occasional reports of unauthorised swimming at the lakes. These reports are monitored, and I have recently taken steps to have information removed from a wild swimming website that was actively encouraging this activity at Earlswood. As I'm sure you will appreciate, this is a difficult issue to manage in practice. The Trust has no enforcement powers, and while we will seek to advise people where possible, staff are not expected to place themselves in confrontational situations.

Please continue to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour, poaching, or other criminal acts to the Police, as this helps ensure records accurately reflect the scale and nature of the issue

Finally, as you may be aware, the new 'Simpler Recycling' legislation is now in force in England, requiring businesses to separate waste streams. While these changes are now established for our customer facilities, there is currently no further update regarding external bin provision at locations across our sites. I will provide further information if and when this position changes.

TANWORTH AND CAMP HILL

CRICKET CLUB

The 2026 season promises to be an exciting one at Tanworth and Camp Hill CC. This year we will expand our on field offer to 3 Saturday Cotswold Hills League teams. We also look forward to competing in Division 4 of the Arden Sunday League having gained promotion at the first attempt last year. We have also entered the Voneous National Village Knock Out Cup and Cotswold Hills Midweek T20.

Our Tach Diamonds have already been in action over the winter in the Birmingham Women's Indoor League, with 6 victories out of 7 group matches they were extremely unlucky not to progress to the final.

We will continue to offer the ECB's Allstars and Dynamo's programmes on a Friday night, with a dedicated Girls Diamonds session running alongside.

Our junior section have been practicing hard over the winter and we will run teams from under 11's to Under 17's. Adult winter nets have been well attended and we are eager to get started.

Should you wish to enrol your children in our junior section you will be pleased to know that TaCH attained ECB Clubmark status last year, thanks to the hard work of Andy Turnbull (Director of Cricket) and Kate Gillespie (Safeguarding Officer). ECB Clubmark is an accreditation scheme for cricket clubs which shows that a club is sustainable, well run and provides the right environment for its members. Clubmark accreditation also means that the club is recognised as a safe, rewarding and fulfilling place for participants of all ages, as well as assuring parents that they are choosing the best option for their children.

This is a particularly exciting time for TaCH CC, with our expansion to 3 Saturday teams and the development of the nearby Muntz Recreation Ground as the home of our 3rd team. This project see's cricket return to the site of our previous home, which we left over 50 years ago, it provides us with the opportunity to continue to develop our younger players by providing increased opportunities to compete in adult league cricket. The development is a result of a lot of hard work last year in fundraising via our Crowdfunder campaign, allied to a number of years of youth development.

The development comes at considerable cost to the club but we feel it is important to secure a second playing area in order to provide all our teams with space to play. This includes providing opportunities for women and girls, youths and adult cricket from first team to recreational matches.

This season we would like to build on our recent successes and once again challenge for league titles and continue to develop our homegrown players.

Alongside our usual offering, this season will once again see TaCH host Warwickshire County age group representative cricket at Over 60's and 70's and softball festivals for both Women and Girls and Dynamo's.

We encourage you to drop into both grounds and support our teams in their efforts to bring home the Cotswold Hills League titles. There is always a warm welcome in Don's Bar and your support would be appreciated.

Up the TaCH!

Paul Townsend.
Chairman,
Tanworth and Camp Hill Cricket Club.

Earlswood Allotment Association Report 2026

The 2025 growing season was very productive with an abundance of soft fruit, summer vegetables and salads thriving in the long warm days of summer sunshine. Keeping crops watered became the main challenge.

The first working party of the year took place on a very hot Saturday morning in June. Despite the heat we managed to get through a fair number of tasks. The overgrown shrubbery on the car park outside the gate was cut back and overhanging tree branches trimmed. There was lots of trimming of both the common areas and paths. Black plastic sheets were put down on vacant plots and the un-used area at the bottom of the site.

The mowing rota has been successful and meant all areas were kept neat and tidy throughout the summer

At the AGM in October it was agreed that a final tidy up of the site would take place in November. A designated area at the bottom of the site was used for plot holders to leave any broken wood branches etc and this was disposed of with a small bonfire on the morning of 5th November.

In December we gathered for a Christmas meal at The Red Lion and a pleasant evening was had by all. A well supported raffle helped to boost funds.

It has been a slow start for plot holders in 2026 with a cold January and the wettest February on record leaving the site very muddy and at times unworkable. The drier weather in March has helped and we are now looking forward to another productive growing year.

