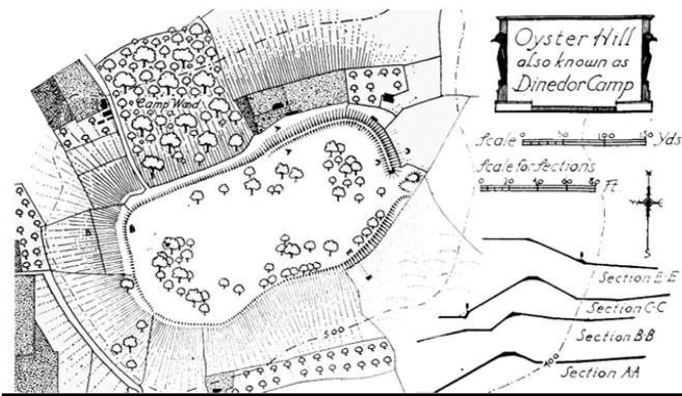


Dinedor Newsletter

MAY 2026



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds	June 3	Sports Planning Mtg DVH	7.30 pm
Saturday	June 6	Coffee Morning DVH	10.30 am
Tuesday	June 9	Parish Council DVH	6.00 pm
Sunday	June 14	The Big Lunch	12.30 pm
Saturday	June 20	Repair Cafe	10.30 am
Tuesday	July 21	Parish Council DVH	6.00 pm
Thurs	July 23	DVH AGM	4.00 pm
Saturday	July 25	Dinedor Sports	2.30 pm



The Big Lunch will once again be hosted by Suzanne at her home, **The Laurels**, on **June 14th from 12.30 pm**.

Everyone is welcome and there is no need to say you are coming - just turn up but bring some food/drink to share.

It will be undercover if it's wet! If you need anymore information, just give Suzanne a call on **873170 or 07971 544889**

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday June 6 10.30 - 12 noon.

Join friends and neighbours in our village hall and enjoy a tea or coffee together with a cake.

This is a great occasion to greet newcomers to Dinedor.

Please consider joining us. If you need transport, please contact the editors and we will gladly arrange this.



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PARISH COUNCIL

PROPOSED SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT

Our April meeting attracted 25 people, the largest number for many years. People came to express their concerns about the proposal by a company called ILOS for a large solar farm in the parish. ILOS had written to the Parish Council (PC) giving the outline of their proposal. As the first part of the planning process, Herefordshire Council (HC) had to decide whether the solar farm proposal required an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

When developers are required to undertake a full Environmental Impact Assessment, they have to determine just what effects such an industrial scale development is likely to have on the area in respect of such things as noise levels, safety, protected species and habitats, contamination, historic sites and the visual character of the area and what the Developer would do to mitigate those effects.

The Parish Council agreed to submit comments urgently, including pointing out errors in the application, even though this stage of the process was not open for the PC and members of the public to submit comments.

At the time of our meeting, HC had not responded to ILOS, but subsequently it decided that the Environmental Impact Assessment was not necessary.

Dinedor Village Action Group, which has been set up in response to the proposal, has now written to the Secretary of State challenging HC's decision. You can read more on the Action Group's website www.DinedorVAG.org.

We think this large solar farm would be totally inappropriate in our parish and have formed a steering group to liaise with the Action Group.

PLANNING

We considered an application regarding The Vern and decided not to object. There was no further news on the application for 10 houses near the Black Barn in the centre of the village.

DRAINAGE AND LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

We agreed the lengthsmen work plan for the financial year 2026/27 after a walk about the village with the lengthsmen. The small grant from HC will be supplemented from PC funds.

We are awaiting a response to our application to HC's Drainage Scheme following discussions with the contractor.

DINEDOR CAMP ROAD

Whilst HC has accepted that it is responsible, the repairs have not been done so we were pleased to hear from David Davies, our PC councillor at our May meeting that the work is planned to take place before the autumn.

TRAFFIC

We talked yet again about the lack of action about traffic calming in the village and will now meet with the Traffic Management Advisor of the West Mercia Police Road Safety Team to discuss a Dinedor Road Safety Plan.

We have also asked that signs alerting users to the new road layout at Hinton should be in place now, rather than waiting until the work is finished.

