



Uffington Parish Council

**Annual Assembly
11 April 2022**

Agenda

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1. Introduction – Cllr Mike Oldnall
2. Chair's Report – Cllr Mike Oldnall
3. Britchcombe Farm – Cllr Simon Jenkins
4. Museum/OSR - Curator Karen Pilcher
5. Public Forum - All

Council Aim

To provide effective, efficient and accountable local government for Uffington parish in order to improve the overall village area, both built and natural, whilst preserving the setting and character of heritage areas.

Objectives (ongoing)

- Ensure ongoing compliance with all legislation pertaining to local government.
- Provide a strong voice for all residents whilst working with them to achieve the aim.
- Communicate our plans, actions and achievements to enable residents to comment on and be involved in the development of our village.
- Manage and maintain, in a safe and cost-effective way, the assets of the Council including the Old School Room.
- Consider very carefully, and comment on as necessary, all applications for planning permission, ensuring to the best of our ability that they all comply with the policies of the Vale of White Horse District Council Development Plan, including the adopted Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan.
- Monitor sponsored projects utilising S106 funding and consider and prioritise any further eligible applications.
- Deliver approved Council projects.
- Encourage and support within the parish all relevant policies and initiatives of the UK Government, Oxfordshire County Council and Vale of White Horse District Council relating to climate change and sustainability of our environment.

Objectives (2022/23)

- Deliver the Footpath 26 kissing gates project.
- Identify and support opportunities to improve broadband provision in the village.
- Protect the Whitehorse Hill landscape and support the application for World Heritage status in appropriate.
- Identify and support opportunities to improve further road safety in the village.
- Organise the Queens Platinum Jubilee Village Event(s).

Councillor Responsibilities

Responsibility	Council Rep - 2022/2023
Allotments	Nigel Puddicombe, Clerk,
Burial Ground	Graham Banks
Councillor with Responsibility for Finance	Nigel Puddicombe
Defibrillators	Dale Pilchowski
Footpaths and PROW adviser	Dave Cavanagh*
Jubilee Field including playgrounds and Tidies	Fenella Oberman, Graham Banks
Neighbourhood Action Group	Mike Oldnall
Neighbourhood Planning	Mike Oldnall, Simon Jenkins
Old School Room, Museum liaison	Nigel Puddicombe
Planning (General) / Local Plan	Mike Oldnall, with all Cllrs informed
Thomas Saunders Trust	Joe Trichler*
THMH liaison and Management Committee	Fenella Oberman
Uffington Museum Trustees	Karen Pilcher* (Chair), Graham Banks, Simon Jenkins, Fenella Oberman, Nigel Puddicombe, Jo Coad* and Steve Nowell *, Carol Anderson* (mentor). Clerk is Secretary
Village Upkeep including Pond and Trees	Simon Jenkins
Village Trail	Karen Pilcher* on behalf of Parish Council
Website and Social Media	Clerk (Council matters) and Mike Oldnall (General information), Dale Pilchowski

* non-councillor

Chair's Report – 2021-22

- Dominated by Covid but...
 - Team of volunteers continued to be available
- Routine maintenance of the village continued
 - 2 Jubilee Field Tidies and road Verge Rubbish Picks
 - Pond part-clearance
 - Trees surveyed
- New hedge planted along the Upper Common side of Jubilee Field.
- Finished one project to replace stiles leading up to the White Horse and started another in centre of village.
- Village Picnic during the Late Summer bank holiday.
- New allotment tenancy agreement and code of conduct were agreed and half plots introduced – few and remain available.











Before...



After...



