

Councillors Chronicles No.3

“Chase and Chalk”

In 2019 I moved into Fontmell Magna . Well just as I was settling in to various activities within the local community along came Covid and we all know what that meant. The one salvation was living in such a beautiful area full of friendly people! Well then I thought why not get onto the Parish Council and find out how I can get more connected and caring about the place where we live. At present it is all a learning curve and makes you realise just how much there is to be aware of happening around us. It is made up of a small dedicated team who care about protecting our area and environment so I hope I can make a useful contribution their efforts.



One area I am getting involved with is “Chase and Chalke” a government funded scheme to help conserve and enhance AONB areas, by getting local people interested in various projects within, in our case, the Cranborne Chase. It is surprising just how large an area this covers, a large swathe of Dorset, Wiltshire and part of Hampshire.

At this time the Countryside Ranger is liaising with members of many local Parish councils to get feedback on how we can take this forward to get some structure for various projects such as footpath protection, conserving natural habitats and history of the area. Volunteers will be asked to help in many ways by the sound of it!

Just go online to “Chase and Chalke” Landscape Partnership Scheme. You will find an interesting site full of information including quite a few walks you may not have found. This site is being added to and updated all the time.