



**Some of the  
completed projects  
and achievements  
over the last 2 years**





**Safety gate to separate the road from Goulburn Green.**

It is designed to prevent children from running from the Green directly into the road.

Paid for using CIL funds.



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Additional play equipment on Goulburn Green, new safety surfaces and benches. Paid for using CIL funds.





New gate with easier access to the Parish Council Burial Ground from church end.  
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**30 mph speed limit  
extended along Old Reigate  
Road from Elm Villas past  
Barley Mow Court to the  
Arkle Manor. In partnership  
with Surrey Highways.**

We are presently working  
with Surrey Highways and  
Parishioners in the  
Pebblecombe area to  
introduce speed restrictions  
and other safety measures  
on Pebble Hill.

**Could this be a  
possibility in  
some areas of  
the parish in the  
future? Give us  
your views.**



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We installed two historic information boards on the station platform, which focuses on the Pebblecombe area of the parish. Designed by a member of the PC and paid for via a grant from Great Western Railway.



Betchworth Parish is bisected by the A25 and the railway line into two areas. The village centre is to the south and 'Pebblecombe' to the north. This historic information board relates to the Pebblecombe area of the parish. The village centre (about 1 mile south of the station) is on the north bank of the River Mole which eventually enters the Thames near Hampton Court. The village is recorded in the Domesday Book. It still has a working forge along with a thriving public house, school and Post Office/shop/cafe. There are 33 listed buildings in the parish. A similar guide map to the central village area is located on the wall opposite the Dolphin public house near the entrance to the churchyard.



**BETCHWORTH STATION**  
The station was opened in 1849 by the Reading, Guildford and Reigate Railway, which became part of the South Eastern Railway in 1852. The station was particularly significant for its connection with the Betchworth Quarry railways, which were built to serve the Dorking Greystone Lime Company's three pits north of the station. By 1920 there were 20 trains each weekday to London. Nearly 300 trains passed through the station in one week during the WWII evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940.



The station had a signalman who was still opening the level crossings gates manually until the automated barriers were introduced in 1977.



**THE BEECHES**  
The stylish building dating from about 1849 was built as a Railway Hotel but by 1855 it was referred to as 'The Beeches Inn' and by 1861 it was offering horse drawn carriages for hire. At about this time it became a private residence and by 1881 the adjacent yard was used by coal and corn merchants. Over the years the yard expanded to supply additional goods ranging from manure to flower pots!



**DR WHO**  
Two series of the BBC Science fiction drama were filmed in the quarry: The Genesis of the Daleks and The Deadly Assassin, with Tom Baker as the Doctor.



**THE QUARRY**  
Chalk has been quarried in the area since at least the 1800s. In 1865 the Dorking Greystone Lime Company opened a large quarry at Betchworth. Quarrying finished in the 1960s; subsequently the quarry was used for land fill but has now been restored to chalk grass land. An important group of C19 and C20 brick built lime kilns still remain. The Dietz and the remaining Hoffman kilns are listed structures and are now the home of large bat colonies. Many excellent paths (including the Pilgrims' Way) exist to allow exploration. The path into the quarry is via The Coombe, 450yds north of the station. This stunning chalk downland sits within the Surrey Hills AONB is well worth a visit.

