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A Look at what we've achieved together and future projects

- Village Plan
- Solar Install
- CIC
- Village Safety & Improvements

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What is a village plan?



Village & Community Plan 2024

WESTON-SUB-EDGE

A Village Plan is a **working document** that provides the community with a needs-based framework for their area.

Informed through **community engagement**, a Village Plan outlines an agreed set of actions that seek to address the key issues, priorities and opportunities that will make a **positive contribution** to the village and the people that live and work there.

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Process of developing the Village Plan

- 1. A public consultation**
- 2. Circulate a Village Questionnaire**
- 3. Sharing of initial results**
- 4. Development and distribution of formal Village Plan**



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Public Consultation

Held at the Village hall on 29th Jan 2023, to discuss key issues, areas of concern and opportunities to improve life in the village.

Over 70 residents attended.

The outcome of the meeting helped drive the Village Questionnaire.



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Sharing of Results

Weston-sub-Edge Village Questionnaire 2023

Top Line responses and initial Parish Council order of priority

Questionnaire Topic / Project	% in favour	Parish Council / Village Hall Committee comments.	Suggested Priority
Village Hall project: Install Solar Panels*	95%	Funds in place: Initiative will provide long term financial & environmental benefits and cost savings	1
Village Hall project: Insulate & refurbish games area*	88%	Insulation and initial refurbishment complete: Generates funds and delivers energy cost savings	1
Village Hall project: Install a new kitchen behind stage*	84%	Key reason why users do not hire. Generates income for hall. Funds have been sought from DEFRA	1
Security: Install CCTV / ANPR throughout village	79%	Complete. Addresses security concern of villagers. Over 50% funded by Gloucestershire constabulary	1
Would you like to see red road markings (Sharks Teeth) and / or rumble strips on the entrances to the village?	79%	Consult Gloucester Highways. Seek funding sources	1
Bowling Green clubhouse	-	Village Shop (34%), Youth Club (29%), Other (23%) Coffee Shop (14%). The club house needs to be renovated so it can be used for multiple purposes aligned with the bowling green. Explore further	2
Bowling Green - manage for a variety of uses including summers fetes and activities	68%	68% want it to be managed for multiple purposes. Further analysis needed. With planning, the suggested projects may not conflict	2
Would you want a Village Shop in WSE?	68%	68% want a village shop, but financial viability is critical. Anyone wanting to set this up is welcome to put forward a business case	2/3
Do you want a 20 Mph Speed limit on Church St?	68%	Consult Gloucester Highways. Seek funding sources	1
Village Hall Project: Install one or more EV charger points*	66%	Includes better electrical supply for camping. Potential revenue generator. Funds in place.	1
Do you want the Parish Council to pay cleaning of road signs?	66%	Parish Council to explore how often this can/needs to be done + financial implications	1
Do you want a 20 Mph Speed limit on Stratford Rd/Friday St?	66%	Consult Gloucester Highways. Seek funding sources	1
Village Hall Project: Would you like the car park resurfaced*	60%	Depends on funding	2
Do you want the Parish Council to pay for the verges and hedges to be cut more often?	53%	Depends on funding	2
Do you think the roadside / field footpaths need improvement?	45%	No: 28%. Don't Know: 27%. Low priority	3
Would you want to see more dog waste bins in the village?	43%	Explore funding options	3
Would you like to see WSE compete in Best Kept Village?	38%	Investigate appetite to volunteer from those that did want to enter a Best Kept Village Award	3

Criteria for Parish Council / Village Hall Council Support:

Priority 1 Projects: Strongly Supported by Villagers (views & volunteer); Can be externally funded; Safety & Security related; Generates Funds and / or Lowers Costs for the village hall; Supports local economy.

Priority 2 Projects: Lesser level of support, Outside the remit of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Charity; Financial viability not clear; Progress may be possible with substantial volunteer group support.

Priority 3 Projects: Defer unless there is volunteer support and funding for a self-managing project.

*Combined results of respondents who answered Very Important and Important on village hall questions.