Linda Fryer

Tanworth in Arden Music Club

Tanworth Music Club was formed at the beginning of 2023 with the aim of bringing live music, with local performers, to the community. The club is held monthly, typically on the first Thursday although occasionally this changes. Entry is by payment at the door and we operate a licenced bar.

A typical evening has a headline covers or ceilidh band supported by two or three smaller acts. These can be soloists or small groups. It is not an 'open mic' evening but newcomers are encouraged to contact me to talk about inclusion. All musical styles and genres are welcome.

Money raised from door receipts and bar profits is used to pay the performers with surpluses going to the Village Hall maintenance fund.

If you would like more information, would like to suggest performers or want to be added to the email newsletter circulation, email me at terry@thebridgewaters.net. you can also check out what's on via the village hall Facebook page www.facebook.com/tanworthvillagehall.

Earlswood Village Hall



Earlswood Village Hall 2025 Annual Report

Registered Charity No: 236945

Chairperson: Shannon Moore

Treasurer: Fiona Burgess

Bookings: Jackie Young

Secretary: Sarah Barnes

Our exciting programme of activities continues and we maintain, and further develop Earlswood Village Hall, due to the freely given time, energy, ideas and commitment of our active volunteer committee members. We were sorry to lose Lyn O'Carroll as Secretary to the committee, due to work and family demands on her time and we record our thanks her for her support in that role. We are thankful to Sarah Barnes who has agreed to act Secretary.

There are fourteen regular local groups hiring the Village Hall and local associations hold their committee meetings in our Hall. 'Flicks in the Sticks' is now in its tenth season, showing films on the third Friday of each month from October to April. A core group of local people regularly attend, welcoming newcomers and building friendships. Tea, coffee, a soft drink, or a tipple from the bar, a hotdog, and an ice cream are on offer, with free popcorn, courtesy of Hickory's Smokehouse. The hall always looks cosy with the gingham tablecloths, candles and the evening finishes with us standing for the National Anthem, like the old days. A new venture was to put on 'Polar Express' for the children, who received a hot chocolate, and then a 'I believe' bell from Santa and they watched him switch on the Christmas Lights. There was warm mulled wine for the adults to combat the winter chill.

Our other fund-raising events this year have included a quiz night, a Phil Bates Concert (ELO2), the popular, sell-out 'Burns Night' Supper and Ceilidh and an evening with the musical talent of Boogaloo Babes. We held a Celebration Event for the 80th Anniversary of VE Day with a popular Ration Book Bake Off. We thank Tanworth-in Arden Parish Council and Earlswood, Forshaw Heath Residents' Association, the Alison School of Dance, the Lunch Club, the Earlswood Museum and the Wargamers team for their grants and/or donations towards our costs, including plans to repair and prevent further damage to the main hall floor. Some film projection equipment, no longer in use, was given to another local charity, and a donation to our funds was received. Plans are being made to celebrate the centenary of the opening of the village hall.

We continue to maintain and upgrade our facilities with the income that our first-class Hall generates for the local community, including this year, the updating of our disabled toilets. We would like to thank Roy for his vigilance in monitoring our energy consumption and doing regular electrical and fire equipment checks as well as overseeing the installation of the new CCTV system. .

My thanks to Fiona for her diligence as Treasurer, keeping our finances up to date and in the black.

Policies were updated during the year.

I would like to record our thanks to the Trustees who oversee the strategic and legal governance of Earlswood Village Hall. We are very thankful for the continued support and help from our team of dedicated committee members, who run EVH for the benefit of our community.

(Shannon Moore: Chair of EVH Management Committee)

Tanworth In Arden Bowls Club

Tanworth In Arden Bowls Club is located in the heart of the village in BellField, just behind the bungalows. We have a membership of nearly 50 members with a wide range of ages and abilities, we can cater for everyone. We play league matches on most days of the week, (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Saturday afternoons and the Over 60's play Tuesday and Friday mornings). The bowls season runs from April until September and we also hold internal club competitions throughout the season. There is no pressure to play in leagues and we do accept just social members who would like to just come and play on the green when there are no matches.After games we socialise with our opposition in The Bell and during the winter we arrange a couple of social get togethers, one being the clubs presentation which is a sit down meal and secondly we run a fundraising evening for the club which is a race night.

