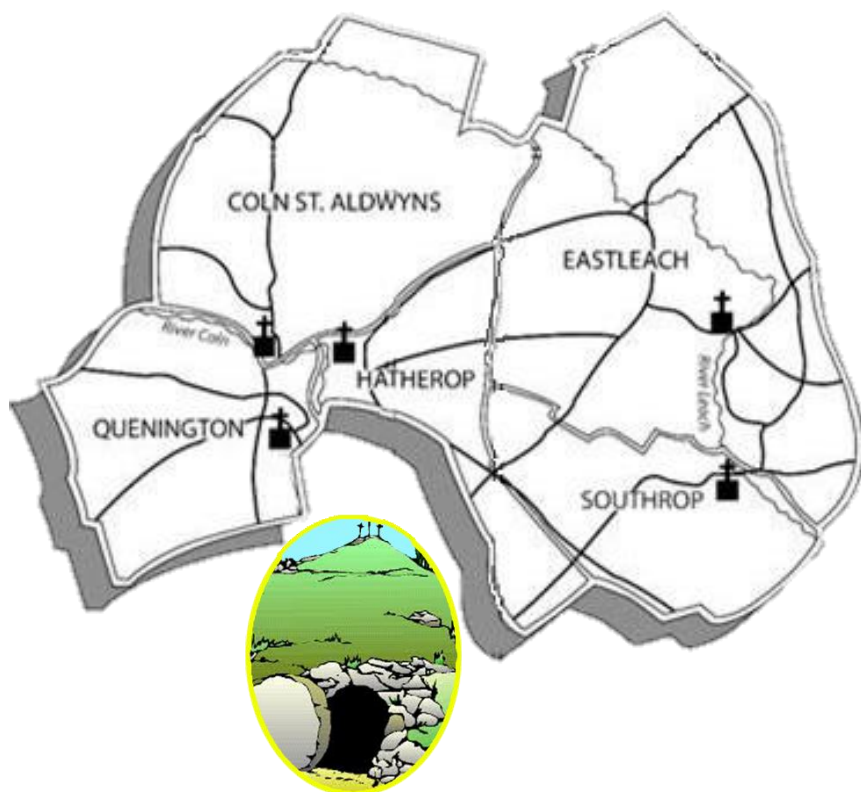


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*Hello from...
... Patti Price*



After four years working in The Hague, coming to live in Coln St Aldwyns was a bit of a shock to the system. Instead of being among a very multi-national and multi-cultural community, suddenly everyone was white and British. No problem, just very different! And coming from a large and lively church service in ordinary English to a rather smaller one here, using language 500 years old, emphasised the change.

I spent my childhood in the countryside of Warwickshire and I am a country girl at heart, so coming to such a gorgeous area and to wonderfully kind and welcoming people was pure pleasure. Having settled in, my next job involved a daily commute to London leaving around 5.30am and on a good day getting back around 8pm. In winter, I only saw the garden at weekends - if I wasn't working abroad in Europe or South America.

Shortly after arriving, in the summer of 1990, I was encouraged to start a family service for children, noticeable by their absence from church services. So, with lots of local involvement, *Together at Ten* was born - a monthly half hour 'short, sharp and simple' service, geared for the under-12s and their parents. This continued for some 10 years, mainly in Hatherop church, then moved into the chapel in Quenington (now the village hall) as a weekly event, becoming known as The Gate on the Green. By this time I had retired, so doing it weekly was no problem - and anyway there was a large team of extremely gifted people who did most of the work!

For me there have been two other bonuses to living in this beautiful place. The first, that I was invited to take services in all five CHEQS churches. That way I have met and become friends with many more people than I might otherwise have known and that has been particularly enriching. The second, that I have now lived longer in this one place than anywhere else in my entire life. In the past I averaged 4 years. But now I have been able to see babies growing up to adulthood, and have developed a sense of belonging instead of just passing through. The downside to a long stay is visiting the churchyards and seeing the names of older friends made when I first came! But then I remember our shared faith in a risen Lord, which we will celebrate in this month of Easter. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we too will rise and meet again in a different and better world.