In July 2023, top line results of the questionnaire were shared with villagers via email.

The Parish Council prioritised the results based on the data collected.

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Development and Distribution of the Plan

Detailed results of the questionnaire and proposed action points were shared in the Village Plan.

The plan was emailed to residents was made available on the village website and hard copies were also delivered door to door.



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Permissions & Installation

Applied for planning permission - Successful

Application to National grid connection - Successful

Installation completed March 24

Equipment included:

Isolator switch installed.

40 x 375W Solar Edge panels installed.

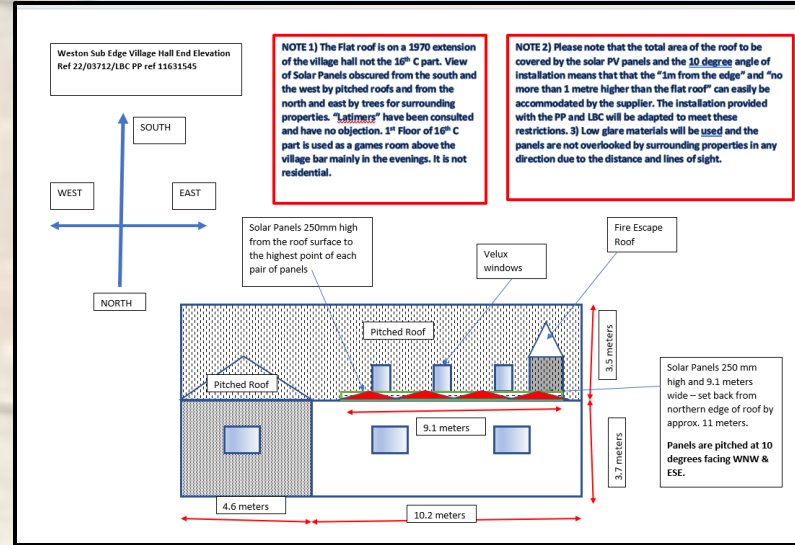
40 Year panel guarantee

Solar Edge Inverter

Battery 1 x Tesla Powerwall 2 13.5kwh

Second identical battery installed

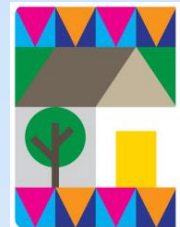
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Challenging build...

2 into 1 incoming power supplies - saving standing charges.

Installed smart meters

Stratford Energy selected as key partner

Structural improvements to take the weight.

