

EAST HAGBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DULY CONVENED AND HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2024

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Present were Chairman I. Duff, Vice Chairman P. Dixon, Councillors C. Gover, R. Jaboor, N. Milner, D. Rickeard and C. Shaikh.

Apologies were received from District Councillor A-M Simpson.

In attendance was L. Lloyd (Clerk).

I. Duff indicated there is 1 vacancy for a parish councillor.

2. PUBLIC FORUM AND QUESTIONS: None

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH JULY 2024: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 18th July 2024 were approved by Council and signed by I. Duff.

4. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

I. Duff confirmed receipt of the District Councillors' Report and highlighted the imminent publication of the Joint Local Plan. See attachment 2 for the full report.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- a) **Future Governance of the Pavilion and Recreation Ground:** D. Rickeard referred to a detailed report on the current status of enquiries that had been circulated well before the meeting. He circulated a summary at the meeting and highlighted the need to ensure that any future arrangement does not impinge on the Parish Council's duty to maintain the area as a recreation ground. I. Duff noted the significance of the business rate relief; D. Rickeard noted that this is likely granted to support smaller organisations, rather than based on how the facility is governed. It was agreed that finding or retaining the right people is key. D. Rickeard questioned whether a lease would be necessary moving forward; N. Milner suggested that if the committee was a Parish Council committee, it may not be necessary but it would likely be required for a separate organisation. The possibility of indemnity insurance to cover individual risk for lease signatories may alleviate some concerns with the current model moving forward. CFO are expected to respond with guidance in coming weeks.
- b) **RoSPA Report:** D. Rickeard referred to the annual RoSPA report based on an inspection that was completed on 13th August. Based on the recommendations in the report, D. Rickeard has resolved minor issues with the metal slide, wet pour edging and erosion under the seesaw rocker, but there are a number of monitoring items that would be best served by a maintenance visit. EHSRC are supportive of having a maintenance visit in the near future and are prepared to fund this under their lease obligations, but it was noted that if there is a high cost quoted for repairs, the Parish Council may need to contribute.
- c) **Public Art S106 Funding:** I. Duff reported on recent conversations with A. Brown the Arts Development Officer. The proposal is to have a small-scale meeting of volunteer steering group members for an initial discussion, covering possible locations and ideas for projects. This would then inform an Open Meeting in November. A. Brown is happy to attend both the steering group meeting and the Open Meeting to help with the process.
- d) **Parking and Traffic Management on Main Road:** N. Milner referred to a report circulated ahead of the meeting, outlining the issues in the central village including Church Close, Main Road and Upper Cross Lane. N. Milner suggested that a survey to clarify the issues from resident perspectives would be very useful. Monitoring the parked cars along Main Road for a period of time would also be useful to inform the decision-making process. It was also noted that sometimes poor parking along the narrow stretch causes significant issues for larger vehicles including buses. N. Milner agreed to work on this and bring some proposals to the next meeting.

6. ITEMS FOR DECISION:

- a) **To finalise the contractor details to carry out works to both FP12 and FP15:** I. Duff confirmed that following the July meeting, councillors reviewed the requirements for FP15 and agreed that the specified works should be completed. Councillors resolved that SCS Oxon Ltd would be instructed to carry out the resurfacing of both footpaths using the original specification, with grey granodust finish at a total cost of £18,404 and funded using existing CIL money. This quote is for the original specification which met the requirements for the completed FP4 resurfacing. If OCC, on reviewing the site, require a larger diameter self-binding gravel for this project, it was agreed that there should be a 10% contingency for increased costs. The project will take approximately 2 weeks and a meeting between SCS Oxon Ltd, the farmer, adjacent residents and councillors will be held to align expectations ahead of the project commencing in late September.