EASING OUT OF LOCKDOWN



In recent months, the numbers of people with COVID-19 have been decreasing, and those who have been vaccinated increasing. The government's **COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021: Roadmap out of Lockdown** includes four stepped reductions in the national Covid restrictions. These steps are flexibly dated to be adjusted in the light of scientific advice, depending on the latest data about infection rates, the numbers of vaccines given and how the virus rates are responding to them, and how the new variants may be affecting people.

Step 1 started on 8th March with the return of pupils and students to schools, colleges and universities. From 29th March **outdoor** gatherings of up to 6 people or two households is permitted, including in private gardens. **Outdoor** sports facilities can open. The Stay at Home order has ended, but people should still work from home where possible.

Step 2 will be no earlier than 12th April, and will depend on things progressing well. It is hoped that non-essential retail, personal care and community centres will open, as well as outdoor visitor settings (with extra Covid precautions in place). Hospitality venues can serve people seated and outdoors only. Organised children's groups, such as Toddler Groups can open, with limited numbers and Covid precautions.

Please check gov.uk for accurate and up-to-date information. And with all the steps out of lockdown, we all need to continue to be Covid-aware and exercise restraint and caution, for the safety and welfare of each other and the country as a whole.

HOUSEHOLDS AND BUBBLES OF PUPILS, STUDENTS AND STAFF CAN GET RAPID LATERAL FLOW TESTS

If you are a member of a household or childcare bubble of a pupil, student or member of staff of a school or college, you can get a twice-weekly Rapid Lateral Flow Covid test. You will be asked to take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart) and report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test.

www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff

VOLUNTEER HELP



If you need help with essential tasks, contact your village volunteer coordinator. If you are not sure who that is, please contact the editor on 01285 750402 or 07729 129578.

QUENINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB - MARCH WINNERS

1st Prize (£15) no. 63 - Jackie Cullum 2nd Prize (£10) no. 7 - Jen Harris

QUENINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

New Councillor: We are pleased to welcome Ben Rambaut, who was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the March meeting. Ben has lived in Quenington for 30 years and has a strong financial background in the car dealership industry. He is now semi-retired and so has more time to be involved in the local community.



The Quenington Spring Clean will take place at 10am on Saturday, 17th April, meeting outside the village hall. Litter pickers, luminous vests and black bags will be provided, but please bring your own gloves. The main litter problem seems to be on the approach roads so if you are willing to cover these areas it would be helpful. Please follow the relevant social distancing rules in place at the time.

CONTACT THE EDITOR

A couple of people have been in touch since the last edition:



Sallie Seymour, of Fyfield, wrote, “How good it was to see the two young eco-warriors with black bag and grabs clearing the litter between Southrop and Eastleach the other day. Well done lads, you put some adults to shame! Your efforts do not go unnoticed: we could do with more like you.”

Hopefully, plenty of other people joined in with the Southrop & Eastleach litter picks last month, as well as in Coln & Hatherop. It’s Quenington’s turn this month!



Joan Akers, of Coln/Hatherop, rang to let me know that the bus timetable has been out of date for a while. It was really useful to have that information and to be able to correct it, so many thanks to Joan!

It’s always good to hear from CHEQS residents, so if you have any interesting stories to tell, or have a non-commercial community event to publicise - or if you notice any errors! - do get in touch. Contact details are inside the front cover.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

Southrop Church of England Primary School

Together we can fly



School was truly buzzing on 8th March, when everyone happily gave up on-line learning and returned to school. We welcomed the children back with a celebration breakfast. During the first week we enjoyed lots of team building and collaborative work, including artwork, and finished off with everyone coming dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day. This included the staff dressed as a range of Beatrix Potter characters, from Jeremy Fisher to Mr McGregor. Staff and pupils are very grateful to be together learning face-to-face and are all getting back into our familiar routines. We are also very grateful to the Ernest Cook Trust, whose donation of £1000 helped us ensure all pupils could access the on-line lessons from home during lockdown.

