

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2025



More silverware for our Town Crier!

It's been a busy and successful year so far for our Town Crier Jer Holland. As well as supporting several local events including the EMF blue plaque and Cindyfest, Jer entered 4 Town Crier competitions, a 2nd place at Yeovil was followed by a hat-trick of wins at Bromsgrove, Calne and Newton Abbott. The Bromsgrove win saw Jer crowned National Town Crier Champion 2025 . We wish Jer more success next year with rumours of a Town Crier World Championship possibly being held in the UK!

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Chairman's Update by Cllr Graham Morgan

I would like to pay tribute to Cinderford Rugby Club for the incredible new 4G playing surface they have installed at Dockham Road. This investment has truly put Cinderford on the rugby map and will benefit both players and supporters for many years to come.

The timing could not be better, as the older all-weather pitch at Heywood Sports Centre has unfortunately had to close for safety reasons. The new 4G pitch at Dockham Road is also available for use by other sports teams which is a real boost for the wider community.

I would also like to welcome the new independent businesses shortly due to open in the town and also Domino's Pizza to Cinderford High Street. While some may feel we already have enough food outlets, I believe that the arrival of a well-known national brand could attract other household names to the town. This, in turn, has the potential to bring much-needed footfall to Cinderford High Street. At a time when online shopping continues to challenge our town centres, it is vital that we embrace opportunities to strengthen and revitalise our local Cinderford economy.

Thank you to everyone who supported and attended Cindyfest25. The Town Council is proud to champion Forest music, and we are especially grateful to all the incredible local musicians who performed and also 90s legends EMF, who headlined the event and made it such a memorable occasion. A huge thank you must also go to our dedicated staff, whose hard work and commitment made the festival possible.

I would also like to recognise and thank all the Cinderford businesses that continue to open their doors and serve our community. You all do a fantastic job. Please remember to shop local and support our traders, as they are the heartbeat of our town.

On behalf of the Council can I also congratulate Steam Mills Growers for the opening of the new allotments and Cinderford Grows for the work undertaken at St Johns Community Garden which includes new accessible pathways and planters.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Jer Holland, Cinderford's Town Crier, not only for helping to make EMF's appearance possible but also for his recent successes in competition. We are very proud to have Jer representing Cinderford with such passion and dedication.

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Clerks Update

Cinderford Town Council Meetings


- **Town Council Meeting** – 14th October
- **Estates & Finance Committee** – 7th October
- **Events Committee, followed by Playing Fields Committee** – 4th November

Meetings start at 6pm in the Council Chamber, St Annals House, Belle Vue Road, Cinderford. The Town Council meets every second Tuesday of the month, and everyone is welcome to attend. *(Please note: dates are correct at the time of publishing but may change – check our website for the latest updates.)*

Road Closures

For up-to-date information on local roadworks and closures, please visit:
[Gloucestershire County Council – Roadworks](#)

Useful Contacts

- **Forest of Dean District Council** – Refuse/bin collections, street cleaning, council tax, housing, planning, abandoned vehicles, fly tipping, pests, pollution, litter and dog fouling.
 01594 810000 |  fdean.gov.uk/report-it
- **Gloucestershire County Council** – Potholes, road surfacing, street lighting, road markings, public footpaths, trees, hedges and vegetation on verges/roadsides.
 [Fix My Street – Gloucestershire](#)

Community Reminders

- Please keep trees and shrubs from private gardens trimmed back so they don't cause obstructions.
- **Bag It and Bin It** – We've noticed an increase in dog fouling. Please help us keep our community safe and clean by picking up after your dog.
- **Grit bins are for grit only** – not for dog waste. Please use the proper bins provided.

Interested in an Allotment?

Join the waiting list by emailing thesteammillsgrowers@gmail.com

If you need to contact the Town Council office please give us a call on 01594 822599 or call in at St Annals House, Belle Vue Road and we can see what we can do to help.

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RC Racing in the Forest – Celebrating 10 Years of Local Motorsports Forest of Dean Radio Control Car Club – Weekly Indoor & Outdoor Racing in Cinderford

Did you know there's a thriving motorsport scene right here in the Forest of Dean? For the past ten years, the Forest of Dean Radio Control Car Club (RCCC) has been bringing together RC car enthusiasts of all ages for exciting, accessible, and affordable racing — all using electric-powered model cars, 10th scale or smaller.

