

## Aldwick Parish Council Newsletter – February 2023

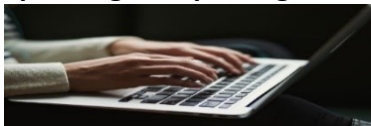


### Spring is springing!



We hope you're enjoying some better weather now that February has arrived. Like us, you're probably looking for the signs of Spring; daffodils, crocus and a host of other lovely spring flowers. Last month we reported on some anti-social behaviour which we have put in the hands of the police. Sadly, this hasn't been confined to buildings, but has also affected some of our newly planted trees. As you can see from the photos, this tree which was planted on public land was butchered by someone who also destroyed the protective wooden framework around the sapling. Please do report any such behaviour to the police on 101 and you can also contact us about it, so that we can keep track. We can't understand why anyone would choose to destroy a beautiful living thing and we're sure you feel the same

### Speaking of reporting issues....



West Sussex have introduced a new system for reporting problems related to the highway. You can access this via the following link: **[Report a problem with a road or pavement.](#)** The new tool includes an enhanced map and improved functionality to enable regular, detailed updates for you. There are headings you can report under, for example, Trees, Hedges, Weeds or Grass, Parking or Pavements etc. and your complaint or query will go directly to the relevant person/s.

### Our Hours of Opening

*Due to staff illness our hours of opening will be severely restricted over the coming weeks. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you and we ask you to bear with us during a difficult time. Some of our meetings will be postponed as well, though planning meetings will take place regularly every two weeks. We will post approximate opening times for the coming week on our website each weekend under the 'Contact Us' heading and we hope this helps. Meanwhile you can always email us or contact us via our Councillors whose details can be found on our website.*

### Reading Challenge Launched!



This month, West Sussex Libraries are challenging residents across the county to join the 2023 reading challenge. The challenge is to read twelve books in twelve months and the theme of each month differs to include genres that readers may have never experienced before, including books that celebrate the great outdoors, a prize-winning book, and a book For further information or to join the challenge, visit the [West Sussex Libraries Reading Challenge website](#).