Our value this term is Perseverance, something we really value at Southrop School. We regularly celebrate mistakes that we make as FAILs (First Attempt At Learning) and can often be heard exclaiming "I can't do it...yet!". Our topic across the school is We Are Britain, a celebration of the countries, history and diversity which formed our nation.

Hatherop Church of England Primary School *Caring, Believing, Achieving*



It was lovely to welcome back all the pupils on 8th March. Breakfast club, after-school club and after-school sports club have also resumed, and everyone has been excited about being back in school. We were so pleased with the way the children continued to work hard throughout lockdown and to impress their teachers with their efforts. Here are some of the highlights of the last couple of weeks of remote learning:

Red Kite class wrote some imaginative diary entries linked to a thoughtful short animation, and looked at ways to persuade people using a formal letter. They were very creative in art lessons, which included the creation of Viking-style dragons.

Year 4 were looking at fractions in maths, which is a pretty tricky subject to master when we are together, so to do it remotely was a real challenge and the children rose to it really well. They also did some fantastic biography work just before half term, researching a person they found inspiring and then writing about them.

Skylark class were enthusiastically learning about dinosaurs, including helping Terence the T-Rex with some number problems and enjoying the action song: 'You're a Dinosaur and You Know it'. They researched the great fossil hunter Mary Anning, took part in Dinosaur Yoga and wrote lots of interesting sentences about

dinosaurs that featured amazing adjectives. They were also really pleased to welcome Orla and Wilfred who have joined Year 1.

In Kingfisher class, the children started new Maths topics this term and in English are working on expanding their vocabulary. They have also completed a geography project, comparing countries in Europe.

The children in school during lockdown were also very creative, exploring and producing some aboriginal artwork, which they then transferred onto handmade boomerangs. They carried on with the theme of flight, and experimented with different paper flying machines. Gliders, eagles, rollercoasters, helicopters and hoop planes all took to the skies over Hatherop Primary School. They had a great time making cars from cardboard tubes, using old CDs or wooden discs for wheels, and racing them. Chinese New Year was celebrated by making paper dragons and finger fortune tellers decorated as dragons.

Finally, we would just like to say well done to everyone for their amazing running, walking and cycling efforts over half term. They succeeded in reaching Itzehoe and beyond as well as raising an astonishing amount of money! Thank you to the PTA for their efforts in organising a really successful event.



'Caring, Believing, Achieving'

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

Hatherop Primary School is looking for a midday supervisor to start as soon as possible.

Hours: 12 - 1pm **Days:** Monday - Friday, School Term Time only
(Part-time applicants will be considered)

There is also the potential for additional flexible work in the school for the right candidate.

Salary Scale: Grade 2 Point 3 (£18,562 per year full time) the salary will be paid pro rata for the hours worked.

Please contact the School Office on 01285 750318 or email admin@hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk

Closing date for all applications is 12 noon on Friday 16th April

A DBS check will be required for this position and training provided.

THE FRIENDS OF HATHEROP PRIMARY SCHOOL (PTA):

Milly Withington writes: Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the half term challenge. The challenge was to collectively reach 700 miles by walking, running or cycling. The great news is that by all joining together the children managed to clock up 1,060 miles between them! The distance of 700 miles was chosen to reflect the distance between Hatherop and Itzehoe just outside of Hamburg in Germany. Itzehoe has been twinned with Cirencester for over 35 years and the excitement of our half term challenge has reached Itzehoe via the Cirencester Twinning Office! The idea behind the challenge was to raise funds for the school and with generous donations from family, friends and the local community an amazing amount of over £2,200 has been raised. Huge thanks to all who donated!