PC Report continued overleaf

DINEDOR CAMP

There is evidence that a cycle ramp has been built, with soil being dug up leaving a fairly large hole in the ground. This is dangerous and illegal, as no digging is allowed on the protected Ancient Monument. PCSO Lewis Thomas came to our May meeting and confirmed that he and his colleagues will continue to make unscheduled visits to help deter unacceptable activities.

FINANCES

As expected the PC ended the 2025/26 year within budget with a smaller reserve than in previous years. The parish precept for the current financial year will give a precept income of £15,000 pa. We were pleased to receive the auditor’s report for the last financial year, showing that the PC has complied with the regulations and has a good standard of financial management.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Still no progress on the disputed amendment to the Definitive Map regarding Turnpike Lane, from Prospect Lane down to near the access road. The newly installed gates allowing for a stile-free walk from the village up and around the Camp had been well received and used as part of the Herefordshire History Festival Archaeological guided walk.

CHANGES ? NEW IDEAS?

Out of our five members, three long-term councillors have confirmed that they do not intend to stand for election in May next year. Can we interest you in getting involved? You don't need any experience and our meetings are not at all intimidating - just come along to one without any obligation and you will have a warm welcome. It is certainly time for a change! New ideas welcomed!

NEXT MEETING

Please note that in June we will be meeting on Tuesday June 9th at 6.00 pm, which is the second Tuesday of the month, rather than our usual third Tuesday. All are welcome.

ST ANDREW’S CHURCH

Future Services.

- Sunday 28th June, 6.30 pm. Holy Communion.
- Sunday 26th July, 6.30 pm. Evensong.
- Sunday 23rd August, 6.30 pm. Holy Communion.
- Sunday 27th September, 6.30 pm. Evensong.

Reminder.

Jumble Sale, Saturday 6th June. St Martin’s Church Hall. 12-2 pm.
Tea/Coffee and Cakes available.
Info. Joyce Nicholls 07801292393. Sale in aid of Dinedor Church.

HARMONIES NEWSLETTER

Almost every Thursday morning in term time a fair number of cars stream into the village hall car park, all carrying members of the Dinedor Harmony choir. We number around twenty five singers from sopranos to basses and all of what we sing is in parts. We didn’t have to face an audition to gain membership of the choir and we do not have to be able to read music to take part. We have an impressive website that has all the resources to support learning new materials. There are two main themes underlying how the choir works: firstly, we embrace all forms of diversity and, secondly, we seek to aid people to have positive mental health. Both these themes are manifested within our membership and they also influence some of the pieces we sing. However, this is not to suggest that the choir maintains a rather serious and sombre atmosphere. On the contrary, whilst our rehearsals are meant to start at ten o’clock, we are frequently delayed as choir members greet and catch up with each other. Then we go into our warm-up routine which always generates much laughter, frequently led by our leader!! From time to time, we work with our leader’s other choir, The Border Belles, an all-female choir with about eighty members on their books. The Belles, based in Ross, have a growing reputation based on their performances and concerts with other choirs and bands in the area. The

choral colours and shades that the Belles produce with only female voices are really wonderful and some of their pieces are quite adventurous. The members of the two choirs are becoming more familiar with each other, enhanced, for example, by themed social evenings – with song, of course, - and our residential weekends. In 2024 we had a weekend “Resy” based in Ross and, in 2025, one in Usk at both of which everyone had a chance to join in if they wished. No compulsion! There was loads of singing, high jinks and socialising at each one. In July 2026 a joint choir, about forty strong, is joining up with a French choir for a weekend of song at Caudies de Fenouilledes, which lies to the west of Perpignan. Looks like a real opportunity for lots of fun!!? Good wine growing area too!

So what about you coming along and giving us a go? You may well know someone who is a member of the Harmonies and you could tag along with them, introduce yourself, join your voice group and we’re off! There’s no dress code, your attendance will fit in with your other commitments and you might even enjoy yourself! We can do with voices for all sections of the choir, but a few more men would be really good, we are somewhat outnumbered at the moment. Come on chaps, don’t be shy! If you don’t like us, you can go away and no hard feelings. Want to know more? Give me, Nick Austin, a ring on **01432 870730**.



DINEDOR SPORTS

Saturday 25th July 2026 at 2.30
Gates open 2.15
The Old School Field, Dinedor, HR2 6LQ

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RACES + SIDESHOWS + AMUSEMENTS + SKITTLES
REFRESHMENTS + COMPETITIONS + LICENSED BAR
PILLOW FIGHT + COCONUT SHY + PRIZE RAFFLE

Admission: – Adults £2.00; Children 50p

All indoor competition entries must be registered at Dinedor Village Hall between 11.00a.m. & 1.00p.m. on the day!

