

Cannock Wood Parish Council constantly strives to work on behalf of parishioners on the issues that matter to the village. The Council is always keen to receive ideas and suggestions from parishioners on areas of interest or concern and where it is felt the Council may assist. Listed below is the current schedule of activity; this is regularly reviewed and updated as projects finish and priorities change.

Action Plan for 2026/2027

During the Council year 2026/2027 Cannock Wood Parish Council will undertake the following actions:

- Comment on all planning applications which fall within or impact on the Parish.
- Represent the views and promote the interests of the parish, particularly in relation to Cannock Chase District Council (CCDC) and Staffordshire County Council (SCC), and the National Landscape
- Engage with the community including by maintaining an up-to-date website and noticeboard and by providing feedback to every household on achievements against the 2026/2027 action plan. Review and update descriptive and community information on the website.
- Listen, investigate and respond to issues identified by the parish of Cannock Wood and, if appropriate, to signpost to the correct person/ organisation for resolution/ further progression.
- Report potholes, pavement trip hazards, flooding, blocked gullies, public rights of way issues to SCC and street cleansing and waste disposal issues to CCDC.
- Monitor speed indicator device data.
- Work with and support local groups for the improvement of the facilities, environment and social and economic wellbeing in the community within budgetary constraints.
- Deliver speedy and transparent decisions through full meetings of the Council.
- Maintain good financial practices, ensuring transparency and value for money.
- Promote training and induction and ongoing support for members of staff and councillors.
- Ensure that the requirement to conserve and enhance biodiversity is part of decision-making and that incremental improvements are made year on year.
- Maintain good governance guided, as far as possible, by the Local Council Award Scheme criteria.
- Keep a watching brief on changes to local government as they affect parish councils in Staffordshire.

Key projects for 2026/2027 include:

- (Sue) Installation of dropped kerbs at the junction of Park Gate Road opposite Buds Road, working with Highways and others to try to secure funding to add dropped kerbs cost effectively.
- (Steve) Continue footpath debris clearance, including on Hayfield and Cumberledge Hills and as needed.
- (Liz) Work towards improving the condition of some of our public footpaths, such as CW3 next to the reservoir. Wood chippings on the worst of the muddy sections, possibly laid on top of sheep wool.
- (Liz) Provide a further free first aid course if there is sufficient demand, monitor and resupply AEDs
- (Paul) Investigate feasibility and acceptability of a gateway scheme for the roads into the village.
- (Steve/Liz) Work with SSW regarding improvement of biodiversity on the reservoir site and the rhododendron encroaching on the woodland strip alongside the footpath.
- (Steve) Engage with CCDC regarding street sweeping and/or consider additional sweeps.
- (Steve/Liz) Monitor compliance with CCDC's management plans for Nunswell Park and Castle Ring.
- (Steve/Liz) Foster and facilitate events which are open to all and free to attend, including a scarecrow competition in September 2026 and photo competition in spring 2027.
- (Steve/Liz/Paul) Christmas tree installation and removal and temporary road closure for Santa
- (Steve/Liz) Engage with the school to explore opportunities for conserving and enhancing biodiversity such as enriching the boundary treatment, bird, bat and insect boxes, and work in partnership with the school to develop further pupils' awareness of the environment around them.
- (Steve + others?) Upkeep of the pollinator friendly planting on the Buds Road triangle

- (Fiona)
- (Pat)