- b) **Investment Strategy Review:** Councillors reviewed the Investment Strategy which was adopted in October 2023 and agreed that no changes were needed.
- c) **To confirm the Parish Council wishes to continue to automatically receive CIL money contributions from SODC:** The Parish Council resolved to accept the CIL monies due in October, which will include a £106,843.63 payment from the development adjacent to the village hall.
- d) **To agree banking arrangements for CIL money:** I. Duff confirmed that L. Lloyd had circulated a banking update and interim Investment Activity Report for review ahead of the meeting. Councillors resolved to open a Treasure Plus account with Newbury Building Society, using the current four authorised signatories on the Unity Trust bank mandate. It was further resolved that £5,000 would be transferred from the Unity Trust deposit account to facilitate the opening of the new Treasure Plus account if the paperwork is completed ahead of receipt of the CIL monies in late October.
- e) **Confirmation of Internal Auditor for 2024/25:** Following the news that April Skies Ltd are not in a position to continue auditing the parish council for 2024/25, L. Lloyd circulated four quotes from potential auditors for consideration ahead of the meeting. Councillors reviewed the quotes and resolved to appoint Parish and Town Auditing Services (PATAS) to carry out the internal audit for 2024/25 at a cost of £295.00.

7. ITEMS FOR REPORT:

- a) **Planning Applications:** I. Duff confirmed there are no current planning applications requiring consideration.
- b) **East Hagbourne Sport and Recreation Committee:** D. Rickeard noted that the lime tree in the recreation ground to the rear of the Pavilion has some branches which are overhanging the area used for goalpost storage. EHSRC have agreed to obtain a quote from BGG for remedial works.
- c) **Cemetery Committee:** The drainage survey is being completed by CDS on 10th September. R. Jaboor and P. Dixon confirmed they are available to speak with CDS on site. The pathway to the Grundon bin should be completed in the coming month.
- d) **Employment Committee:** Nothing to report.
- e) **Butts Piece Allotments:** P. Dixon reported that this year's follow up treatment for the Japanese Knotweed is taking place on 12th September.
- f) **Flood Management:** C. Shaikh confirmed that the contractors appointed by SODC will be completing the channel clearance and bridge removal from 17th September and it has been advised to avoid the area. It was agreed that L. Lloyd will post on social media and Mailchimp, and C. Shaikh will alert the flood group volunteers.
- g) **Community Speedwatch:** Nothing to report this month.
- h) **Housing development adjacent to the village hall:** I. Duff reported that it is still the intention that contractors will vacate the site in the next two months. The LEAP play area approved in 2022 including the equipment chosen at the front of the site is due to be installed imminently and has been the subject of complaints from residents. The planning department confirmed that there was a DIS application submitted in June with changes to the play equipment, on which the Parish Council was not consulted. This was refused on the basis that it varied too much from the approved plans and offered less play value. It has been requested that any further proposed changes should be discussed with the Parish Council. D. Rickeard queried the future management of the play area, which will be the responsibility of the site management committee after the first year. Details of this are not known at present.
- i) **Matters raised at the Chairman's Surgery and OALC Councillors Forum:** I. Duff confirmed that he was unable to attend the August OALC meeting, and there was no surgery held in August. The next Chairman's Surgery is scheduled for 27th September.

8. Correspondence:

OCC have an upcoming Digital Infrastructure Programme webinar on 14th October covering connectivity in the area. SGN have scheduled gas pipe replacement works on Blewbury Road and Main Road from September to January. This includes traffic management along Blewbury Road and a closure on Main Road, but it is not clear when the closure will happen within the given timeframe. It was agreed that L. Lloyd would contact the TTRO team for further details.

Report received of a young child who suffered a spiral leg fracture in June on the tunnel slide in the playground in the Rec. This playground is regularly inspected throughout the year and the annual RoSPA inspection (see item 5.b) confirmed the slide is compliant with current legislation. L. Lloyd has taken advice from OALC and the Head of Play Safety at RoSPA who confirmed that while distressing, this level of injury is deemed to be an acceptable risk and no remedial measures have been recommended following the incident.

A meeting with the OCC Highways Engagement Team has been arranged for 3rd October.

9. Finance:

a) Expenditure and receipts since the last meeting and account balances:

a) Payments

since last meeting:

NB: Payments pending are shown in yellow and are not included in the account balance shown in c)

