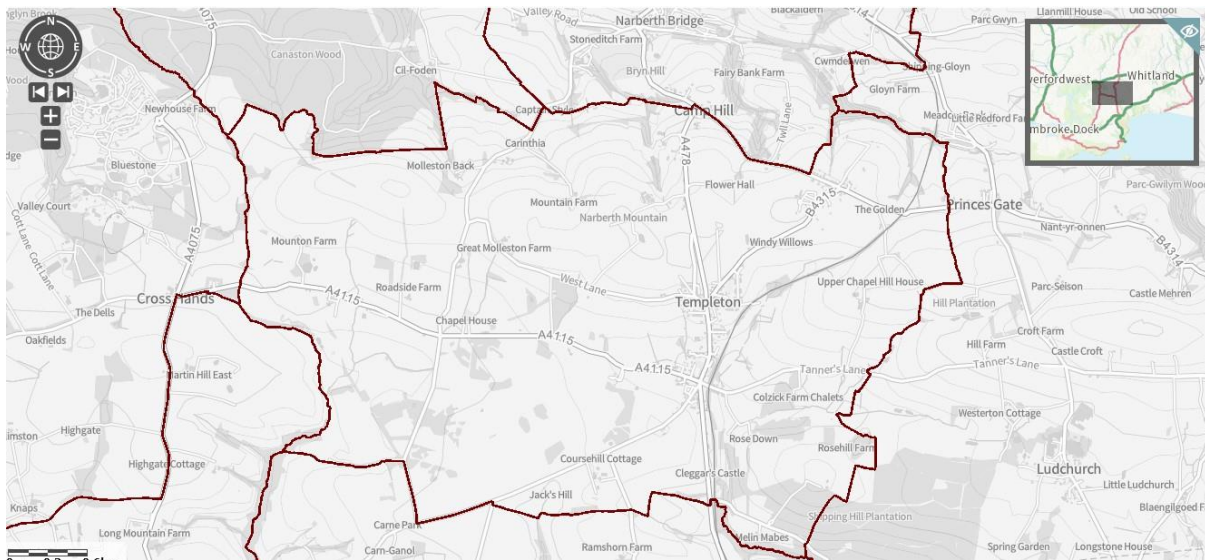


# Annual Report for Templeton Community Council 2021-22

## Background

Templeton Community Council is the tier of local government that is closest to the communities and people that it serves, and it is focussed specifically on the interests and concerns of the people who live or work in the Templeton, Cold Blow, Molleston, Allensbank, Woods Cross, Peter's Finger and Mounton area including of course the various farms and other businesses in the area.



The Council is composed of nine Councillors. These are elected to that position every five years by the local people. The Council works closely with the various local groups and associations such as Templeton Community Association, Templeton Community Hall Trust, Templeton Young Farmers Club, Templetots, St. John' Church, Templeton URC, as well as Templeton Primary School. The Council has two part-time employees, the Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer and the Hall caretaker

The Council owns the Templeton Community Hall, which it leases to the Templeton Community Hall Trust who manage the premises on a day to day basis. It also owns the Village Green and the north Green which are next to the Hall, plus the Play Park opposite, as well as the car parking areas next to the Play Park, next to the Hall and in Knights Court.

## Priorities

Our priorities are to support the people we serve and to enhance the area in which they live and work. To do this we readily work with other bodies such as Pembrokeshire County Council, Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services, PLANED and all of the groups mentioned above – we are well aware that no one small group of people can get everything done and we do appreciate all the effort so many other people put in to help our community thrive.

The Council has neither the resources nor the legal ability to cover or manage everything that it is asked to do, and as the local Council we are sometimes expected to deal with things which are actually the responsibility of another body. We do our best though! Examples include fixing broken streetlights, sorting out potholes or road damage, or dealing with flytipping. When this happens, the request is passed on to the relevant body.

We are always open to new ideas of how we can support and help you, and assure you we will do what we can, so please do get in touch via the Clerk – contact details at the end.

### **Activities and Achievements**

Over the two years we have all been coping with the covid-19 pandemic, and that led to major and disruptive changes for everyone. The Council from necessity moved to holding their meetings online rather than in the Hall, and whilst in person meetings have now restarted, we do still offer online access should someone wish to use that – just let us know in advance so that arrangements can be made.

The pandemic also meant that sadly the annual bonfire and firework display had to be cancelled for two years, but we are planning for it to go ahead this year – and we are looking forward to it!

The annual Armistice Day commemoration did take place in November 2021, with Council representatives as well as many others from the community. A solemn occasion.



The Council is well aware that local history is important, and the personal connection people have with Templeton and the area can go back many generations. They have therefore been delighted to support Dr. Rob Davies MBE and his book on the history of Templeton. It came out during the pandemic, and since publication we have been making printed copies available locally at a discounted rate – copies are still available, just get in touch. We also have the book available on our website, and eventually, eventually! hosted a free talk by Dr. Davies in the Hall with exhibits.

After the major Hall renovation and extension project was completed at the end of 2019, we have been gradually investing to provide extra facilities that enhance the Hall and that can be used by the community. For instance we now have a movable stage that can be set up in the Hall; a marquee that can be erected on the Green; and a commercial dishwasher to make life so much easier for events.

The Hall was available during the pandemic with some stringent covid-19 safety measures for exercise classes as much as was possible, and we were also able to obtain funding to provide a caretaker/Hall manager position to support that work, which has proved invaluable.





After considerable lobbying of Pembrokeshire County Council we also persuaded them that the footpath from Knights Court needed to be extended all the way down past the Forge – work going on as this is written. This will make walking to and from the bus stop (also being installed) so much safer and easier for everyone – no more walking on the road within an HGV too close for comfort. As part of the work the Hall boundary wall is being rebuilt and both the fencing and the two gas lamp stands are being renovated. The old pump, which originally was at the top end of the Village Green near Larkspur Close has been relocated onto the north Green to retain it in a community area.





## Looking forward

We look forward to the community being able to physically come together more and more as the covid-19 pandemic hopefully subsides. At the time of writing the Jubilee celebrations have just taken place, and the Council was delighted to be able to play its part to support that amazing and incredible event – thank you to all who put so much time and effort into the events that took place, both the Templeton School parade through the village and the Saturday events on the Green. I am sure you will agree with us that the amazing murals that were put up on the bus stop at the top of Templeton were superb – all credit to Templeton School for those.



We will continue to provide fixtures and items for the Hall because we want to ensure it stays a modern and well-maintained facility at the heart of the community – we know how much you appreciate it, and we want to keep it that way!

We also have a long-term aim to update the Play Park equipment – it is well-used, but we know that some of the equipment does need replacing in the next few years.

## Contact details

Your Community Councillors are:

**Kathrin Williams;**      **Jason Jennings;**      **Liz Burns;**      **Barbara Priest;**  
**Peter Morgan;**      **Mark Simpkins;**      **Elwyn Morse** who is also the Pembrokeshire County  
Councillor for this area

**Vicky Mitchell** is the Clerk/RFO – [clerkcc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkcc@gmail.com)

Our website is <https://templeton-community-council.wales> . On it you can find out more about the history of our area, what is happening now including the monthly MoD firing and other use of Templeton Airfield and also the work of the Council. Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/TempletonCommunityCouncil/>

Any queries, just get in touch.

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