Whether you're completely new to the hobby or a seasoned racer, the club runs two weekly meetings – indoors and outdoors – offering a brilliant way to get involved in something fast-paced, family-friendly, and full of community spirit.

Tuesdays – Indoor Racing at Miners Welfare Hall, Cinderford

Every Tuesday evening, racing takes place on a purpose-laid, high-grip carpet circuit inside the Miners Welfare Hall. The club uses a full electronic timing system and offers a relaxed and friendly atmosphere perfect for beginners and experienced drivers alike.

Classes include:

- Touring Cars (Tamiya & Blinky)
- Formula One
- GT Cars
- M-Chassis and 1/12th Scale Minis

Doors open at 5:30 pm, with racing running until 10:00 pm.



All indoor racing is strictly for electric-powered cars 10th scale or smaller.

Thursdays – Outdoor Off-Road Racing at Steam Mills Astro Turf Track

On Thursday evenings, the club heads outdoors to its dedicated Astro Turf off-road track at Steam Mills in Cinderford. This site, once home to an off-road track back in the 1990s, has been lovingly brought back to life by the club over the past two years. The outdoor track now hosts regular competitive racing with jumps, flowing corners, and exciting wheel-to-wheel action in a natural setting.

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Classes include:

- BRCA 2WD and 4WD Buggies
- Vintage RC Cars
- Short Course and Stadium Trucks



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The club has big plans for this venue's future, including the construction of a permanent rostrum and the addition of a new tarmac on-road circuit to run alongside the off-road track.

A Club with History – 10 Years and Growing

2025 marks ten years since Forest of Dean RCCC was founded. The club originally raced in Ruspidge Hall, before expanding to a permanent indoor venue at Vantage Point in Mitcheldean. When that space became unavailable, the club relocated to its current home at the Miners Welfare Hall in Cinderford, returning to a more flexible, portable setup that still delivers great racing every week.

The outdoor site at Steam Mills has been part of local RC racing history since the 1990s. Thanks to dedicated volunteers and club members, it's been revived and developed back into a functional and fun venue — with even more improvements on the way.

Everyone is Welcome

The club caters for drivers of all ages, from young beginners to experienced racers. Many members are happy to lend advice, tools, or even spare parts to help newcomers get started. Spectators are always welcome, and first-timers can often borrow a car to try out the track before investing in equipment.

Find Out More

Visit: forestraceway.co.uk

Or just come along to a race evening — we're always happy to chat, show you around, and help you get involved. Forest of Dean RCCC is proof that you don't need to travel far to find proper grassroots motorsport. Whether you're chasing trophies or just want something different to do on a weeknight, RC racing could be just the thing." forestraceway@gmail.com

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Wesley Players Celebrate 70 Years of Panto Magic!

This year marked an extraordinary milestone as the Wesley Players celebrated **70 years of pantomime joy** with our glittering gala production of *Snow White*. Since our very first show in 1955, we've brought music, mischief, and magic to the Forest of Dean — and we're proud to say that we **believe we're the longest-running pantomime group in the area**.

Our return to the beloved Wesley Hall made this year even more special, as audiences packed the seats for an unforgettable show full of laughter, cheers, and traditional panto fun. With dazzling costumes, bold performances, and heartfelt community spirit, *Snow White* captured everything that makes Wesley Players such a treasured part of local life.



As we close the curtain on our 70th anniversary, we're already looking ahead... 🦋

Rehearsals begin in September for our next enchanting adventure — *Sleeping Beauty* — to be staged in January 2026.

To find out more or get involved, please contact Lynn on ☎ 07939399125 or ✉ Lynnt682@gmail.com.

Come join the magic — there's always room in our story for new characters!




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Cinderford Library – Your Community Hub




Looking for fun, learning, and support all in one place? Cinderford Library has something for everyone!

Family Activities & Events

We offer a wide range of family-friendly activities and events.  Browse and book via gloslibraries.uk or the app. Need help? Our friendly team is happy to assist!

Greener Together Collection

Explore our Greener Together books—perfect for anyone looking to reuse, recycle, and save money.  Browse in person or online.

Free Digital Access

- Free computer use
- Printing & photocopying (small fee)
- Free Wi-Fi in our warm, welcoming space

BorrowBox App

Download ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and newspapers—all free with BorrowBox. Available on mobile and tablet. Great for your budget!

The Library Challenge

Our Library Challenge is in full swing! Children aged 3–12 can join the fun—pop in to learn more.