Payee	Item	Online Auth/ Cheque No	Amount	VAT	Total	Date
Dark White Digital	INV 001577 web hosting July 2024	C Shaikh / D Rickeard	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	22/07/2024
Shield Maintenance Ltd	INV 7773 Dog bin and waste bin emptying June 2024	C Shaikh / D Rickeard	£125.66	£25.13	£150.79	22/07/2024
EHSRC	INV 240604 Pavilion Hire for Parish Council meeting 06/06/2024	C Shaikh / D Rickeard	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00	22/07/2024
BGG Garden & Tree Care	INV 302.24 Parish and Cemetery Cuts June	C Shaikh / D Rickeard	£355.00	£71.00	£426.00	22/07/2024
Grundon Waste Management	PSI1098812 Cemetery bin June (Credit note PSCM-0023995 for excess weight charge has been deducted from the invoice total)	DD	£57.45	£11.49	£68.94	23/07/2024
Parish Online	INV 38UD026-0002 Annual Subscription to mapping	D Rickeard / C Shaikh	£96.00	£19.20	£115.20	23/07/2024
L. Lloyd	July Salary	C Shaikh / D Rickeard	£824.40	£0.00	£824.40	31/07/2024
Dark White Digital	INV001602 web hosting August	C Gover / C Shaikh	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	09/08/2024
BGG	INV 449.24 Parish and Cemetery cuts July	C Gover / C Shaikh	£425.00	£85.00	£510.00	09/08/2024
Shield Maintenance Ltd	INV 7865 Dog Bins and Butts Piece waste bin collection July	C Gover / C Shaikh	£125.66	£25.13	£150.79	09/08/2024
Hobs Reprographics	INV S2013PRF24070030 Welcome Booklet reprint	C Gover / C Shaikh	£43.00	£8.60	£51.60	09/08/2024
EHSRC	INV240704 Pavilion meeting room hire 18/07/2024	C Gover / C Shaikh	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00	09/08/2024
Grundon Waste Management	PSI-1111406 Cemetery Bin July	DD	£85.32	£17.06	£102.38	20/08/2024
L. Lloyd	August Salary	C Shaikh / D Rickeard	£824.40	£0.00	£824.40	30/08/2024
Dark White Digital	INV 001627 web hosting September 2024		£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	
Shield Maintenance Ltd	INV 7950 Dog bin and waste bin emptying August 2024		£125.66	£25.13	£150.79	
BGG Garden & Tree Care	INV 643.24 Parish and Cemetery cuts August 2024		£355.00	£71.00	£426.00	
Playsafety Limited	INV 85236 RoSPA Inspection August 2024		£90.00	£18.00	£108.00	
OCC	INV 3920747664 Footpath 4 resurfacing		£8,650.00	£1,730.00	£10,380.00	
L. Lloyd	September Salary		£824.40	£0.00	£824.40	

b) Receipts since last meeting:

From	Item	Amount	Date
M&J Didcock	2nd inscription Jones F168	£26.00	24/07/2024
Stockman and Loram	EROB and interment Cleverly G191	£616.00	25/07/2024
Nationwide	Instant Access Savings account interest - July	£150.47	31/07/2024
Redwood Bank	35 day notice account interest July	£231.20	31/07/2024
Stockman and Loram	EROB and interment Cleverly G191	£616.00	05/08/2024
Refund to Stockman and Loram	EROB and interment Cleverly G191 due to duplicate payment	-£616.00	09/08/2024
M J Didcock Funeral Services	Ashes Interment CM028 Newman	£86.00	21/08/2024

Nationwide	Instant Access Savings account interest - August	£150.75	30/08/2024
Redwood Bank	35 day notice account interest August	£231.20	31/08/2024
Funeral Partners (Chadwick)	EROB and 1st Ashes Interment G190 Biddell	£612.00	03/09/2024
Total		£2,103.62	

c) Accumulated Account Balances (reconciled online 04/09/2024)

Unity Trust Bank - T1 current account	£15,078.82
Unity Trust Bank - Instant access account	£57,490.04
Redwood Bank - 35 Day Notice Savings Account	£85,000.00
Nationwide - Instant Access Business Savings Account	£80,832.94
Total	<u>£238,401.80</u>

d) The Special Project Balances (as of 04/09/2024) are:

