For any queries relating to the functions of the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk who is based in the Parish Council Office at Whitwell Community Centre, during office hours only, Monday to Friday, between 9am and 2pm.

Contact: 01909 726691 or clerk@whitwell-pc.gov.uk

Whitwell Community Centre

www.whitwellcommunitycentre.com

Contact: 01909 723490 or office@whitwellcommunitycentre.com

Coffee Mornings

Every Saturday 9.15am-11am, run by local groups to raise funds. Coffee, toast, cake, raffle and a chat with friends.

All welcome.

Keep house plants to create clean air.

Whitwell Festival of Music 2025

Back for another year, Whitwell Festival of Music will go ahead on 5th, 6th and 7th September.

Tickets are available on the website at www.whitwellfestivalofmusic.org.uk/shop or from Whitwell Community Centre.

Your Parish Councillors:

Tom Munro (Chair), Frank Raspin (Vice-Chair), Karl Austin, Harriet Green, Stuart Maiden, Diana Munro, Judy Paget, Jeanne Raspin.

Your Parish Councillors are all contactable by email using their name followed by @whitwell-pc.gov.uk for example, Tom.Munro@whitwell-pc.gov.uk

Whitwell Parish Council

Spring Newsletter

How Whitwell Celebrated VE-Day 80

On Thursday 8th May Whitwell celebrated, with the rest of the country, the 80th anniversary of the end of war in Europe in its own ways which included:

At 9:00am the VE Day 80 Flag was raised, followed by the Proclamation being read out by the Parish Council Chair to a small gathering in the Square in front of the war memorial.

A poignant service later in St Lawrence Church with contributions to the proceedings by members of the Whitwell Royal British Legion Branch.

Between 10:30am and 2:30pm drinks and refreshments down at the sensory garden near Whitwell Station hosted by the Just Good Friends Club (JGFC) and attended by several classes of school children from Whitwell Primary School as well as clients that JGFC work with.

At 3:45pm Whitwell Bowls Club enjoyed a celebratory high tea with baked contributions from members of the Club.

At 9:25pm a gathering of at least 60 local residents on the quarry bundings to witness Whitwell Community Choir singing “You’ll Never Walk Alone” followed by the lighting of the Beacon at 9:30pm. Thanks, in particular, to Tarmac staff and team for lighting the beacon and to the Community Choir Leader Liz. Judging by the torch lights around the quarry it was evident that others saw this event from their own vantage points.

Thank you to all who took part or contributed. Whitwell will always remember the millions across Europe who sacrificed so much that we should live in peace.

Don’t throw litter out of cars into the hedgerows and roadsides:
It looks awful and endangers wildlife.

You could get up to 70% off the average Severn Trent bill

The Big Difference Scheme can offer a reduction of water bills to any Severn Trent customer with a household income below £23,492.

Households with child dependants may be eligible for an additional income allowance in excess of this amount. https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-paying-your-bill/big-difference-scheme/

Considerate Parking

There have been issues with the recycling lorries being unable to access residents bins due to vehicles parked on double-yellow lines. Please be considerate when parking your vehicle as the bin lorries and emergency vehicles require 24 hour access to be available.

Trees In Whitwell

You well may have noticed that there have been more trees planted in the Parish over the last few months. The main areas of activity have been on Whitwell Common and Quarry Hill. The trees have been provided free of charge by the Woodland Trust, to contribute to their Nationwide campaign to increase areas of forest in our communities in villages, towns and cities. Some of the benefits of planting trees are:

- **Cleaner Air** – Trees reduce Greenhouse Gases by absorbing Carbon Dioxide and creating oxygen which we need to breathe and to sustain our lives.
- **Preventing Soil Erosion** – Trees help to stop rain from washing soil away as roots create a network in the ground which absorbs the rainwater. They also act as a windbreak in stormy weather.
- **Conserve Energy** – They help to lower the temperature by providing shade and keeping areas cool.
- **Provide Habitat** – Trees are a home and food source for many creatures.
- **Improve our Health and Wellbeing** – Spending time in nature is good for our physical and mental health. Also, woods and trees look nice!

There are still open spaces for walking, playing and sledging (when it snows!), but please take care not to damage the young trees: We want future generations to enjoy them in years to come.

Many thanks to Woodland Trust, Bolsover District Council, Planterior and all the volunteers who worked so hard to plant so many trees so quickly.

Voluntary Litter Picking

A regular litter-picking schedule has proved not to be convenient for some wishing to participate. Therefore, if you do wish to undertake litter-picking at your own risk, equipment is still available from Whitwell Community Centre.

Whitwell Summer Gala

Saturday 28th June, starting at 1pm on Welbeck Street Recreation Ground, Welbeck Street, Whitwell S80 4TP. Free entry and everyone is welcome. There will be plenty for everyone, including; Displays, Climbing Wall, Body Zorbs, Laser Tag, Owl Display, Inflatables, Booster Cushion Theatre, Table Football, Bungee Trampolines, Toddler Zone, Face Painting, Live Music, Stalls, Bar and more.

Whitwell Holiday Club

Registrations are now open for Whitwell Holiday Club. The dates of this years Holiday Club are 28th July—15th August 2025, 9.30am-3pm.

Three weeks of fun, which includes, but not limited to; Den building, crafts, sports, games and much more. Prices are £6 for Whitwell Parish Residents and £10 for Non-Residents.

Forms are available via the website at www.whitwell-pc.gov.uk or from Whitwell Community Centre

REGISTER NOW TO SECURE A PLACE.

Plan your shopping, use leftovers to avoid food waste.