

Temple Guiting Parish Council Meeting 1st December 2021

Report from GCC Cllr Mark MacKenzie-Charrington

- I continue to liaise with the planning officers over the various quarry applications within the North Cotswold Cluster. In particular the Oat Hill Quarry which was visited by a number of PC Councillors on 20th October where the owners want to double extraction.
- The government is allocating a further £4.8m to assist the care sector to prevent Covid spread over this winter. It is aimed at providing rapid testing both staff, residents and visitors
- The Environment Agency is seeking consultation on the 2nd draft of Flood Risk Management Plans for the period 2021 – 2027. It is for a 3-month period from 22nd October 2021 to 21st January 2022. Gloucestershire County Council is a lead member on the consultation.
- The County Council is looking for land across the county where up to 1 million trees can be planted by 2030. Working with the Woodland Trust they want to plant 360,000 trees over the next 3 years as part of our desire to reduce global warming and are seeking landowners who are happy for trees to be planted and maintained on their land.
- Reduce the impact of flooding by sweeping leaves from drains & gullies outside your home. Put the leaves in your green bin or your compost.
- The government's Levelling Up Fund has awarded Gloucestershire £12.8m to go towards connecting Cheltenham & Gloucester with a walking/ cycling link that ultimately would join up with Stroud to Bishops Cleeve. This is a follow up on improvements to the Sharpness Canal Towpath.
- A reminder that £385,000 of the Build Back Better - Market Towns fund of £500,000 has been allocated to 45 bidders with the aim of boosting the county's market towns and high streets. A further round of bids is now open to place the final £115,000 of funds.
- Fosse Cross recycling centre remains closed till early/ mid-December 2022. This is for essential drainage repairs and general resurfacing, at a cost of £165,000.
- Don't forget my 'Build Back Better' Fund where Councillors have access to £40,000 over the next 4 years to support projects, such as;
 - Nature and Environment
 - Physical and Mental Wellbeing
 - Digital Inclusion
 - Building Connections and Improving NeighbourhoodsThe funds will be open to community and voluntary organisations, charities, sporting groups and other non-for-profit groups, town and parish councils. An award of £5,000 has been made to Cotswold Friends, based in Moreton.