Asbestos Survey

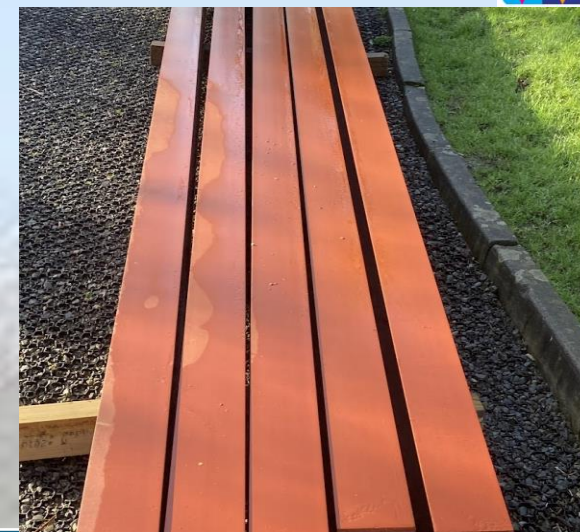
System Design

During 2025:-

46% of Hall's electricity generated by the PV Installation

We saved the equivalent of 4785 Kg of CO

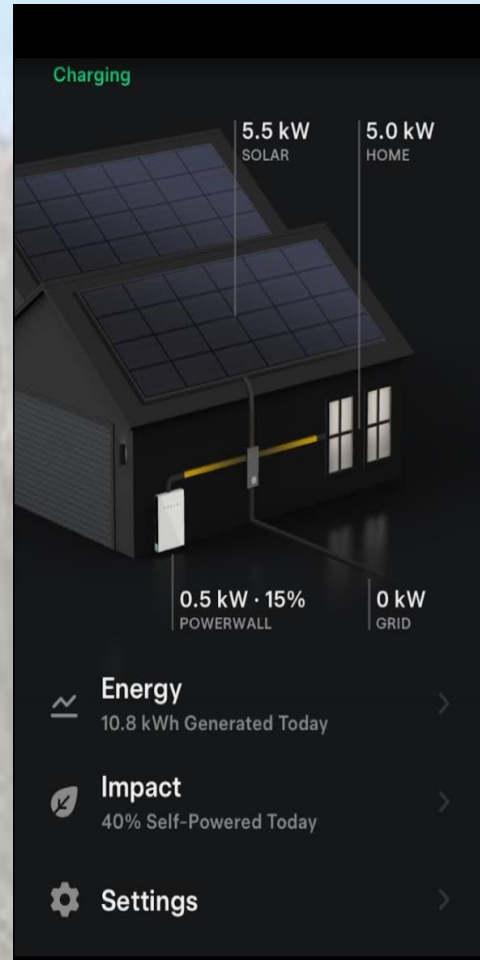
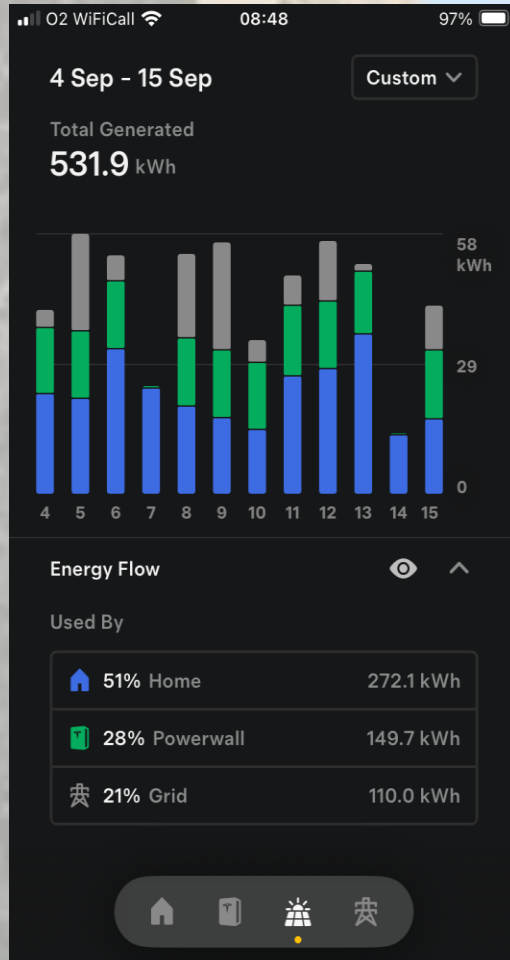
Equivalent to 70,059 km driven on solar power



Financial Year	Combined Gas and Electricity £	Comment
2022-2023	£6072	Covid recovery
2023-2024	£7548	24% Increase
2024-2025	£3074	Solar PV System Installed
Reduction of	-£4474	60% Reduction

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Solar Panel App and Tesla Battery App gives complete visibility

With a second battery installed, in a week of good weather, we've seen power usage from national grid reduced from 21% to 4%.

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We've even seen revenue generated by selling electricity back to the grid!!

Over 900 Kwh sold in May 2025

Generated over £150 of additional revenue for the Village Hall Charity

Nearly £600 Total Income generated since install!!