Earlswood Wildlife Partnership Report 2025/6

The Earlswood Wildlife Partnership (EWP) is a partnership between local residents, Canal and River Trust, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, local authorities and other interested groups. The aim of the partnership is to enhance the biodiversity of Earlswood for the benefit of its wildlife, now and in the future, and to raise awareness in the local and wider community of the wildlife around them.

During 2025 we continued our efforts to spread information about local wildlife, our April Birding for Beginners Course was well attended as usual. This was a course, led by Tony Philp, for novice birdwatchers where they can learn about the best equipment to use and the most effective ways and places to see the local birds. We followed this in May with a Woodland Walk in Clowes Woods led by Bob Roberts & Simon King, both longstanding volunteers with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust Volunteer Group and very knowledgeable about the ecology and management of our local woodland.

Also in May we ran two walks for the Tanworth in Arden Beavers and Squirrel Scouts, these were held around Earlswood Lakes where they could learn about the animals, plants and a little of the history of the area by using Spotting Sheets and games which helped to inform.

In September the older children of Tanworth in Arden Cubs came to us, this walk was accompanied with a Quiz Sheet for the children to complete and timed so that it was just starting to get darker as we ended the walk, meaning that local Bats may be on the wing – and they were!

Sadly this event was the last Earlswood Wildlife Partnership will be holding.

For several years we have been appealing for people to come forward to help with our organisation and with running these events but no willing to helpers have been forthcoming. Our AGM was held in October and the membership took the decision to close down the partnership and distribute the assets. The survey section of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust will be continuing the Bat Survey work we started back in 2011 and the committee is currently in the process of complying with the AGM decision of closing all our other activities.

Cheryl Roberts (Secretary)

The Lakes Station Adopters

Just after Covid a small team of 7 from Earlswood responded to a call from West Midlands Trains and Network Rail to form a community group to improve the environment at stations all along the Shakespeare Line. We now have 8 volunteers and every Monday afternoon some of us go to the station. At first we had to clear the land of various pieces of concrete, tin and old railway metal. Earlswood Garden centre gave us 4 big planters for the platforms so we could get a display going quickly.

Then we started planting mostly using plants from our own gardens and then splitting them each year. Every year gradually more plants and flowers grow, with quite a lot self seeding.

One of our volunteers was Matthew, son of Jean Keogh and we were pleased to plant up an area in her memory, as she did so much for the village over many years.

Our station was allocated the Shakespeare play “As you like it” as our theme, which gives us carte blanche to do what we like.

We still need many more perennial plants and bulbs to expand the area that is planted so if anyone has any spare plants you know what to do with them.

We are always happy to see new faces join us as there is lots of work to do!!

Barry Durman
Lead Adopter

TANWORTH IN ARDEN GARDENING CLUB

The Tanworth in Arden Gardening Club was set up in 1982 by a small group of keen gardeners. The number of members quickly grew. We now have a small committee who arrange the various speakers and trips and at present we have 55 members.

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month, in the Village Hall, from September to April. We have a speaker each month and they speak for an hour. This is followed by a break for tea and chat then we have some time for questions. Last year the topics included Fungi, Heritage Seeds and Vintage Tools and next season our speakers will include Urban Herbs who specialise in growing unusual herbs, Stan the Cactus Man on Cactus and Succulents and Pam Smith who designed the gardens for the Castlefield Viaduct project the 'Garden in the Sky'

We also arrange a couple of coach trips which usually take place in the summer months. These have included Waddesdon Manor, Malvern Autumn Show and Little Malvern Court. This year we are looking forward to visiting Melbourne Hall Gardens, Calke Abbey, Sezincote House and Bourton House and Gardens.

We are a very friendly and social group and would love to welcome some new members whether you are an experienced or novice gardener. The cost of the annual membership is £34.00. If you would like any further details or a schedule of speakers for our next season. please contact Judith Williams judith.williams61@btinternet.com mobile 07803206692

1st Tanworth in Arden Scouts Group

This year has been another busy year for us. We currently have 70 young people in our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections, 23 adult volunteers and 5 young leaders. All our sections are full, and we are trying to reduce our waiting list as much as possible.

All sections have enjoyed doing lots of activities from adventurous challenges like climbing and kayaking to campfire activities and visits to local services like the bell ringers at our village Church and the Henley fire station. We have also been working hard in our Scout hut to learn skills for life, more about the wider world and completing teamwork challenges.