More details on Chris at 07443 221846
Proceeds to charities

The meeting to plan this year’s Sports will be held on Wednesday June 3 at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Please consider coming along!

DVHMC will hold its AGM on **Thursday 23rd July at 4:00 pm**, and everyone is very welcome to attend. At the meeting the existing committee will resign, and it is hoped that several new members of our community will volunteer to join the committee.

Financially, 2025-26 has been a testing but exceptional year with our surplus of income over expenditure falling to about a quarter of the £3159 we achieved in 2024-25.

We increased hall hire charges in April, 2025, but during the following year income from bookings fell by 10% as one group discontinued its activities and unlike the previous year the hall was not used by Herefordshire Council as a polling station. Unfortunately, we have also now lost our line dancing group which will impact our income in 2026-27. Donations, however, were approximately the same for the year at £570, fund raising events raised £200 more than in the previous year, and interest received was also £150 greater.

On the other side of the account, we incurred several expenses which arise only every 5 or so years including the costs of a Fire Risk Assessment and an Electrical Installation Condition Report. We had a one-time solicitor's fee to re-register the lease on the hall with Land Registry in the name of the Official Custodian for Charities, and we also on the recommendation of our fire risk assessor fitted a visual aid device in the disabled toilet. We had the hall and the foyer repainted, replaced two fire extinguishers, and also one of the emergency lights in the main hall. With income from bookings falling this substantial extra irregular expenditure was a bit of a "perfect storm" and explains why our surplus of income over expenditure fell so significantly.

We do, however, go into 2026-27 with a refreshed and well-equipped foyer and hall and with periodic assessments and reports completed and paid for. Finances do remain healthy, but having decided not to increase our hire charges for 2026-27 the new committee will probably need to look at new groups who may wish to regularly hire the hall, at the opportunity for private parties and events, and if the number on the committee is sufficient fund raising events to at least maintain income and capital. In this respect, to hopefully partly fund the new flooring and the dishwasher proposed for the kitchen we have already applied for a National Lottery Community Fund grant for which we should have news mid-year.

We hope that you will agree that the village hall is a warm and welcoming community space at the heart of our parish and a valuable village asset.

Allan Simnett, Treasurer, Mob. 07721 377245 e-mail: treasurer@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk

We have been recently advertising several vacancies including secretary, social media coordinator and treasurer, to which we now add the responsibility for day-to-day maintenance of the hall and its surroundings. Clearly, we seek a variety of skills which we are sure are available within our community and if you consider you do possess any of them, please contact us as below.

WILL YOU JOIN OUR COMMITTEE OR BECOME A VOLUNTEER

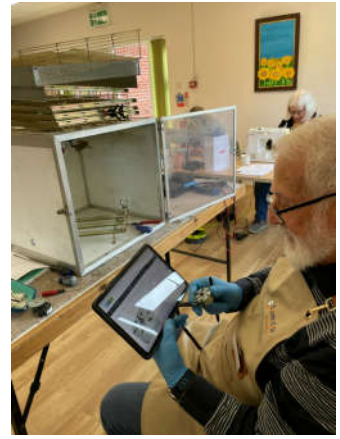
Dinedor Village Hall plays an important part in our parish as a warm and welcoming community.
We need new members with new ideas to help it thrive!

As a member of our community, your input is of great value to us and if you have any interest in learning more, please email hub@dinedorvillagehall.org.uk and we will arrange an open meeting in mid June so you can find out more.

You will meet a small team of our existing committee who currently spend a couple of hours each month to help administer and run our valued village hall.

We get a wide range of items to repair at South Hereford Repair Café, but when Matt Cleland asked us to look at his egg incubator which was not rocking the eggs, this was certainly a first for us!

The task fell to volunteer repairer, Ian Quayle. He found that the motor, part of a gearbox/motor assembly had failed. This was the motor that drove the mechanism to rock the incubating eggs. The original part came from an Italian company, CDC Elettromeccanica,



and was not readily available in the UK. Ian managed to find an inexpensive equivalent motor on Ebay, which could be fitted onto the existing gearbox. On the first trial, he found that the gear on the new motor was not engaging properly with the gearbox, so he fabricated a plastic shim to correct this.