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Weston Sub Edge Heritage CIC

- Brief History
- CIC Founding Objectives
- Initial Renovations
- More Pictures
- Short Term Goals



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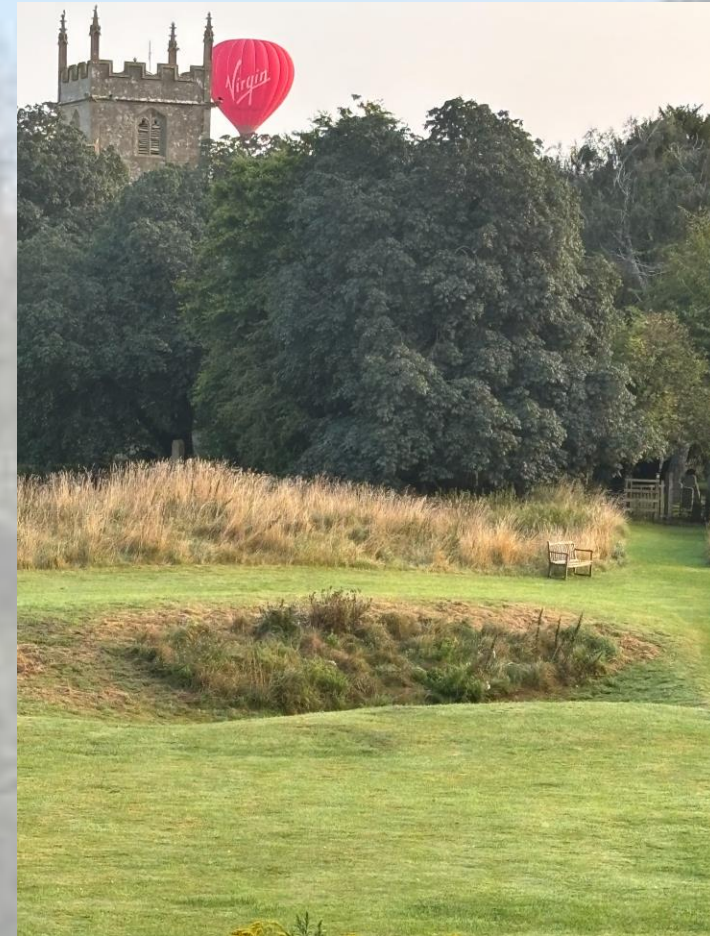
History From 2023 Onwards

Following Spooners (the developer) Disposals, there are now 10 separate parcels of land

In the first transaction Court family purchased the cut area in front of Church View

In 2025 we further acquired Both Gates and road areas as designated at Land registry on new title deeds

In 2025 a new village Weston Sub Edge Community Interest Company was formed and now holds the whole of the moated site from the church wall to Giddy Bridge and Gabs corner.



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**WSE HERITAGE
CIC OBJECTS
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Activities

(Please provide the day to day activities of the company.)

- 1. The objective of WSE Heritage CIC is to purchase the Heritage site adjacent to Weston Sub Edge parish church and to establish a restoration fund for the site.*
- 2. WSE Heritage CIC will manage any archaeological works on the site and restoration thereof*
- 3. WSE Heritage CIC will work as the primary stakeholder with the National heritage office*
- 4. WSE Heritage CIC will investigate funding to re establish the flooded moat system and potential rebuilding of the original manor.*
- 5. WSE Heritage CIC will look to purchase surrounding land parcels for the recreational benefit of the parish of Weston sub edge*

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Initial Renovations

Cleared the access Road and secured the gate to prevent access (Caravan dumped in 2023)

Clearing the Water hole

Heritage England requested we remove bramble cover and pollard the willow trees (This is to prevent route damage if a tree falls over



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Weston Sub Edge Heritage CIC Goals

- Form a steering group to pursue funding for plot acquisitions (We are not out of the woods yet and need to reduce the existing loan account and purchase the remaining 7 parcels of land) . Estimated to be £200k
- Increase Gardening to include watering hole and Roadway to Giddy Bridge.
- Maintain the hedgerows and increase mowed area
- Consultation with Historic England to agree a maintenance plan
- Research the records to establish the exact history of applicable historic events on the site
- Consult with local Archeologists

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Village Safety & Improvements

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Old Hall Improvements

- Insulate – Additional fibre insulation in the loft installed
- Rearranged and refurbished wash rooms
- Games area – refurbishment and redecoration in hand

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Ladies and Gentleman's Wash Rooms

Refurbished and redecorated by our volunteers!