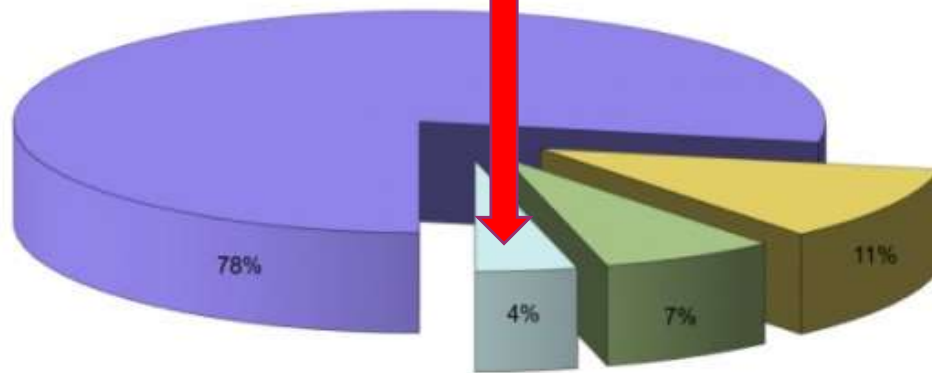


Chair's Report – 2022-23

- Budget – has been increased by 5%

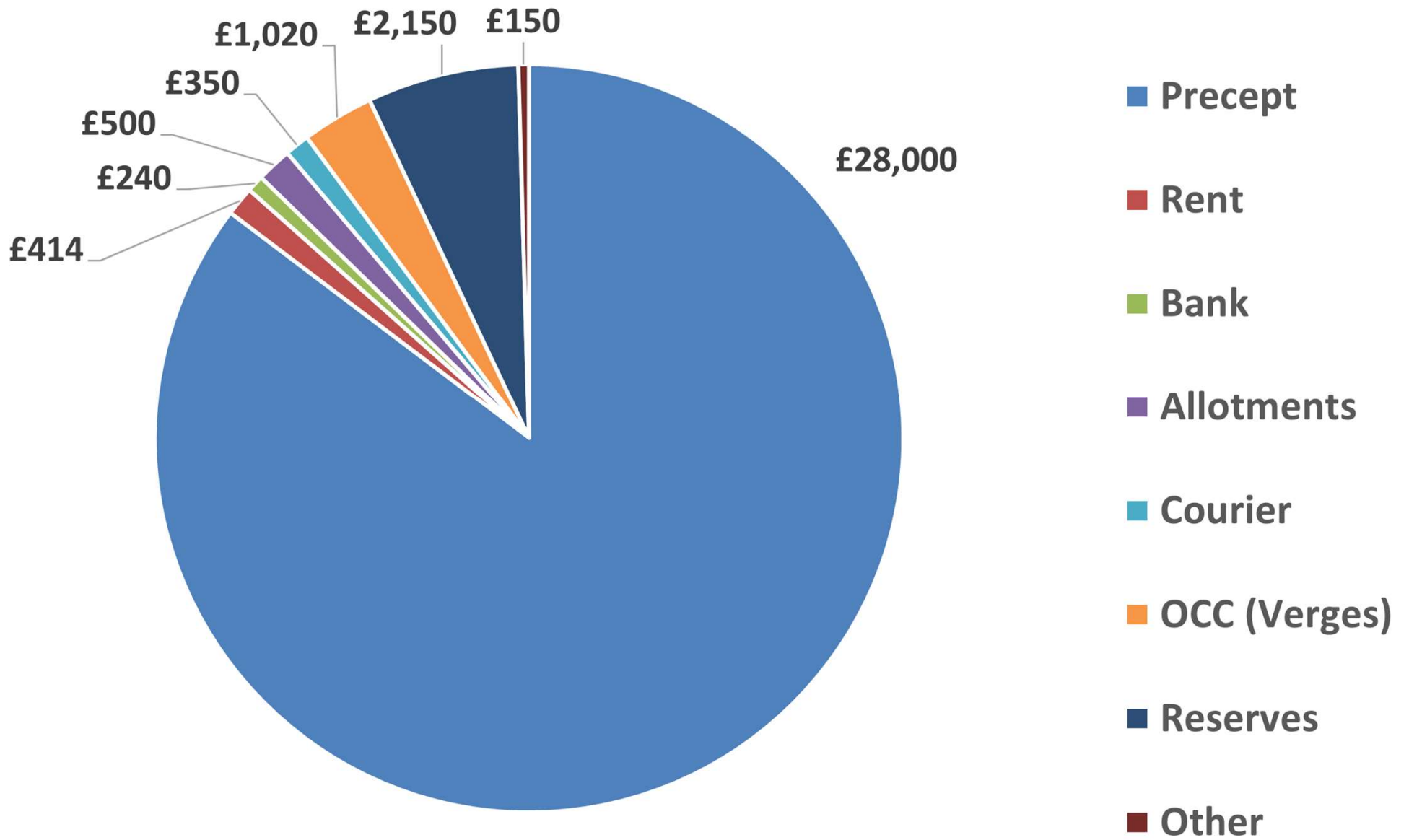
Budget 2022/23

- 5% increase in parish precept
 - But the parish element of your council tax is only 4% (pale blue)
- Main increases have come from:
 - County Council
 - District Council
 - Thames Valley Police