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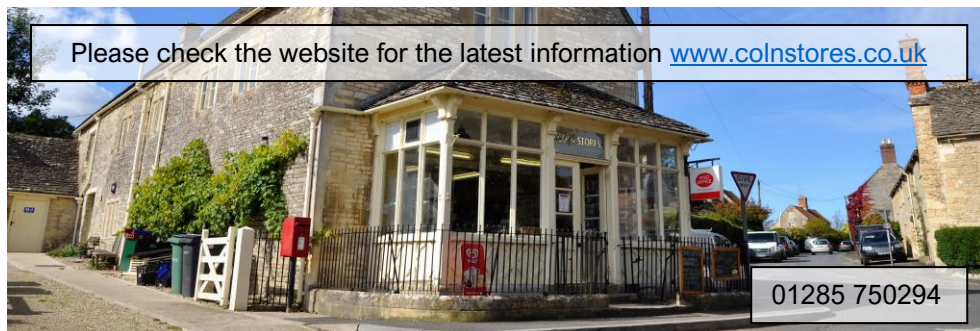
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Quenington Baby & Toddler Group (CHEQS+) please pre-book

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(WhatsApp preferred)

COLN COMMUNITY STORES



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Monday - Friday	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 3.30pm	9am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm
Saturday	8am - 2pm	8am - 1pm	CLOSED or 9am - 12pm (alt. weeks)
Sunday	9am - 1pm	9am - 12pm	CLOSED

Coln Stores Easter opening times:

EASTER 2021	Shop	Café	Post Office
Good Friday, 2 nd April	9am - 1pm	9am - 12pm	CLOSED
Easter Saturday, 3 rd April	8am - 2pm	9am - 1pm	CLOSED
Easter Sunday, 4 th April	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Easter Monday, 5 th April	9am - 1pm	9am - 12pm	CLOSED

SOUTHROP SHOP & POST OFFICE



Southrop Village Hall
Shop & Post Office:



Wednesdays 9am to
11.30am

See local publicity for any news of the
Coffee Morning

Fresh sourdough bread available to order - call Helen on 01367 850047 by midday on Sunday at the latest.

CHEQS DIARY

Hopefully, the diary will start to get more events and activities in it before too long!			
Sat. 17 th April	10am	Quenington Spring Clean - meet at village hall	p.3

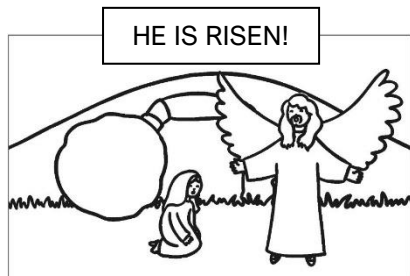


CHURCH SERVICES

Government guidelines and regulations may change. It is currently a government requirement that people at indoor church services must wear a face covering, in addition to having coronavirus prevention measures in place (social distancing, hand sanitising, no congregational singing). Churches MAY meet for services, but some may choose not to do so.

Coln, Hatherop & Quenington

Most services will be held in St John the Baptist Church, Coln but the **Easter Day service will be at St Nicholas Church, Hatherop**. Service details for readers etc. are on the CHQ churches website: www.chqchurches.net/ PLEASE LET VAL TRAFFORD KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, so seating can be socially distanced: valerie.trafford@btinternet.com



2nd April 6pm Good Friday 'Tenebrae'

4th April 11am Easter - Hatherop

11th April 11am - Coln

18th April 11am - Coln

25th April 11am - Coln

Eastleach

Please check local publicity about any services which may be taking place.

Southrop

It is hoped to hold the following services - but do check local information. Please email the church warden if you are planning to attend, to allow for social distancing.

4th April 9.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion

18th April 6pm Evensong

2nd May 9.30 Holy Communion

Worship at Home

The final Worship at Home service will celebrate Easter:

<https://worship-at-home.weebly.com/>

Williamstrip Chapel

Mass is usually celebrated on Sundays at 9.30am

Fairford Churches

For details of services in Fairford, please check notices boards and websites, or phone the church contact person.

CHURCH CONTACTS

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OTHER INFORMATION

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GCC COMMUNITY WELL-BEING SERVICE 01452 528491

PHARMACIES Boots, Fairford 01285 712350, Lechlade Pharmacy 01367 252285

POLICE non-emergency: phone 101 or email 101@gloucestershire.police.uk

Quenington Defibrillator outside Quenington Village Hall for use by anyone in emergency.
Trained volunteers available on **01285 610210** but ALWAYS RING 999 FIRST!