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Games Area

Work in progress –
redecorating,
refurbish darts area



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New Kitchen Install (Butlers Pantry)

- Serving and storage
- Microwave and Ove
- Dishwashing area
- Bain Marie



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CCTV/ANPR

- 1. Background**
- 2. What We Did**
- 3. Installed Equipment & Images**
- 4. 2026 Update**
- 5. Questions**



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Background - January 2023 Village Meeting:

- **History of break ins and car crime:**
 - **2020–21: Multiple house break-ins; property and cars stolen**
 - **2020–21: Organised group cut security lighting and CCTV cables**
 - **Late 2022: Same group seen in gardens on Church Street & Dover's View; lighting cables cut again**
 - **Early 2023: Suspicious individuals scouting farms/buildings at night in Loxley**
- **Why the area is vulnerable**
 - **North Cotswolds offer easy access and have limited CCTV coverage**
 - **Local police presence is not nearby**
- **Other local communities have invested in CCTV systems:**
 - **Chipping Campden, Fairford, Stanton, Lechlade etc.**
- **We wanted to:**
 - **Make Weston Sub-Edge a less attractive target**
 - **Increase chances of identifying criminals via modern camera technology**
 - **Deter crime across the village**
- **This issue affects all residents of Weston Sub-Edge**



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What We Did Next (during 2023):

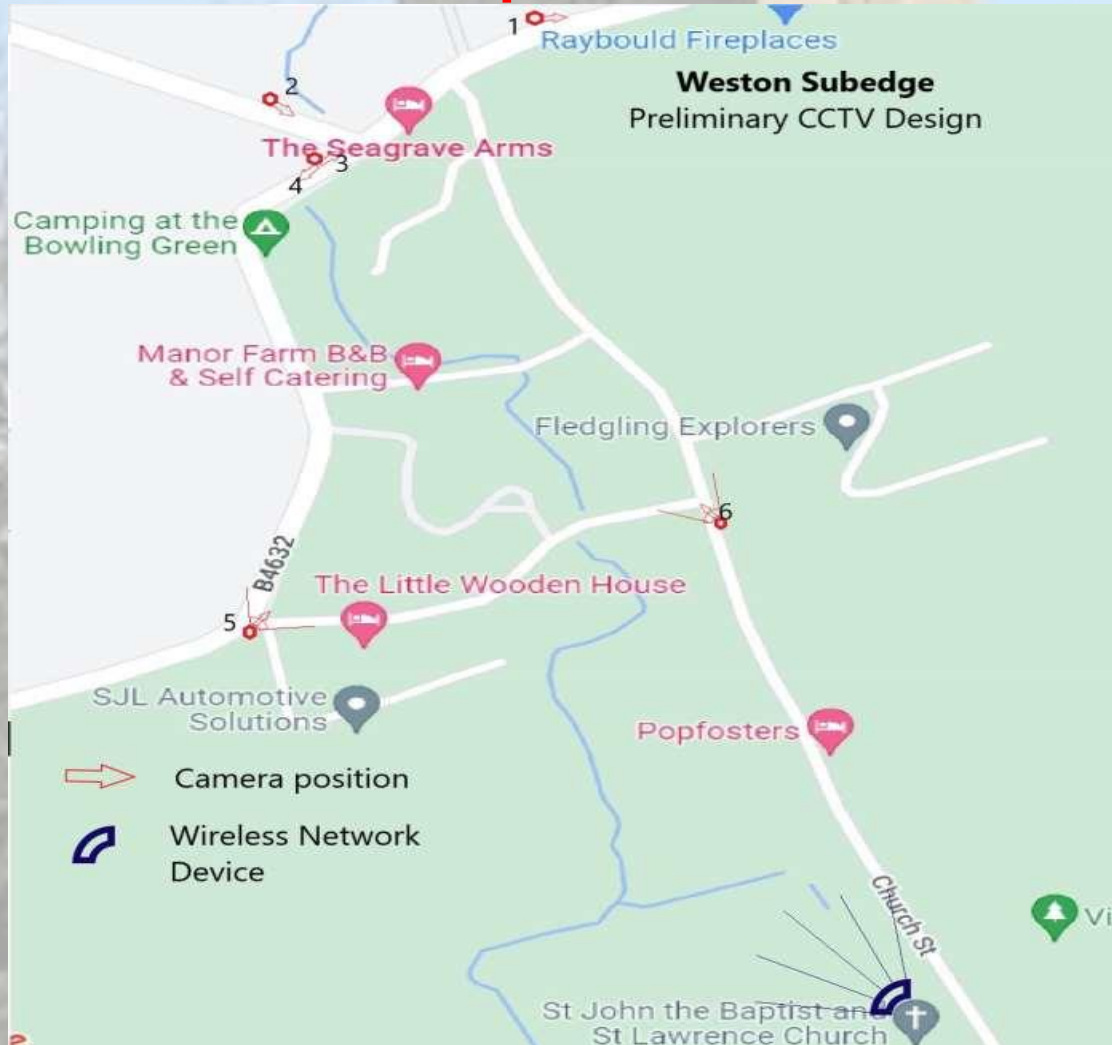
- Resident consultation: strong support
- Two proposals reviewed: VSM offered clear advantages
- Fairford & Chipping Campden visits: both recommended VSM
- Scope expanded by WsE Parish Council based on resident feedback
- Engaged Police & Crime Commissioner: led to support from Safer Streets team
- Funding secured: Jacqui Wright & Inspector Ellson provided additional support to overcome signalling issues
- System installed (Sept 2023): delivered in under a year and below original cost estimate