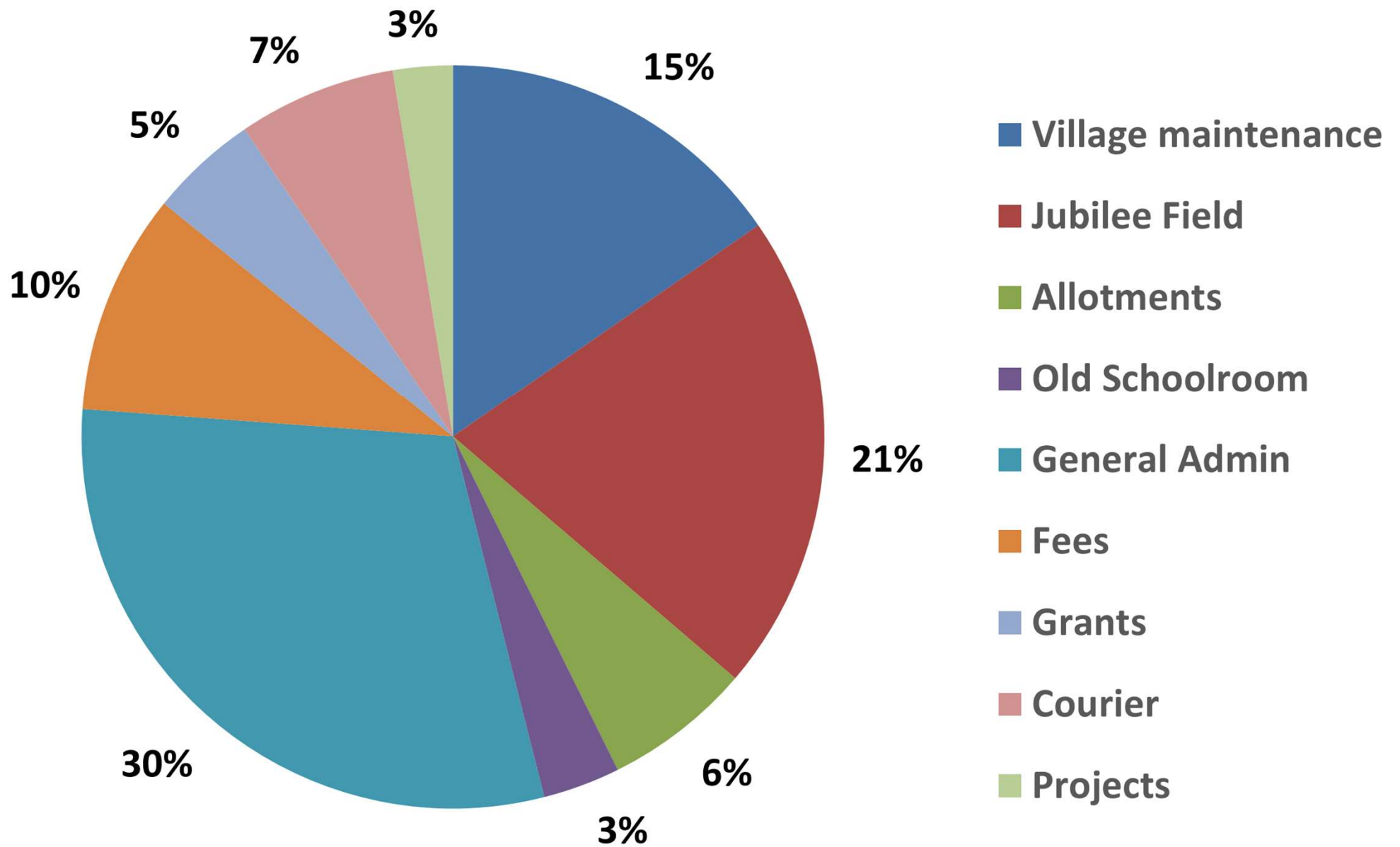


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| ■ Oxfordshire County Council
- roads, social services, education | ■ Thames Valley Police |
| ■ Vale of White Horse District Council
- refuse and recycling, planning, environmental health | □ Town or Parish Council (average) |