We have our most exciting season coming up with lots of outdoor adventures planned, including a County Camp at Ragley Hall, hikes, a district shooting competition, watersports and lots more!

We are very lucky to have an excellent team of volunteers to help run Scouting in our village however we are short handed in our older sections. If anyone is interested in finding out about volunteering in Scouting, or would like any other information about our group, please contact me on:

glv@tanworthscouts.org.uk

Best Wishes
Rachel Evans
Group Lead Volunteer
1st Tanworth in Arden Scout Group

1st Tanworth In Arden Rainbows

Did you know there has been a successful Rainbow unit running in Tanworth-in-Arden, under the current (or a variation of the current) leadership team, for nearly 30 years?

During this time, hundreds of 5–7-year-old girls have passed through our doors, where they have laughed, sung, and made a happy mess (and helped clear it up!) while working their way through our wide and varied programme of activities.

Each child has enjoyed plenty of magical moments: they might have become a time traveller, an animal tracker, a pop singer, or a stargazer — practically anything is possible when you're a Rainbow!

Recently, we have supported the Birmingham City Mission foodbank with donations, planted "gifts of kindness" (small potted plants) and delivered them to the village Alms houses, visited the cinema in Solihull, attended the annual village Remembrance Parade and service, and spent an evening scooting around Arrow Valley Lake. We have also completed a treasure hunt around the village, alongside too many crafts and activities to mention.

We also hold sleepovers — in previous years, we have even slept in (and under!) the shark tunnel at the SEA LIFE Centre in Birmingham. We regularly welcome external visitors, including paramedics from St John Ambulance and a parent who taught us British Sign Language. Dads have also joined us to help make robots from recycled materials.

Our programme includes unit meeting activities, Skills Builders, and Interest Badges, all of which fall under one of six themes. Each theme helps girls learn new skills, go on adventures, or explore new passions. One theme might focus on building confidence, another on muddy outdoor adventures, while others teach practical skills such as fixing a plug or hammering a nail into a piece of wood.

Tanworth Rainbows meet once a month on a Sunday afternoon, following the Flexible Guiding option. These three-hour sessions allow us to complete badges and activities in one visit and spend quality time with the girls, rather than rushing activities into a one-hour weekly meeting.

For further information, please contact Nicola at tanworthrainbows@hotmail.com.

Tanworth-in-Arden Tennis & Pickleball Club: A Year of Renewal and Growth

A year ago, the future of the tennis club felt uncertain. Today, the courts are busy once more, and the club has regained a real sense of energy and purpose.

Following a successful grant from Stratford District Council's Level-Up Fund, combined with an incredibly well-supported Crowdfunder, we were delighted to unveil our fully refurbished courts in June 2025. This investment marked an important turning point for the club, enabling us not only to improve our facilities, but to broaden what we offer to the community.

Since then, we have introduced pickleball, expanded our coaching programme to include junior sessions during the week and school holidays, and welcomed a significant number of new members. It has been particularly encouraging to see so many new faces enjoying the courts and contributing to a growing sense of community around the club.

The past year has also been filled with a number of enjoyable events. We began with a well-attended Open Day in May, launched our first Singles Ladder competition, and rounded off the summer season with a lively Halloween tournament - complete with impressive fancy dress. Sylvie DeFigueiredo and Erin McCracken shared first place, while Cruella De Vil… sorry, Jane Putt once again stood out, winning best costume for the second year running. A festive meal at The Bell provided a fitting and sociable end to the year.

Looking ahead, our focus for 2026 is to continue building on this momentum by increasing participation at all levels and across all age groups, both on and off the court.

Our Annual General Meeting in March reflected this renewed engagement, with a strong turnout from members. The evening, which began with time on the courts and ended with food and drinks, captured exactly the spirit we are aiming to foster - active, welcoming and community-focused. Alongside the approval of last year's accounts, we also adopted a new club constitution and appointed a refreshed Management Committee.

We are pleased to welcome James Couper as Secretary and Paul Johnstone as Deputy Pickleball Lead, alongside returning committee members Abbi Buszard and Barbara Daniels (Co-Chairs), Viv Snelus (Treasurer), Sue Elms (Pickleball Lead), David King and Penny Meakin. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Penny for her leadership as Chair over recent years, and we are delighted that she will continue to play an active role within the Committee.

Our ambitions for the year ahead are simple but important: more opportunities to play, more social events, more coaching, and a stronger, more connected club.

