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Tesco Blue Discs

Tesco Community Grant Scheme and the Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce that we have been approved for the Tesco ‘Blue Disc’ Community Grant scheme.

From from mid January until the end of March, The two Tesco stores taking part are:

- Cam
- Wootton-under-Edge

How it works

When customers receive a a blue token. You can vote for your favourite Community scheme out of 3 choices. They will all receive a grant. There are 3 grants available. The lowest number of discs will get £500, the next will receive £1,000,

and the highest £1,500.

Please support your Village Hall

When you are Shopping in Tesco, **Please** ask for Blue discs if you are not given any. Don’t forget to help support our Village Hall project by putting them in the appropriate receptacle.

About Tesco Community Grants

The Tesco Community Grants scheme supports thousands of local community projects and good causes across the UK every year. The scheme is open to applications from community groups, charities, and not-for-profit organizations wanting to make a difference in their local area.

Since the program launched in 2016, Tesco Community Grants has awarded **£101,881,339** in grant funding to 50,880 community projects, with grant awards decided by 738,402,011 votes cast by Tesco customers in stores across the UK.



Tesco Blue Token

Other Parish Council Documents

Road Safety Week 19th Nov 2023

We’re taking part in Road Safety Week



Stinchcombe Speed Watch is taking part in Road Safety Week, organised by the road safety charity, Brake. The objective this year is to start a national conversation about speed.

Why?

Here are five good reasons:

1. On average five people die on British roads every day
2. Inappropriate speed contributes to around 39% of crashes that result in death or serious injury, of which there were 29,742 in Great Britain in 2022
3. Every 1mph increase in speed increases crash frequency by 5%

4. The risk of a pedestrian being killed increases slowly up to impact speeds of around 30 mph but at speeds of 30 – 40mph becomes 3.5 to 5.5 times more likely
5. About half of pedestrian fatalities occur at impact speeds of 30 mph or below.

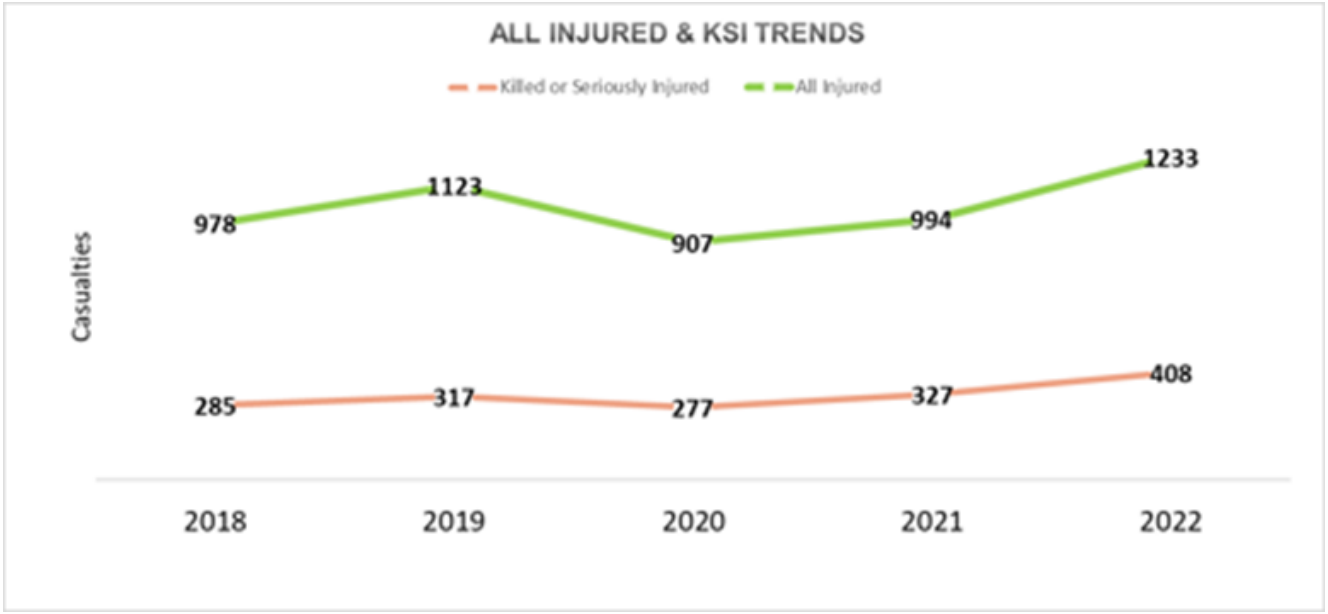
Learn more from

- ***Brake***
- ***RoSPA***
- ***20's Plenty*** .

And turning the spotlight on Gloucestershire …

Our statistics for people killed or seriously injured on the roads remain poor. This was tragically brought home to us in Stinchcombe by the fatal crash on Taits Hill, the first anniversary of which passed recently.