Expected Income 2022-23 (£32.8k)



Planned Expenditure 2022-23 (£32.8k)



Chair's Report – 2022-23

- Complete a further project to convert stiles to kissing gates – a grant from TOE has just been received.
- Coordinate opportunities to improve fibre broadband provision in the village.
- Identify and support opportunities to improve further road safety in the village.
- Organise an event on 5th June to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.
- Support the 'Queens Green Canopy' project. A plaque has been purchased and trees will come from the Council, Scouts, Beavers and Cubs planned in a small new copse on the Jubilee Field.
- Protect the Whitehorse Hill landscape and support the initiative to gain World Heritage status for White Horse Hill and surrounding landscape if appropriate.



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Britchcombe Farm

Simon Jenkins
Vice Chair Uffington Parish Council

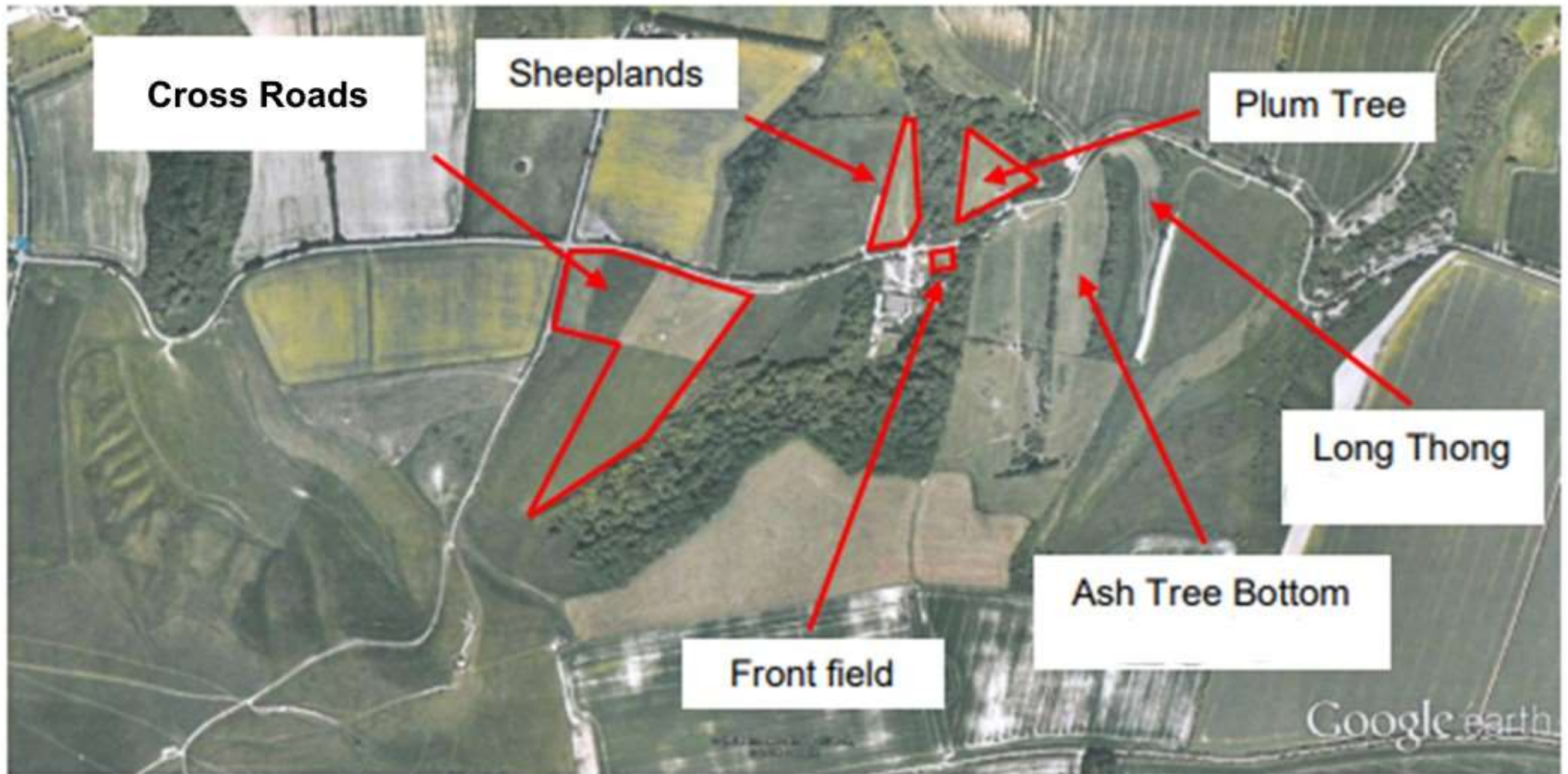
Please also see separate document
'BF history for Assy 11.4.22.pdf'
with transcript of the accompanying talk