Community Infrastructure Levy Fund	Received 24/04/19 so requires spending by 23/04/24	£121.40
	Received 30/04/21 so requires spending by 29/04/26	£1,517.73
	Received 27/10/21 so requires spending by 26/10/26	£3,307.90
	Received 27/04/22 so requires spending by 26/04/27	£3,035.45
	Received 28/10/22 so requires spending by 27/10/27	£2,127.82
	Received 28/04/23 so requires spending by 27/04/28	£55,413.82
	Received 27/10/23 so requires spending by 26/10/28	£106,843.63
	Received 26/04/24 so requires spending by 25/04/29	£4,165.09
	Total CIL money	<u>£176,532.84</u>
Community Projects Reserve Fund		£4,712.91
Planned Development Support Fund		£5,303.15
Cemetery		£16,403.19
	Total	<u>£202,952.09</u>

e) General Reserve (as of 04/09/2024) **£35,449.71**

- b) Review and approval of pending payments:** The Council reviewed and approved the pending payments that did not have minuted/regular payment approval this month. It was noted that the invoice from OCC for the footpath works has been received; L. Lloyd has submitted the claim for £6,650 to TOE.
- c) Q1 Bank Reconciliation:** P. Dixon confirmed that the Q1 bank reconciliations have were signed off after the July meeting with no issues noted.
- d) External Audit Update:** L. Lloyd confirmed that Moore have requested additional information to complete their audit, including further details on the receipt of CIL funds. This request was responded to on the same day.

10. Items for report and inclusion on the October agenda: Parking and Traffic Management on Main Road

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

Items for consideration for the October agenda must be received by the clerk no later than Wednesday 9th October.

The next meeting will be held on 17th October 2024 at the Pavilion, Great Mead, East Hagbourne.

Signed.....Dated.....

ATTACHMENT 1: ACTION LIST

Action No	What	Who	Status
2023-03-01	Deanfield Homes Car Park Land Transfer	LL	Transfer documentation signed at meeting on 26 th March. Still awaiting confirmation of transfer from solicitors.
2023-06-02	Parking and Traffic Management on Main Road	NM	NM to prepare a proposal with initial steps to investigate the practicalities and resident perception of current issues.
2023-06-03	Footway repairs in the parish	ID/PD/RJ	Prioritise potential repairs for OCC to review
2023-10-01	Disabled Parking spaces in the village car park	LL	Research options and costs
2023-10-03	Weed management on Main Road	LL/ID	Awaiting feedback from SODC and a quote for weed treatment from BGG. Main Road could be a priority for the SODC Deep Cleanse in October, but this does not cover removal of weeds and moss on roads, only the footways.
2023-12-01	Footpath 4 surface improvements	LL	Resurfacing complete. Following Aztec's return to ensure the stability of the spoil alongside the brook, OCC have approved the works and paid Aztec. Awaiting approval from TOE for the release of funds.
VARIOUS	<p>Footpath accessibility:</p> <p>2023-12-02 FP10 MFL to West Hagbourne</p> <p>2023-12-03 FP12 Church Lane to Fieldside</p> <p>2023-12-04 FP13 Parsonage Lane</p> <p>2024-01-01 FP1 West Hagbourne to Didcot</p> <p>2024-03-01 FP12 Fieldside to the Causeway</p> <p>2024-03-02 FP15 Grange Footpath</p> <p>2024-03-03 FP8 Bakers Lane to The Croft</p> <p>2024-04-01 FP30 Village Hall</p>	LL/CS/PD/ID	<p>Chasing OCC for a meeting between OCC/EHPC and WHPC to assess FP10 and FP1 and for approval for potential works to FP12, FP15 and FP8. Approached R. McNaught for assistance as A. McEwan-James has not been able to respond to recent requests.</p> <p>2024-01-01 – Sought advice from District Councillors as to whether the DGT funding may support improvements to FP1 – as this is not on the LCWIP list of paths for improvement the PC has been referred back to OCC for advice.</p> <p>Volunteer labour is available for FP8 aggregate laying subject to OCC approval</p> <p>Agreement in principle to spend CIL money on FP12, FP15 and FP8 improvements</p> <p>3 revised quotes for potential works for FP12 and FP15 received.</p> <p>Field owner approved final spec for FP12 and reviewing options for FP12 between the Causeway and the Church</p> <p>11/07/2024 S. Tabbitt (AM-J line manager) contacted for support with footpath 12 approval as a priority. Responses received from both S. Tabbitt and J. Smith on spec.</p> <p>18/07/2024 SCS Oxon Ltd selected to carry out works to FP12. Clarify with J. Smith regarding aggregate ahead of instructing works.</p> <p>05/09/2024 SCS Oxon Ltd appointed to complete FP12 & FP15 in late September/early October</p> <p>Chase quote for FP13 from OCC Highways, investigate obtaining comparison quote</p> <p>FP30 – initial review of possible surface improvements needed</p>