CCTV Delivered in <1 Year with 'Safer Streets' Funding Support

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CCTV – Proposed Locations (early 2023):



• VSM CCTV & ANPR:

- 6 CCTV cameras covering routes and main junctions into Weston
- All mounted securely on existing lamp posts & in connection with Hartwell's
- Option to place camera '6' further up Church Street
- Intended to capture movements in and out of village
- Wireless transmitter in church tower with agreement of diocese
- If ANPR option is taken, best location considered to be location '3'
- ANPR would in conjunction with smart cameras allow specific times to be identified to narrow the search for criminals

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Installed Equipment (Sept '23):

- Cameras at all four entrances to the village.
- Additional cameras installed based on feedback from residents:
 - Harris Lane
 - Church Street – Dover's View and Parson's Lane junctions
- ANPR, plus CCTV cameras, installed at busiest junction.
- Transmitters installed as discreetly as possible
- Warning signs at all four entrances, mainly on lampposts with CCTV:
 - Credible deterrent for criminals



**High Definition Cameras,
ANPR & Warning Signs
Installed**

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High Quality Images (Oct '23):

- CCTV installed for the prevention & detection of crime
- Recording equipment in a secure location:
 - Images retained for 28 days
 - Police can download coverage as required
- Remote monitoring possible by Gloucestershire Constabulary
- CCTV policy published on WsE Website:
 - We comply with data protection requirements and government CCTV guidelines
 - Images are freely available to Gloucestershire Constabulary to detect & prevent crime
 - By exception, direct requests can be made for images (e.g. insurance company)
 - Data controllers have access to images
 - £10 fee & request reviewed by data controller



Images are for Prevention & Detection of Crime

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2026 update:

Opening event (Jan 2024) supported by Police & Crime Commissioner, Local Police and CDC

Strong partnership with Gloucestershire Constabulary: Stow-on-the-Wold team have access to CCTV images

Police regularly access footage

Effective deterrent: visible signs and cameras have reduced criminal attractiveness of Weston-sub-Edge

Running costs: ~£1,200 + VAT per year (electricity, maintenance, updates)

Excellent ongoing support from installer Darren Wilson

Best practice shared: other communities (Broad Campden, Sedgeberrow, Ebrington, Ribble Valley) seeking advice based on project success