Cross Roads Field



A typical Lovat Parks site



Britchcombe Farm former Camping Fields

The future is now: local impacts

Uffington White Horse was dear to Morris's heart. It is 13 miles from Kelmscott and he visited it annually. In his mind's eye the landscape was alive with the people who created it. He felt connected to them through respect for the earth. It was a '*country-side worth fighting for...worth taking trouble to defend its peace.*' With sadness he noted the contrast between the glories of nature and noble relics of the past and the drudgery and exploitation inherent in capitalism.

It was with an uncanny foreboding that Morris saw how vulnerable the countryside was: '*The beauty of the landscape will be exploited and artificialized...in quiet places like this it will vanish year by year (as indeed it is now doing) under the attacks of the most grovelling commercialism.*'



Old School Room & Museum

Karen Pilcher - Curator



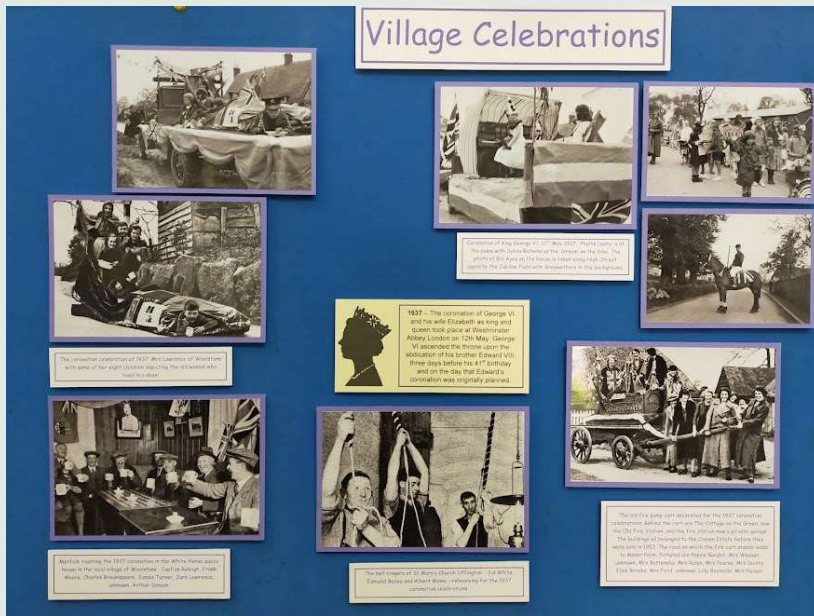


Before



After

Museum Activities



Village Celebrations

Victorian Schoolroom

Research material

Family tree enquiries

Graveyard survey

Census 1841-1911

Merchandise



Thomas Hughes
Brown's

Tom

School Days

Sir John Betjeman

Poet Laureate

Thomas Saunders

Founder of the

Schoolroom



The White Horse

Waylands Smithy

King Alfred

Craven Family

Railway & canal

Roman
archaeology

Public Forum

Some ideas to start people off:

- 20 mph zone?
- Event suggestions for the 5th June family picnic
- Ukraine – what could or should we as a village be doing?
- The Poplars by the pond – fell?
- Anything else people would like to see in the village?