We look forward to welcoming you soon at Cinderford Library!

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FoD Cali Crew



Calisthenics is a form of bodyweight training that focuses on strength, control, and movement. Think pull-ups, push-ups and creative combinations that can be done almost anywhere, no expensive equipment required.

Over the past couple of years, calisthenics has exploded in popularity worldwide. One of the reasons it's so appealing is that it brings people together outdoors. It gives young people a safe and healthy way to socialise, families a space to train for free, and anyone of any age the chance to build strength while learning fun new skills.

Here in the Forest of Dean, we haven't had a dedicated group – so in June I launched **FoD Cali Crew**. Our first meet-up in Cinderford Miners Welfare Playing Fields attracted around eight people, including some from outside the Forest, and the energy was fantastic. With the help of a coach from Wolverhampton, we created a welcoming, supportive session. The feedback has been so encouraging, and I'm working with Active Gloucestershire to build more traction and awareness locally.

I'm training with the **World Calisthenics Organisation Academy** to gain a recognised coaching qualification so I can safely guide others. Throughout the summer we trained outdoors, and I'm hoping to continue into the winter months too, possibly with the support of local gyms.

Calisthenics is fun and open to everyone – whether you're looking to improve fitness, try something new, or simply meet like-minded people. The future of **FoD Cali Crew** is exciting, and I'd love for more of the community to be part of it. Find us on **Facebook and Instagram**, follow and share to help us grow, and if you'd like to know more or get involved, please get in touch using the details below.

Contact Kate Adams on 07974 222654 for more information.

<https://www.instagram.com/fod.cali.crew/>

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Cinderford Leisure Centre

In partnership with Forest of Dean District Council, Freedom Leisure is excited to be delivering improvements to Cinderford Leisure Centre this October, with brand-new equipment, a refreshed cycle studio, and new fitness classes.

Users of Cinderford Leisure Centre can look forward to:



- Brand-new functional training kit
- 20 ICG 6 indoor cycling bikes
- The launch of Les Mills Sprint classes
- 4 Concept 2 rowers
- A treadmill
- A Power Mill climber
- New benches and a cable machine



For more information, please visit: <https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/news/forest-of-dean-refurbishment/>

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Cinderford Town Council were delighted to be involved in the Heritage Open Day on 13th September 2025 with three of the Town Council owned buildings being open for the event.

This included Rheola House where the Forest of Dean Newspapers from 1874 were available for viewing.



At The Wesley, Forest of Dean Community & Arts Centre the Town Council ran two tours showcasing all renovations of the building. In 2020 the church was purchased by Cinderford Town Council so that the building could be made available for use by Community Groups and Art Organisations. Refurbishment of the building continues with external funding provided by Enovert Community Trust, Local Regeneration Fund (formerly the Levelling Up Fund) and Arts Council England. Recent renovations at The Wesley include new toilets, new kitchen and thermal heating being run from the solar panels.



In St Annals House we had a large display of historical items relating to Cinderford on display.

If you have any memorabilia, you would like to loan or donate to the archive please contact

mark.turner@cinderfordtowncouncil.gov.uk or
graham.morgan@cinderfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

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The poster features a central illustration of a circus tent interior with a red and white striped floor and a sunburst background of orange and yellow rays. In the center, a silhouette of a person is suspended in a hoop. On either side, silhouettes of two people are shown juggling. A red banner at the top reads 'ENGAGE' in large white letters, with 'CIRCUS WORKSHOPS' in smaller black letters below it. A QR code is located in the top right corner. At the bottom, a black box contains white text detailing the workshop schedule and booking information.

ENGAGE
CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAYS
Engage Juniors (Ages 6 – 10) / 4:00pm – 5:15pm / £5 per session
Engage Seniors (Ages 11 - 17) / 5:30pm - 6:45pm / £5 per session
Youth Aerial (Ages 8 +) / 7:00pm – 8:15pm / £6 per session

FRIDAYS
Youth Aerial (Ages 8 +) / 4:15pm – 5:45pm / £6 per session

To book or for more information, scan the QR code, call 01594 825111
or email engage@artspacecinderford.org

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We warmly invite you to attend this year's Remembrance Day Service, a special occasion to honour the heroic efforts, achievements, and sacrifices made by countless individuals in past wars. This year's service will take place at The War Memorial in The Triangle (Market Street) on Sunday, 9th November 2025 starting at 10:45 am. Join us as we come together to pay our respects, reflect on the bravery of those who served, and remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. Your presence would be greatly appreciated as we continue this important tradition of remembrance and gratitude.