2023-12-09	Community Speedwatch	RJ	Potential speedwatch locations sent to police for review. Blewbury Speedwatch to train EH volunteers once locations confirmed.
2024-01-02	Emergency Plan / Flooding documentation Review	RJ/LL	Emergency Plan Approved and now online. Resident feedback and volunteers for emergency contact list now ongoing.
2024-02-01	Pavilion Lease Renewal	DR/LL	Awaiting feedback from CFO
2024-02-04	Flood Management in the Parish	CS/DR/PD	Meetings with OCC, SODC and EA complete. Expression of interest for funding from OCC's Flood Risk Management funding for 2024/25 submitted and acknowledged. L. Travers obtaining quote for works. 23/05/2024 – Email confirmation from OCC that EHPC's proposal has been included in the provisional projects list for funding this year, subject to supplying further information. 06/06/2024 – Flood Group has requested full information on watercourse adjacent land ownership in the parish – this will involve land registry requests at a small cost. 13/08/2024 L. Travers has confirmed that the OCC funded channel clearance and bridge removal works will be carried out from 17 th September and take approximately 8 working days.
2024-03-04	Main Road 20mph limit	OCC	Public consultation complete – awaiting decision
2024-03-05	From APM: Step reinstatement on Main Road/Bakers Lane footpath	OCC/LL	OCC's Carl Stallwood to investigate and progress the matter with SGN (NB: this is an OCC Highways matter)
2024-03-06	From APM: Main Road to Coscote road surface	OCC	An OCC matter as no agreement was made with the developer during the planning process and the S278 agreement to maintain and repair the main agreed access route to the site. The Parish Council has full support from our County Councillor, Jane Murphy, to lobby for repairs and reinstatement. 22/08/2024 Meeting arranged with the Highways Engagement Team on 3 rd October to discuss
2024-04-01	CIL Projects Shortlist	ALL	Councillors reviewing and updating project proposals following discussion at the APM

ATTACHMENT 2:

Title	District Councillors' Report
Councillors	Cllr Anne-Marie Simpson & Cllr Ben Manning
Parish	East Hagbourne Parish Council
Date	5 September 2024

[Booking link](#) for planning surgeries for town and parish councils
Corporate Plan Performance Report – [Fourth Quarter](#)
Climate Action Plan Performance Report – [Fourth Quarter](#)

The next steps for Councils' Joint Local Plan

Following two hugely successful public consultations, which saw South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District councils receive a Highly Commended award at the Planning Resource Awards 2024, the councils have now set out the next steps for their Joint Local Plan (JLP).

Over the past three years, the councils have been working positively on a plan that meets the needs for homes and infrastructure for the districts' communities and delivers on the councils' commitment to tackling the climate emergency and recovery of nature.

There has so far been a hugely positive response from local communities and businesses to the proposals and now the councils are nearly ready to submit the joint plan to be examined – anticipating it being ready to submit in December 2024, four months earlier than previously thought.

In preparation, the councils have updated a document known as the Local Development Scheme that sets out the timetable for this work, which is now available on the councils' websites:

- [South LDS](#)
- [Vale LDS](#)

Next week, the councils will publish the proposed Joint Local Plan, along with the relevant supporting documents and the evidence the plan is based on. The public will have a 6-week opportunity to comment on whether they think the plan meets all the relevant technical requirements.

More information

Find out more about the Joint Local Plan on both the [South Oxfordshire](#) and [Vale of White Horse district council](#) websites.

To receive updates on the Joint Local Plan, including when the councils consult on the draft plan, please register your details using our [consultation sign up form](#).

Revenue Grant Scheme

A new round of the Revenue grant scheme is now open.

The Revenue Grant Scheme, run by South Oxfordshire District Council, aims to help voluntary and community organisations build and support thriving communities and improve the quality of life of people across South Oxfordshire.

The council offers in principle funding for two years and has a provisional budget of £667,992 to allocate. This is subject to annual approval by the council when setting its budget.

