The size of Coronavirus

Just how large is a single Coronavirus?

I came across this diagram of the relative size of the Coronavirus on the website Visual Capitalist. It shows the size of coronavirus compared with other particles like dust, pollen, hair, salt and sand etc. The fascinating thing was how small smoke and droplets from breath can be. The full article Visualizing the Relative Size of Particles gives all the information.

Parish Council Changes

Parish Council News

The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome a new member, Mr Ian Kirkham who was co-opted at the meeting on 23rd September to replace Ms Trudy Chinn who stood down recently.

Mr Kirkham is a software architect who has lived in Stinchcombe for nine years. He is involved with the Scout movement, has been actively involved in his previous communities since student days and has acted on behalf of the Parish Council as Tree Warden for several years.

The Council would also like to thank Ms Chinn for her hard work and valuable contribution over the last three years.

2021 Elections

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2021 ELECTIONS

Following the postponement of the 2020 Elections due to Covid-19 we would like to provide you with a brief update as we start to look ahead to Thursday May 6th 2021.

Planning is already underway and we would like to reassure you that our highest priority is the safety of our staff and our electorate. We are currently undertaking initial work with regard to all aspects of our Polling Stations.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

In anticipation of a possible shortfall in our usual Polling Station staffing levels, coupled with the need to be able to offer short notice cover for last minute cases of self-isolation we would very much like to add new staff to our Team.

If you think you would enjoy the experience of being right at the heart of the democratic process and would like to find out more about the role and rates of pay, please get in touch direct via email: elections@stroud.gov.uk

All applicants must be over 18, not a member of a political party, eligible to work in the UK and available for the whole day and evening of Thursday May 6th 2021.



Village Hall Autumn Update

A letter from the Village Hall Committee

Dear Stinchcombe Village Resident,

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee, it is a great pleasure to provide you with an update on the excellent progress which has been made regarding the extension of the Village Hall Car Park. Despite the challenges which have been faced this year with the coronavirus pandemic, the initiative to extend the existing car park has continued thanks particularly to the energetic and effective leadership provided by Charlie Oakhill.

In the early spring the purchase of an additional area of land adjoining the Village Hall went ahead with the area subsequently levelled and prepared for later surfacing. This was followed by a tree and hedge planting initiative in April, which was effectively supported by many volunteers from the village who assisted during the period of lockdown. Grassing and fencing the area directly behind the Village Hall has added another attractive dimension to the Village Hall for activities and entertainment when life return to a more normal

pattern.

In the meantime, we look forward to the next stage of the development with the start of the tarmac work at the end of this week. Work will commence on Friday 2nd October and should be completed by Wednesday 7th October. In order to minimize the disruption caused, it is anticipated that the working hours will be a little longer than usual with the contractor making an early start at 7.30 am on 2 days. During the pandemic greater flexibility has been allowed with working hours and we are keen to see this work completed without unnecessary inconvenience.

We look forward to the completion of this new car park facility, which there is no doubt will be of considerable benefit to wider Stinchcombe community.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Kind regards

Your Village Hall Committee

What is a minute worth?

Speeding on our roads: what is a minute worth?

About one minute is typically all we save if we break the speed limit on our trip to Dursley, Wotton or Berkeley. What are the negative consequences? Some Taits Hill Road residents say that **speeding traffic is badly affecting their lives**. And they feel that **the problem is getting worse**.

Facts on speed and its consequences

- In 2018 over 7,000 people were injured and 186 were killed in Great Britain in crashes involving someone speeding
- Two-thirds of all crashes in which people are killed or injured happen on roads with a speed limit of 30mph or less
- Driving at only 5 mph above the 30 mph limit increases your stopping distance by 6.4 m or 21 ft even in good conditions
- If average speeds reduce by only 1 mph, the accident rate falls by about 5%
- Driving at 40 mph rather than 30 mph increases the risk of pedestrians suffering fatal injuries in a collision from 40% to 80%
- A belief that our roads are too dangerous due to traffic speed and volume is the main barrier to more people cycling
- Reducing speeds by 6 mph in built-up areas cuts noise by up to 40%
- Lower speeds generally reduce air pollution.

Tackling Speeding in Stinchcombe

Our previous Community Speed Watch group fizzled out a few years ago. The Parish Council supports a new group if enough residents are actively involved.

There are various ways to get involved and you don’t necessarily need to stand at the roadside.

This is a longstanding problem that is not easy to solve, but we can work together to make a difference.

Stinchcombe Speeding Survey

Use our one minute Stinchcombe Speeding Survey to tell us what you think about speeding in our parish.

Prefer pen and paper?

We want to hear from as many residents as possible. A version of this article and the survey will be included in the November issue of the Stinchcombe News.

NHS Test and Trace

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This is a public health message from NHS Test and Trace

As part of the government's coordinated response to Coronavirus, NHS Test and Trace has developed the new NHS COVID-19 app.

It is now available for download to all residents of England and Wales. We strongly recommend that everyone over the age of 16 downloads and uses it.

> *Download the 'NHS COVID-19' app from the App Store or Google Play. There is more information at https://covid19.nhs.uk*

The app will help you to understand and manage your personal risk and reduce the spread of Coronavirus. The more people who

use it, the more effective it will be.

The app requires operating system 13.5 or above if you have an Apple iPhone. It requires Android 6.0 or above if you have an Android phone. If your smartphone is not compatible, you can still access full support from the NHS Test and Trace service.

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