We are committed to developing the tennis club into a true community hub for Tanworth-in-Arden - a place where people of all ages and abilities can come together, stay active, and enjoy being part of something local and welcoming.

Coaching continues to play a key role in this vision. Ben Summers runs regular "Skills & Drills" sessions for adult members on Mondays (2:00-3:30pm) and Wednesdays (6:30-7:30pm), priced at £7, and also offers individual coaching at all levels. For our younger members, Tony Ravenscroft leads group coaching sessions on Thursdays (5:00-6:00pm), alongside tennis camps during school holidays.

We are proud of how far the club has come - and even more excited to see the courts continue to fill with life over the coming year.

If you are interested in getting involved, whether as a player, volunteer or supporter, we would be delighted to welcome you. Please do come along, try tennis or pickleball, and see for yourself what the club has become.

Abbi Buszard, Co-Chair

Earlswood Lakes Sailing Club (ELSC)

We are a friendly, volunteer-run Royal Yachting Association (RYA) training centre located at Earlswood Lakes in Solihull. Founded in 1961, the club operates on the 27-acre **Windmill Pool,** providing a "compact and testing" circuit for experienced sailors and a safe environment for novices who are never far from the shore. Earlswood Lakes Sailing Club is based on Windmill Lake near the village of Earlswood south of Birmingham. We have around 170 members, adult and juniors, and welcomes both experienced sailors and those new to the sport.

Sailing with us is an inclusive sport, set in a peaceful setting, surrounded by nature. It helps develop personal confidence, hand/ eye co-ordination, fine motor, weather and team building skills to name but a few. An RYA training certificate is recognized worldwide and can also be a stepping stone to future holiday sailing or a possible water - based career.

Key Facilities & Location

- **Clubhouse:** Overlooks the lake with a licensed member's bar, kitchen, lounge and a sociable outside decking area.
- **Location:** Situated on Malthouse Lane (B94 5RY). Entry is located between houses 36 and 40.
- **Accessibility:** The club offers family and wheelchair-accessible entrances, changing rooms and parking.

Activities & Programs

The club supports a variety of on-water and social activities throughout the year:

- **Sailing & Racing:** Members participate in f**leet racing, team racing, and gentle cruising** at weekends year-round, and Wednesday evening during the summer, followed by socialising at the bar. In addition, Saturday morning Club and Cadets Thursday evenings also feature on the sailing calendar.
- **RYA Training:** As an RYA-recognised centre, the club's own fully qualified trainers offer **RYA Level 1 & 2** courses several times a year for adults and juniors, and also a **Powerboat Handling** course (currently only for club members)
- **Boat Hire**: A fleet of club boats—including Lasers, Toppers, Picos, and Optimists—is available for members to hire.
- **Social Events:** The club maintains an active social calendar with bingo and quiz nights, and in addition also hosts "Discover Sailing" open days, which attract many visitors.

Membership Information

Membership is open to all skill levels from beginners to competent sailors.

- **Standard Benefits:** Our RYA training course package includes free club membership up to May the following year, and follow -up support, allowing new sailors to continue developing their skills.
- The training courses for 2026 are scheduled as follows;
- 18/19th April
- 16/17th May
- 27/28th June
- For enquiries please contact Jon Bayliss -Training Principal on 07834 446739 evenings and weekends or via the club website below.

- **Social Membership:** Available for non-sailors who wish to support the club and attend social functions.
- **Opening Hours:** For actual times see scheduled sailing calendar on the ELSC website - but open Wednesday evening (Summer), Thursday evening (Cadets Summer), Saturday Morning Club, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning. The bar is open following sailing at the above times and also for social events.

For more specific details on current fees or to book a training course please visit the official Earlswood Lakes Sailing Club website.

https://www.earlswoodsc.co.uk



EARLSWOOD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Earlswood Town Football Club continues to go from strength to strength on and off the pitch.

The Earls' men's team has just finished third, the club's highest position since the formation of the Midland Football League in 2014 which came off the back of a 12-game unbeaten run to end the 2025/26 season.

it completed a remarkable turnaround for a team that finished third from bottom in MFL Division Two last season.

The club's community footprint continues to blossom with x9 junior teams from U7s through to U11s playing across our two sites at Malt House Lane in Earlswood and Muntz Sports Field in Tanworth-in-Arden this season.