CCTV delivering the deterrent we wanted with low ongoing costs

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Road Safety- 20mph Limit



- 20mph limit – GCC Highways Requested
- Funding Dependent
- Consultation
- Sharks teeth at village entrances



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Waste Bin Locations

Dog Bins 

General waste 



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Hedges and Verges

- GCC Highways abdicates its responsibilities
- PC arranges verge cutting Church Street and routine mowing of the Recreation Ground
- Hedge cutting at the allotments
- Harris Lane hedges and verge improved by a competent contractor and volunteers and will be included in an overall maintenance programme
- Church Orchard paths volunteer maintained

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Cotswold Wardens

- Work closely with the PC
- Maintain footpaths, gate, signage and stiles.



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Electric Vehicle Chargers

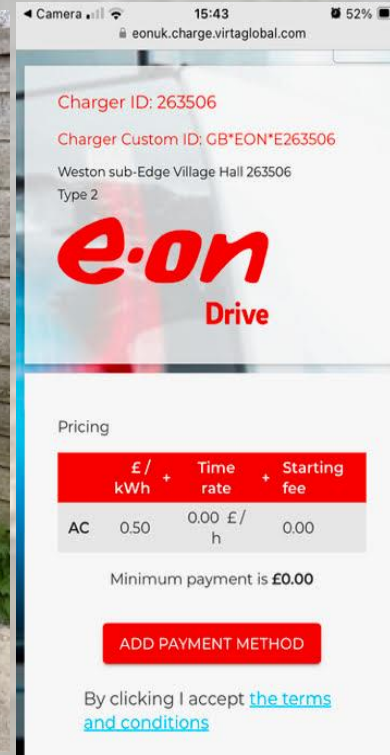
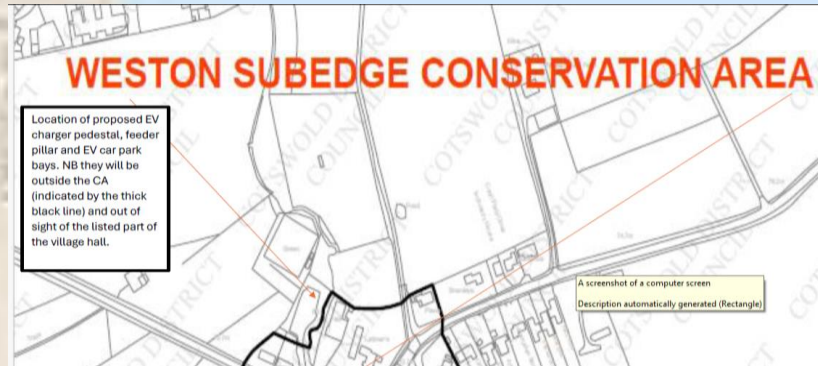


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Preparation and Installation

- Specification and supplier quotations
- Planning Permission required and sought
- National grid permission to connect.
- EoN selected due to engineering quality and 24x7 backup
- Feeder pillar
- 2 x 11kw Chargers installed 22kw total
- Chargers fed from solar panels, battery or grid
- **We charge EV drivers a very competitive 50p / Kwh**
- **Installation Complete November 2024**



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EV Chargers Financial Contribution

Period: April – December 2025

- EV Chargers first commissioned and in use April 2025
- Gradual increase in customers with maximum of 21 customers using the facility in December 2025
 - A total income generated of £643.05

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Car Park Project

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The Before

- In 2023/4 a survey of the 373 adults in the village 60% felt that resurfacing the village hall car park was “quite or very important”. The remainder often commented that the potholes needed refilling to improve safety.
- Repairs draining Village Hall Funds
- Alternatives were Tarmac or Cellpave
- We selected Cellpave because:
 - Highly durable
 - Prior knowledge from the bar car park real evidence of durability
 - Previous supplier track record
 - Cost effective