As well as covering essential operational costs, this funding can also be used to help voluntary sector organisations become more financially sustainable and have a long-lasting impact in the communities they support. For example, organisations may consider using this funding to support training staff in new skills or to invest in new income streams to help diversify their fundraising.

Organisations can apply for a minimum grant of £10,000 and a maximum grant of £125,000 per annum over the two-year period.

The closing date for applications is midday 1 November 2024.

The services and activities must be able to demonstrate direct benefits to meet a clearly identified need for South Oxfordshire residents. They must contribute towards at least one of the council's externally focussed emerging Corporate Plan priorities.

- Action on climate change and nature recovery
- Inclusion, accessibility and accountability
- Thriving and healthy communities
- Homes and infrastructure that meet local need

More information about the grant scheme can be found on our website southoxon.gov.uk/grants or organisations can contact the council's Community Enablement team on 01235 422405 or grants@southandvale.gov.uk

'Ask for Angela'

We are encouraging pubs, restaurants and cafes to join the growing list of licensed venues that are signed up to 'Ask for Angela', the national scheme aimed at ensuring help is available for those who are feeling unsafe or receiving unwanted attention.

If someone needs help while in a registered 'Ask for Angela' venue, they just need to ask any member of staff "Is Angela in?". Staff are trained to recognise the request and to offer the appropriate support, such as keeping an eye

on the individual, calling a friend, relative, taxi or the police - or helping them to leave the building via an alternative exit.

Twenty-four businesses across South and Vale have already signed up, but we'd like to see lots more get involved to ensure help is available for anyone who needs it. Please encourage venues in your area to register – any that are interested should email [Community Safety](#) or, for more information, visit the national [Ask for Angela website](#).

Family theatre at Cornerstone

The unforgettable family adventure [Luna Loves Library Day](#) is coming to Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Sunday 6 October.

Based on the beloved book by Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho and illustrator Fiona Lumbers, this heartwarming production will take you on a journey filled with laughter, sadness, and the healing power of stories.

With music and lyrics by the much-loved David Gibb, this musical show is a perfect treat for children aged 5+ and their families. Don't miss out—book your tickets now via the [Cornerstone website](#) or Box Office.

Riverside outdoor pool and splashpad extended season announced

There is great news for children and families looking to cool down in the summer sunshine before the end of the school holidays.

GLL, who manage the outdoor pool and splash pad on behalf of South Oxfordshire District Council, has agreed to an extension to the opening season this year.

[Riverside outdoor pool and splash pad](#) in Wallingford will now stay open a week later than anticipated.

The pool and splash pad would usually close on 1 September. Taking into account the predicted good weather and timing with schools returning, the plan is now to extend the opening until Sunday 8 September to allow everyone more time to make the most of these popular facilities.

Significant funding has gone into the Riverside in recent years into the campsite, pool, toilet and wash facilities and a makeover of the splash pads – which has proved incredibly popular the last two seasons.

As part of the wider work to enhance the environment in Wallingford, the district council has also supported environmental charity Thames21 and Wallingford Town Council in their successful bid to [secure bathing water status](#) on the River Thames at Wallingford earlier this year, which will help to drive improvements to water quality.

Young stars wanted for the Cornerstone Christmas Show

Cornerstone Arts Centre is calling for the attention all young actors and theatre fans across Oxfordshire!

The arts centre in Didcot is inviting young performers from the local area to help them bring alive the magic of pantomime with Cinderella their Christmas show this year.

Together with the award-nominated KD Theatre Productions, the centre is on the lookout for talented young people aged 9 to 16 to join the cast and make up two teams of junior performers. The teams will rotate performances throughout the run from December 18 to December 31, offering a fantastic opportunity for young actors to shine on stage.

Auditions are on Saturday 14 September, with junior auditions (ages 9-11) taking place at 2pm to 3.30pm and senior auditions (ages 12-16) from 3.45pm to 5.15pm.

All the information auditioners need to get involved, including a link to the audition pack and online submission form, is available [on the Cornerstone website](#). Auditionees will find out within two weeks if they have been successful.

Young performers don't need to prepare anything in advance—just bring your energy, enthusiasm, and love for the stage! Those selected will have the chance to work alongside professional actors in a dazzling production that promises plenty of laughter, stunning sets, and the enchanting magic of a classic British pantomime.

For more information and to sign up for auditions, visit [Cornerstone Arts Centre's website](#).