

# PAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL



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Painswick are celebrating; as we have been recognised as a top Council after being awarded the Local Government Quality Gold Accreditation (one of only 35 out of over 10,000 Town and Parish Councils in England). The Panel were highly impressed with the community involvement and this award is a recognition of the community's achievements. Our Tourist Information Centre won an award from the Association of Industrial Archaeology for the best re-creative use of an industrial building for their home in the Grave Diggers Hut.

Our first apprentice has successfully passed her NVQ2 in Horticulture and has left a legacy in her design of the Town Hall gardens, we are now in the process of giving another youngster the opportunity for this training. We are carrying out lots of improvements to our lovely cemetery, which has seen us being able to re-erect several of the tombstones.

Play Painswick is raising funds for new play equipment and there have been several successful fun events, including Picnics in the Park and an Arty Party held by St Michael's Bistro with an auction from our local artists. We have a new Toddler Group in the village, meeting on Friday mornings in the Painswick Youth and Community Pavilion.

The Council are working with the Cotswold Conservation Board in a bid for some European Funding to promote Painswick and the Cotswold Way as a Tourist Destination. The funding will allow us to 'create' new walks and produce new notice boards and leaflets. We are extremely fortunate that we have an army of volunteer Footpath Inspectors and the Cotswold Wardens have installed several new kissing gates – ensuring good access to our beautiful countryside.

The Community Post Office is busy now, but we ask our residents to remember to support this facility throughout the year and our sincere thanks to our Post Master Rahual Gigu for this service. We extend our thanks to all the groups and organisations that make our villages special. Happy Christmas.

Martin Slinger, Chairman of Painswick Parish Council.