This culminated in the club's first-ever Community Day on Bank Holiday Monday 4 May which was supported by our partners Hickory's Smokehouse.

This included the creation of a bumper squad photo featuring representatives from our U7s through to our men's team as well as a record crowd of 271 in attendance for a 1-0 win over Bolehall Swifts.

In other news, the club are tentatively exploring the introduction of a women's team.

As ever, the club remains open to support - be that through extra volunteers or sponsorship - and any interested parties are asked to contact ETFC1968@outlook.com.

The club regularly runs a number of social functions at our clubhouse in Malt House Lane including quiz and bingo nights.

Stay up to date via our club's social channels on Instagram, X and Facebook - @ETFC1968 -

Earlswood Historical Society

Earlswood Village Hall, Shutt Lane, Earlswood B94 6BZ

Once again we have had a varied list of subjects throughout the year. Following a successful AGM and Harvest Supper last September together with a talk by Roy Willmott on the signposts around Earlswood Lakes, we commenced our 2025/26 year with a talk by Mary Bodfish 'Lest We Forget'. This was about the origins of Remembrance Day – the poppies, war memorials, the Cenotaph and the Unknown Warrior.

This was followed in January by a most interesting talk about the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. Their work in getting to injured people, assessing and transport to hospital. Next was a talk about the Jewellery Quarter and the work done in the area to keep the history alive but also informing us of the redevelopment, but always keeping the business's at the forefront of everything.

Our next speaker will tell us about 'A Good Day Out' – how Earlswood Lakes developed into a major leisure attraction in the 1920's and 30's. July we hear about early railway accidents in the Black Country followed in September by our next AGM and Harvest Supper with a talk about Concorde.

We have had good attendance and a lot of visitors, although we are always looking for new members. We advertise locally in Parish Magazines and on notice boards including the Village Hall and around the area including Shirley.

Our fees are unchanged with membership for the year £20 and visitors £4 each.

Jeanne Moss
Earlswood Historical Society

Earlswood Village Museum Report to the Parish Council for 2025

Situated in Earlswood Village Hall on Shutt Lane, the Museum was founded in 1977 by a group of volunteers from the Earlswood Historical Society and in the early years was opened occasionally on bank holiday weekends for public viewing. We now open 2.30 – 4.30pm on the first Saturday of each month from March to October but with extra days during the summer months – in 2025 we opened for seven consecutive Saturdays from July 26th to September 6th.

The aims of the museum are to preserve the local history of the area and to provide the opportunity for young and old to learn about their heritage. We have many historic photographs, maps and items from the local area available for visitors to look at and, together with permanent displays showcasing items from the German Heinkel Bomber that crashed in the area in WW11, a cooking range from Poplar Tea Gardens in the early 1900's, Fowlers of Earlswood historic cheese making items and historical items found in the local area, we also have changing displays each year.

In 2025 our temporary displays centred on the 80th Anniversary of D Day with lots of interesting historical information relating to the celebrations at the time. We also had a display of old handicraft items – knitting, sewing, lacemaking etc. Visitor numbers were good, but we always want more.

In the past we have showcased: The History of the Reservoir Hotel & one of its publicans – Charles Moss (who was also an Olympic Champion), St Patrick's School and Elizabeth Podmore – a Tanworth in Arden Schoolgirl. Much of the information from previous displays is retained in the Museum for visitors to see.

For 2026 we have a display of the WILDLIFE OF EARLSWOOD with many photographs, artefacts, e.g. bird and other wildlife nests, and wildlife monitoring equipment. Our other temporary display is on WJ MITCHELL – WWII FIRE SERVICE DESPATCH RIDER and as it is the 100th Anniversary there is a display on EARLSWOOD VILLAGE HALL – THE FIRST 100 YEARS.

Again we will be opening 2.30-4.30pm on the first Saturday, March – October and additionally every Saturday in August, there is free parking and tea & coffee available – so come along and browse, we are always interested to show the artefacts in our care and in hearing your memories of the area. We are also available to open for groups at other times subject to volunteer availability and agreement with Earlswood Village Hall. For more information on our displays and opening dates and times please see our website https://earlswoodvillagemuseumorg.wordpress.com/ or contact us at evmuseum2021@gmail.com

Cheryl Roberts - Volunteer Curator

Tanworth In Arden
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Thank you for attending the Parish Assembly

If you have any questions about the work your Parish Council do, please come and ask!

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