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JOIN CINDERFORD CTR'S NEW BRANCH COME TO OUR FIRST MEETING

Do you want to be part of our new Cinderford centre and high st scheme? We want to get as many people involved to help make our centre as safe and welcoming as it can. All welcome.

To find out more, please attend our first meeting or speak to Ray on
07788217215/ray.donaghue@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Start Up Meeting

The Wesley, 7
Belle Vue Rd,
GL142AA

7pm – 8.15pm
Tuesday
November 18th

If you are
interested and
want a reminder
contact:

ray.donaghue@gloucestershire.gov.uk
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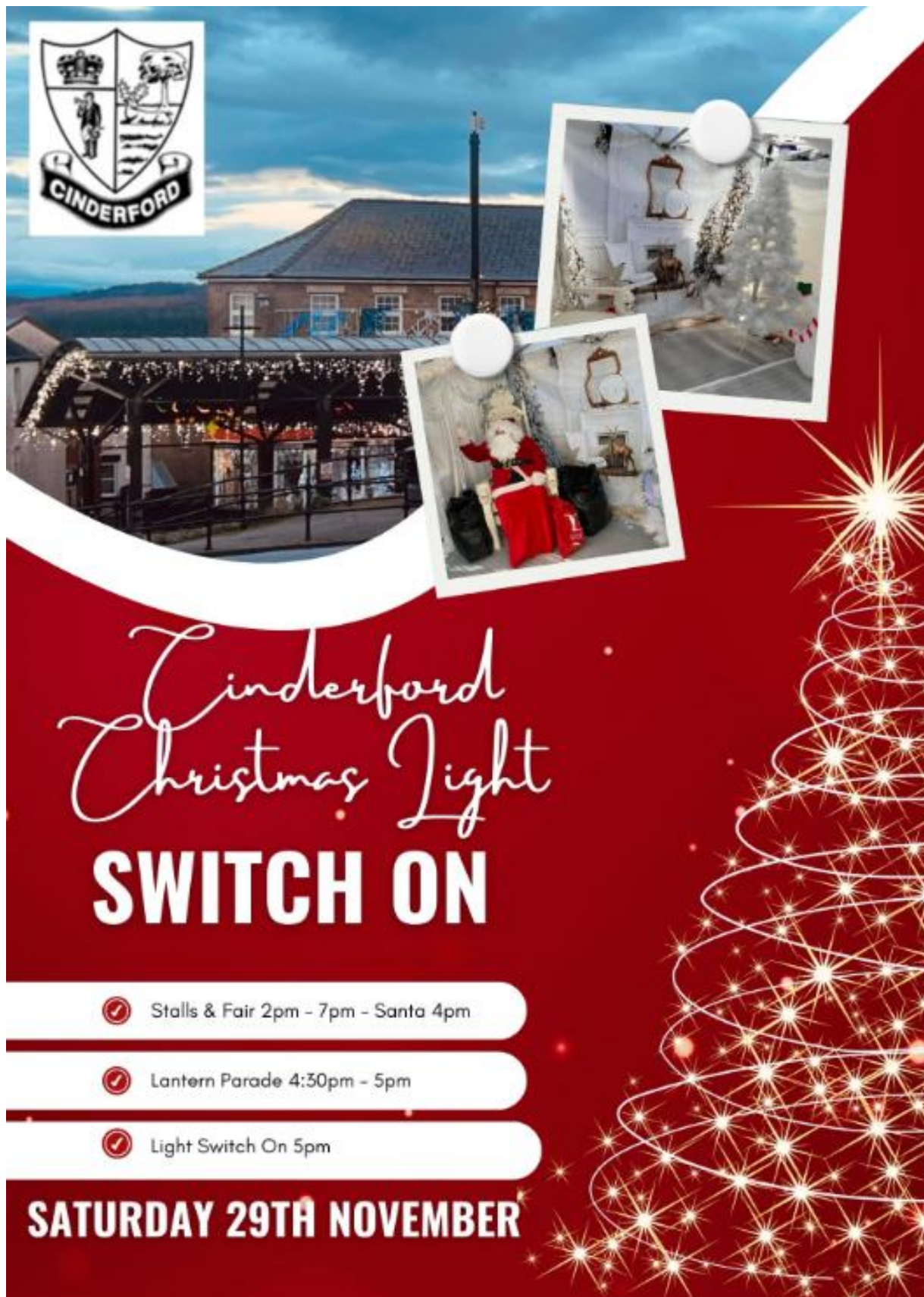
BEST DRESSED
*Christmas Shop &
Business Window Display*