PLEASE LET THE EDITOR KNOW IF THIS NEEDS UPDATING (updated April 2021)

Bus Service 76 Mon, Tue, Thu: Southrop 09:16, Eastleach 09:24, Hatherop 09:30, Quenington 09:37 to Fairford & Cirencester. Return leaves Cirencester at 12:40 and Fairford at 13:28. Sat: **S** 09:47, **E** 09:54, **H** 10:00, **Q** 10:07, **F** 10:15 Return leaves Ciren 14:20 Fairford 15:05

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Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities

Formerly The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital

COVID-19 SUPPORT GRANTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

At the beginning of the first lockdown last year, a support fund was set up to help local people and organisations as they faced unexpected loss of funds and income. 'The Lakes by yoo' company, and the residents of their 800-acre private estate between Fairford and Lechlade, gave a generous donation of £131,584 for the Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities to administer. To date, the trustees of the fund have provided grants exceeding £64,000 including donations of:

- Over £32,000 to support local families to cover rent and household bills, transport, school uniforms and counselling services;
- Over £15,000 to local charities and groups to assist with maintaining their facilities and operations during the pandemic;
- Over £9,000 to local schools for laptops and software to support home learning;
- Over £4,000 for local food banks and provision of hot food to local families;
- Over £3,000 to provide three months of financial cover for a mobile cancer unit.

Individuals and groups in CHEQS have benefitted from this fund, including Quenington Baby & Toddler Group. The grant is specifically for our local area of Fairford & Lechlade, including all the CHEQS villages, and is still open for applications. **If you would like to apply for financial help, but do not have internet access, please contact the CHEQS Magazine editor, who will be happy to assist.** Otherwise, to find out more information about the grant and how to apply, please visit: <https://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk/covid19.htm>.

ARRANGING VOLUNTARY PATIENT TRANSPORT



To request a driver for transport to and from appointments contact Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities direct through the following methods:

**Telephone: 07540 798226 on Monday-Friday
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If the line is busy you will be able to leave a message and you will be called back. Or you can email voluntarycarservicelof@gmail.com

TOO MANY EASTER EGGS?



Amy Partridge is the Diabetes Prevention coordinator in the Gloucestershire area, and she hopes to increase people's understanding of diabetes and their awareness of how they can access the NHS Gloucestershire Diabetes Prevention Programme. The programme is a free service for people who are at high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, and aims to educate people about diet, physical activity, and strategies to improve overall health, helping to reduce the risk of them developing Type 2 diabetes.

TYPE 2 DIABETES
KNOW YOUR RISK

Normally, people access the programme through their GP. However, due to the pandemic and the subsequent pressure that GP practices are under, for a limited time there is a self-referral option via the Diabetes UK 'Know Your Risk Score'. This is a check list of questions that can determine a person's risk factors. The easy-to-complete risk tool can be accessed via: <https://riskscore.diabetes.org.uk/start-It>



WHAT3WORDS APP

Living in the countryside is a blessing - but can have its difficulties. One of these is trying to give directions when a postcode covers a wide area, or if it is inaccurate when put into a SatNav. One way to overcome this problem is to use the **what3words** app. You may have seen it advertised on TV and wondered what it is all about. There is plenty of information in the FAQs on the app, but in brief:

The company was founded 5 years ago by three entrepreneurs who realised that any postal address system has serious flaws. One of them came up with the idea of dividing the whole surface of the earth into 1-metre blocks, and giving each a unique tag which consists of just three words. The standard **what3words** format of the 'address' is: ///word.word.word so, for example, part of Eastleach Village Hall might be ///topping.quietest.declares on the app.

There are many situations where this app is invaluable: giving your location to emergency services when you need help; directing delivery drivers to a specific address, or a certain part of a building; arranging a place to meet friends; showing the specific location where a photograph was taken.