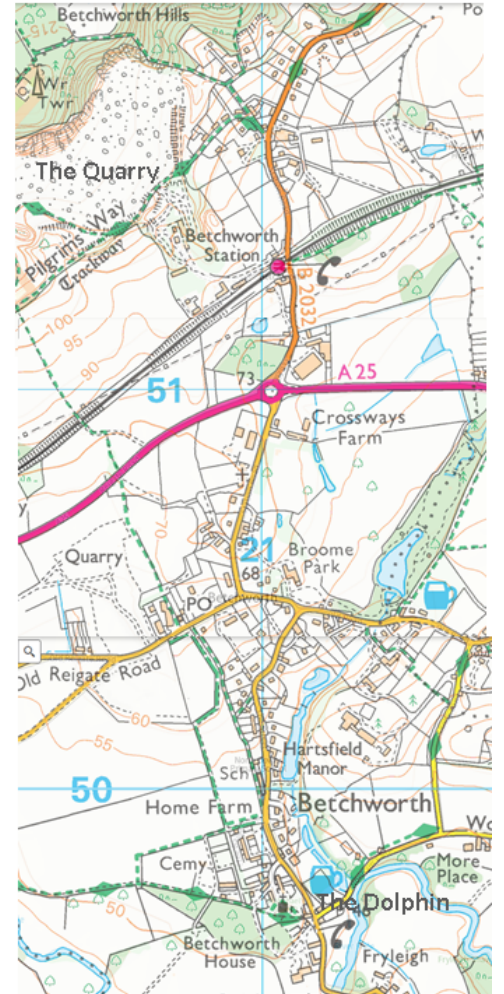
**THE QUARRY RAILWAYS AND ENGINES**  
The quarry railways had four different track gauges! The standard gauge part had a junction with the main line at



Betchworth Station. The Coffee Pot engine (above), built in 1871 on Teeside, is one of the world's best working railway steam locomotives and can be seen at the Beamish Museum, Durham.



The 1877 standard gauge Fletcher Jennings 0-4-0T No. 3, later named Captain Baxter (above), is now preserved at the Bluebell Railway. Townsend Hook, another surviving engine, can be seen at the Amberley Chalk museum.



More information about the Parish of Betchworth:  
[www.betchworth-pc.gov.uk](http://www.betchworth-pc.gov.uk)

A similar board relating to Betchworth village centre is situated close to the entrance to the churchyard opposite the Dolphin public house.

Station and quarry images by kind permission of Keith Harding of Goodness Gracious.





The PC have installed 10 new 'kissing' gates on footpaths within the parish with help from parishioners and rambling groups. The gates were paid for from CIL funds.



Renovation of the bus shelter and seat outside the Post Office together with new planters. This was achieved with the help of a parishioner who generously gave his time. Materials were paid for from past Burial Ground profits.



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Over the last few years Betchworth Parish Council has been giving financial support through its grants initiative to some local organisations. This comes from surplus funds generated by the Parish Council Burial Ground.

**Buckland & Betchworth Choral Society**  
**FABB**

**Hamilton  
Room Wi-Fi**

**Forest School**  
**Friends of the Betchworth  
& Buckland Nursery**

**RE  BETCHWORTH**

**St Michael's Website**  
**Tiny Tots  
Toddler  
Group**  
**Betchworth Village Archives**



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Over the last year we received many complaints about the muddy state of the **Church Farm footpath**. It is now in a much “drier” state.

Paid for from CIL funding.



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A wide, light-colored gravel path stretches into the distance, flanked by lush green trees and a wooden fence on the left. The path is well-maintained and appears to be a popular walking route.

**This was  
an expensive  
project but  
made good  
use of CIL  
funding.**

A narrow, light-colored gravel path stretches into the distance, flanked by lush green trees and a wooden fence on the right. A wooden post is visible in the foreground. In the distance, a group of people, including a dog, are walking along the path.

**The Church Farm  
footpath is one of  
the most used  
paths in the Parish.**



For the first time  
Betchworth Parish  
Council have a post  
box.

This was installed at  
the Hamilton Room to  
improve accessibility  
for feedback and  
general  
communication.



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The new planter at the village store as well as biodiverse planting of all the planters on the forecourt (supported by Jo at Hope Nursery).



Clearing of the footpath entrance by the village store and bus stop, again done by a local Parishioner.

Replacing gaps in the allotment's hedge with RSPB recommended whips to support wildlife.



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What else have we been up to?

We continue to look after and run the Burial Ground and Goulburn Green, check the play equipment on the Green weekly and check the three defibrillators in the Parish. We examine all planning applications.

We examine the monthly report from the Neighbourhood Police team, and we have taken part in the Gatwick 2<sup>nd</sup> Runway proposals (opposed) and continue to monitor developments.



We have liaised with the Environmental agency over the Thames Valley Flood Scheme which included the River Mole. All the agendas and minutes are published on notice boards and on the Parish Council web site.