

Twelve months in the life of the Campton and Chicksands Parish



During September 2025 the Parish Council took ownership of a field next to Recreation Ground. In the following months gates were installed, sign posts and new fencing erected. October saw the start of the planting of nearly 2000 trees and shrubs.

The Village School children planted a hedgerow and volunteers from CPRE planting two others. Four avenues of trees were planted as well as a small woodland area by residents and the family of the previous owners of the land.



In January benches were installed at various points around the field.

A footpath was created around the area allowing people to enjoy the open space.



In the early spring the inner part of the area was ploughed, and wildflower seeds were sown which flowered in early summer.



In October 3500 daffodil bulbs will be planted thanks to a kind donation.

During the year many residents have been involved with the project either by mowing the footpath, planting trees or watering the trees during this long hot summer.



A few of the volunteers who water the trees

In November 2025 a group of residents felt that it would be nice idea to create a large poppy display to commemorate the fallen residents from the First and Second World Wars. The task was to crochet or knit 6000 poppies. Nearly 7000 were created. A team of 31 residents with different crocheting/knitting skills set about creating poppies and during the past twelve months the numbers have steadily increased.

In the centre of the display are the names of residents who lost their lives from both the First and Second World Wars and Modern Conflicts.

During the past two months the poppies have been sown together and have now been attached to a large camouflage net. It is hoped that the whole display will be draped from the church tower.





Slowly, week by week the number of poppies grew. Above are just a few of the people who made this all possible

Residents will often hear the wonderful sound of the church bells being rung. This year the Bedfordshire young ringers coached by residents and who practice at the church became National Champions.

The past twelve months have seen a real challenge for the residents who look after the village border both with the hot weather and then the Gas company digging part of it up but they have still worked hard to maintain it. Other residents have kindly watered the trees on Greenway.



The Village Hall continues to flourish thanks to the group of volunteers who run it.

The monthly Coffee & Chat mornings run by volunteers at the church continues to be well supported by residents.

A year ago, the process of setting up a Neighbourhood Support Group comprising volunteers from the Parish this has now been formed.

On the first Monday of every month there is the Gardening Club which is run once again by volunteers. There are interesting and varied speakers and outings to beautiful places.

The Save Campton Group, which have led the fight to prevent the further development of Campton through the proposal to build a further 260 houses.

The Parish Council would like to thank all the residents who have given up their time to make this Parish the special place that it is.

The Parish Council needs volunteers to help in many ways and support the residents.

What can you do to help keep the Parish such a wonderful place to live?