Perhaps just a word of caution is needed when using **what3words**: do not give anyone a **what3words** location for your home if you would not give them your full address - be security-aware.

The **what3words** app is available at no cost for anyone to download and use from the website: <https://what3words.com/products/what3words-app/>

STONE STILES PROJECT

Could you help to discover more stone stiles in Gloucestershire?

Stone stiles are found in many areas of the country and we have some good examples around the CHEQS villages, including the ones shown on this page.



For centuries stone stiles have provided access to people walking along pathways, whilst preventing sheep and cattle from straying. Despite their historic value, scores of these stone stiles have been abandoned and some now lost forever.

In 2020, Peter Wilson launched the Stone Stiles Project, working in association with CPRE and the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club. Peter's aim is to produce a record of every remaining stone stile in Gloucestershire... but he needs your help.

To help record any local stone stiles, download a form from the CPRE website <https://www.cpreglos.org.uk/creating-a-record-of-gloucestershire-stone-stiles/> and take a photo of the stile - from both sides, ideally. Please give as much information as possible before emailing the form and labelled photos to peter.wilson@woodchestervalleyvillage.co.uk Any duplicate stiles recorded are welcome, as you may take a better photograph than the one already on file. Ideally, Peter is looking for background notes (history, geology and the landscape setting) of each stone, as well as its precise OS location.

Since the project was launched, over 500 stiles have been recorded by 175 people in Gloucestershire. Peter believes that there are up to 100 stiles in the county as yet unidentified. The stile you come across may be one of those!

It is hoped that the information received will be used to develop an interactive app - not only for the enjoyment of everyone who loves the countryside, but also to help wheelchair users, people with mobility scooters and families with children in buggies to plan their walks, and avoid difficult obstacles.






CHEDWORTH

ADULT CLINICS & JUNIOR CAMPS RUNNING APRIL 6-14 TENNIS FOR ALL ABILITIES - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

We run club social sessions and enter teams in several leagues. There is a regular programme of coaching & training sessions for adult members of all abilities, and junior coaching for non-members.

For more information contact carolinebaker75@gmail.com

See what we get up to on our  [Facebook page](#)

Book in on our website www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC

THE COTSWOLD CHALLENGE RETURNS

During the first Covid lockdown in March last year, a team of self-employed professionals: Nigel Chute (Chute Design); Allison Murray (Allison Murray Design); Chris Roberts (Chris Roberts MBE PR) and Fiona Scott (Fiona Scott Media) founded The Cotswold Challenge to provide support and an educational initiative to 15-19 years old students who were going to miss out on their GCSE and A-Level exams.



With education in schools and colleges being disrupted for the second year running, the team has decided to launch The Cotswold Challenge for a second and final time.

Members of the team believe that the past year's Year 11, 12 and 13 students need to be able to showcase their talent and be rewarded for what has been, without doubt, a very tough time for them as we come out of a third lockdown. The Cotswold Challenge 2021 will be launched on Tuesday, 1st June and will once again feature some very generous financial prizes for the winners of each of the three categories of Art & Design, Creative Writing and Innovation & Entrepreneurial Thinking. The final closing date will be Tuesday 6th July and judging will take place in mid-July. To find out more, visit: www.thecotswoldchallenge.com or email allison@allisonmurraydesign.com or chrisrobertsmbe@gmail.com.

HAVE YOU BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT...?



If you have driven along the B4425 to or from Burford, or around the Westwell area, you cannot have failed to notice the huge pile of stones which appeared well over a year ago, along with fencing all around the nearby fields. Last year, construction fencing appeared, and the red lights on top of two tall cranes became visible, as well as bright site lighting.

Driving down Cuckoopen Lane, it is clear that the construction of Tymure House is going to be a huge project. It will be interesting to see what emerges from the vast open space which is currently mostly shielded from view by the required surrounding safety boarding. The project is due to be completed by 1st May 2022, but Covid and the restrictions during the lockdowns in 2020/21 may have delayed progress. Tymure House looks as though it will be very impressive.



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