The fact is we're lagging behind other local authorities. Our figures increased in 2022 whereas the best-performing local authority (Staffordshire) saw a 52% reduction.



Source

So please join in the conversation with us …

There are various ways to do that:

1. Comment at the end of this article on the Parish website.
2. Attend our Stopping Distances* event at the Village Hall at 3pm on Sunday 19th November to take part in a memorable demonstration and share themed biscuits and cakes.
3. Come and talk if you see our stand at Leaf & Ground.
4. Respond to our posts on Stinchcombe Social or make your own.
5. If you know who we are you can even buttonhole us in the street.

** Brake research found that 71% of drivers don't know what distance to keep from a vehicle in front of them.*



It's a very rare person who never drives too fast and we're

not going to be judging anyone. We just want to hear what you think. Why and where do we speed? What would stop us? What do we think about others speeding? Do we know the facts about speed and its potential consequences? Does our vehicle make it all too easy to speed? Are we using any features it has to help us keep to appropriate speeds?

The Speed Watch Team: Trudy Chinn, Don Cribb, John Delafield, Kath Hudson, Joan Jelfs, Marion Twentyman and Ava Walker

The Quiz

On that last note, let’s kick off the campaign with a short quiz. It will also be available on Stinchcombe Social, along with other campaign posts. You’ll find some of the answers in this article and we’ll publish them all on Saturday 25 th November.

1. How many people die on UK roads every day?

a) 2

b) 3

c) 4

d) 5

2. Each year, how many fatal crashes involve someone driving too fast?

a) 1 in 3

b) 1 in 4

c) 1 in 5

d) 1 in 6

3. Which roads have the most speeding cars?

a) Urban (30 mph limit)

b) Motorway (70 mph limit)

c) Rural (60 mph limit)

4. What is the total stopping distance at 30 mph? (Average car length is 4 metres)

a) 9 m (2.25 car lengths)

b) 12 m (3 car lengths)

c) 18 m (4.5 car lengths)

d) 23 m (5.75 car lengths)

5. What is the total stopping distance at 20 mph? (Average car length is 4 metres)

a) 6 m (1.5 car length)

b) 9 m (2.25 car lengths)

c) 12 m (3 car lengths)

d) 15 m (3.75 car lengths)

6. How many times more likely is a crash at 30 mph likely to cause severe injury than a crash at

20 mph?

a) The same

b) Twice as likely

c) Three times as likely

7. How many drivers don’t know what distance to keep from a vehicle in front of them?

a) 37%

b) 53%

c) 71%

d) 90%

Stinchcombe Scratch Choir

Or, Our Home-Grown Choir for our Candlelight Service at Christmas

This year's Carols by Candlelight service at St. Cyr's will be on Sunday, December 17th at 5 p.m. It would be wonderful if you were able to join our scratch choir for the occasion. Our friend Miriam Ayling has kindly agreed to lead the choir. She led us a couple of years ago and did a fabulous job.



As in previous years, we will have 4 practices across the fortnight before the service. These will be on different evenings so that folk with other commitments can hopefully attend at least one practice.

The practice dates are:

- Wednesday 6th
- Thursday 7th
- Tuesday 12th

- Wednesday 13th

All Practices start at 6.30pm

If there is anyone in the village who would like to join us, please let me know. It wouldn't be Christmas in Stinchcombe without our scratch choir so I hope that you are able to join us.

With best wishes

Jayne

Can we bring back Swifts to Stinchombe

Can we bring swifts back to Stinchcombe?

I've enjoyed watching swifts by the gravel pits at Frampton-on-Severn, but have never seen any in Stinchcombe. Has anyone else seen any here in recent years?

A species in decline

These amazing birds arrive in the UK in April/May and return to Africa in August. They never land except to nest. In fact, the young birds spend their first three years on the wing. Sadly, their numbers are in decline – about 60% down in the last 25 years. This is mainly due to the loss of suitable nest sites. As old buildings are refurbished, the spaces under

the roof tiles that they like to use are often made inaccessible. The decline in insect populations can't be helping either as this is the swifts' only food.

All is not lost

District Councillor Catherine Braun told me about the ***Nibley Swifts project*** They have only been going since 2021, but this summer North Nibley residents saw flocks of 30 or more of these lovely birds. Stroud also has a very active ***Facebook group*** and there are many others.

Installing ***swift boxes*** doesn't cost a lot and is working in North Nibley. Another option is ***swift nesting bricks*** These can be very inconspicuous, however, the swifts apparently find them.



There is evidence that swifts can be drawn to new nest sites by broadcasting recordings of swift calls. Various products are on the market.

A Stinchcombe Swift Project?

How wonderful it would be to attract swifts back to Stinchcombe. Would anyone like to join me in setting up a

project? The first step might be to find out more from existing local groups.

Kath Hudson