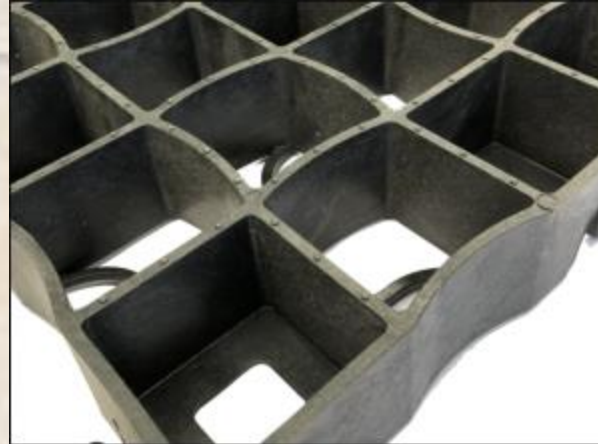


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The After

- Installation took 2 weeks
- Cellpave filled with crushed, washed stone.
- Pathway area added to stream bridge
- With volunteer help installed a protective wooden barrier to prevent vehicle run off.
- Highly durable draining surface which is environmentally friendly – made from high quality recycled plastic.



CELLPAVE™ 50

CellPave™ 50 cellular paving grids are the heavyweight solution for commercial parking areas and access tracks. Fully tested and certified by TUV for vehicles up to 60 tonnes. Manufactured from 100% recycled LDPE plastic. High draining as part of a sustainable urban drainage system (SuDS).



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Car Park and Drives Stage 2 Plan – subject to funding

- Drives
 - Add curbing
 - Durable resurface
- £ 21k raised so far from
 - Bernard Sunley Foundation
 - The National Lottery
 - Parish Council
- About £25k to find from other donors and Village Hall Events & reserves.
- Main Car Park
- In line with funders requirements
 - Boundary fencing now installed
 - Lighting
 - Controlled by sensors
 - Low level safety lighting
 - Hedging
 - Bird friendly
 - Behind boundary fencing
 - Bike Rack

A Huge *Thank –You* to our donors without whom none of this would have been possible!

- **2023/24**
- **Solar Panel Battery and EV Charger Project**
 - Residents of Weston-Sub-Edge
 - Foyle Foundation
 - Village Halls Jubilee Fund via ACRE / GRCC
 - Parish Council
- **Butlers Kitchen**
 - Chipping Campden Community Trust
 - Rural England Prosperity Fund via CDC
 - Parish Council
- **2024/25 and 2025/26**
- **Village Bar Snug & New Lobby**
 - Parish Council
- **Additional Solar Battery**
 - Greener Gloucestershire
- **Main Car Park Stage 1**
 - Rural England Prosperity Fund via CDC
- **Drives Stage 2 Future Pledges**
 - Bernard Sunley Foundation
 - National Lottery

Over three years our generous donors have donated over £100k which has helped keep your village hall viable.

Thanks to you for every project matching funds were made available from Village Hall events and reserves!

Future Potential Projects?

- Improved drainage system
- Improved heating system
- Bowling Club redevelopment
- Safer stream fencing & play equipment
- Flat roof recovering
- Replacement Audi Visual system
- Improved IT and Ticketing System
- CCTV security on car park

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Bowling Green Utilisation

Available for

- Camping
- Events
- Activities



Shower
installation to
increase facilities!

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Weddings



**Marquee on the
bowling green**



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Activities



- Summer Fete ,Fun day
- Dog training
- Walking Football



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Bar Extension

Bar extension (snug)
built from previous
Hall entrance
vestibule.

Revised entrance Hall



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Hall Events

- Keep fit
- Dog training
- Cinema
- Burns supper
- Quiz
- Bingo
- Weddings
- Wakes
- C&W evening
- Summer fete



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SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL!

TO OPERATE THE HALL AND FACILITIES COSTS AROUND £30,000 PER ANNUM FUNDED FROM REVENUES eg £3000 budget insurance

- Attend events See the website for What's On. Register your e mail for publicity.
- Book the Hall for your events
- Engage in activities
- Support the Bar
- Volunteer
- Plus, any donation is gratefully received

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