- ✓ Let us know you are entering by emailing clerk@cinderfordtowncouncil.gov.uk
- ✓ Judging 28th November

Winners announced at
Cinderford Light Switch on
29th November



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The poster features a collage of images: the Cinderford crest in the top left, a large photo of the town hall with festive lights, and two smaller photos of indoor Christmas decorations. The background is red with a stylized, sparkling Christmas tree on the right side.

Cinderford
Christmas Light
SWITCH ON

- ✓ Stalls & Fair 2pm - 7pm - Santa 4pm
- ✓ Lantern Parade 4:30pm - 5pm
- ✓ Light Switch On 5pm

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

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St Stephen's will once again be hosting it's Annual Christmas Tree Festival this year, the event is always the first weekend of December, so this year feels a bit later, running from Friday 5 December until Sunday 7 December. The church will be packed with trees representing different community groups, individuals and local businesses and is a wonderful way to celebrate all the wonderful things that happen in and around Cinderford! Plus of course, it's beautiful and very festive! There will opportunities to buy some beautiful Christmas decorations to take home, or even make your own and of course plenty of cake to enjoy! For more information, or to book a space to bring a tree along, please contact Rachel on rachel@cinderford-churches.org.uk / 07540775179.

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CINDERFORD CHRISTMAS CONVOY 2025



SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Meet at 4.00pm for 5.00pm

Start from Forest Vale Ind. Est. GL14 2YD

Finish Cinderford Medical Centre, Valley Road GL14 2NX

Hosted by Annie Gwilliam and Colin Staker



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- A Venue for:
 - PUBLIC
 - VOLUNTARY
 - COMMERCIAL Organisations
- HIGH QUALITY OFFICE SPACE TO LET at reasonable rates
- ROOMS FOR HIRE For meetings, conferences, courses etc. Large or small at reasonable rates
- COMMUNITY ROOMS for public meetings, private parties, keep fit, music events, community workshops



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CINDERFORD BOWLING CLUB



Cinderford Bowls Club cannot boast a history going back centuries, but we can boast a proud heritage as a progressive, forward-thinking club.

We offer a friendly environment for social and competitive bowlers.

With a 6 Rink outdoor green and a licensed Bar, we offer the perfect environment to enjoy a game of bowls.

Available to both Male and Females of all ages, abilities and agilities-from juniors to grandparents, multiple leagues, friendly matches, and excellent club facilities with Free Coaching on Wednesday Club Evenings 6pm -8pm for all experience levels.

In addition to bowling we have an active social calendar with regular events ranging from BBQ's to Parties throughout the year.

Whether you are a visitor or a prospective member, you can be sure of a friendly welcome.



Have-A-Go

If you are thinking of taking up Bowls and would like to try it out before joining, we can arrange for you to have a "taster session" by contacting the club and we will sort out everything you need.

Contact: Cinderford Bowls Club, Treasurer, Email: rossiters21@gmail.com

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Your Cinderford Town Councillors

Cinderford West Ward

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Your Cinderford Town Councillors

Cinderford North Ward

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We hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter and have found it useful.

If you'd like to get in touch, please contact Cinderford Town Council:
T: 01594 822599 / E: clerk@cinderfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

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We'd love your views on this Town Council Newsletter. Your feedback will help us improve future editions.

How would you prefer to receive the newsletter?

- ☐ Email/online
- ☐ Pick up in town
- ☐ Don't want it

How often should the newsletter be published?

- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Every 2 months
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Twice a year
- ☐ Other: _____

What types of content would you find most useful? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ Council decisions/consultations
- ☐ Council projects/services
- ☐ Local events/activities
- ☐ Community group news
- ☐ Planning/development updates
- ☐ Other: _____

Suggestions for improving the newsletter:

Please return completed surveys to the Town Council offices

Accessibility note – if you are unable to return the survey (or complete one electronically), please contact us and we'll arrange an alternative that works for you.
Tel: 01594 822599, Cinderford Town Council, Belle Vue Centre, Belle Vue Road, Cinderford, GL14 2AB