The result was a working egg incubator that Matt tells us has already hatched four call ducklings: and may it long continue to do so!

The donations SHRC receives for the repairs our volunteers undertake go towards the cost of our overheads which include hall hire, liability insurance, and the purchase of new equipment and materials for our volunteers to use. When donations exceed the amount we require to effectively fund our operations, we look to make a donation to another charity or good cause. At our recent annual meeting volunteers agreed to make donations of £400 to Midland Air Ambulance, £175 to Dore Community Transport and £100 towards the cost of an external AED at Fownhope New Memorial Hall. Thank you to all of your who donated.

SHRC next meets on **Saturday 20th June**, and we shall look forward to the challenge of the items you book in with us at www.repaircafesouthhereford.org.uk

POLICE NEWS

While waiting for your kettle to boil, you can have your say on policing...

Got a spare few minutes?

Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion has launched a short consultation to give you an opportunity to have your say on the Government's proposals to create 12 'mega police forces'.

As this could be the biggest shake up to policing in six decades, the PCC wants to make sure you can share your views on this change. He will share the public response directly with the Government to consider in their review.

The consultation closes on **Monday 15th June**. Have your say by visiting the West Mercia PCC website -

www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk

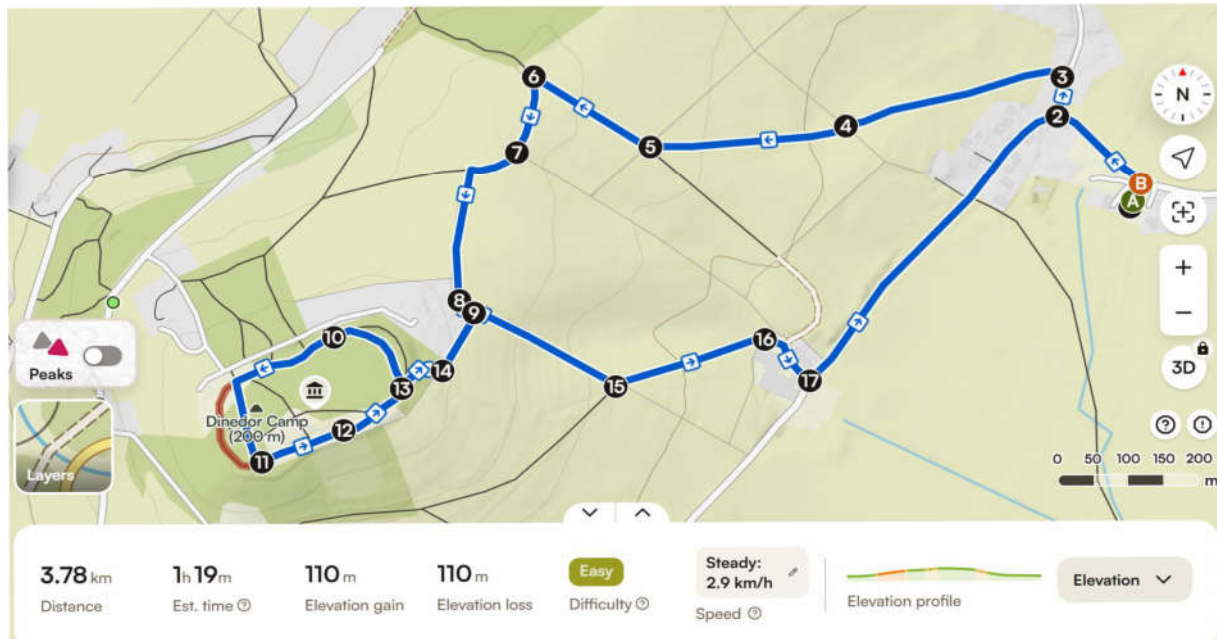
CIRCULAR ROUTE FROM DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL TO DINEDOR CAMP AND BACK

During Autumn 2025 we were able, with the assistance of the Price family at Hollow Farm and Financial Grants from Herefordshire Council, to have several stiles replaced with self-closing gates and create a route from Dinedor Village Hall to Dinedor Camp and back which is stile-free.

The circular route below has one quite easy stile (but not suitable for dogs) near the end however the route can be completely stile-free by returning to the Village Hall from Dinedor Camp by reversing the outward Route.

If you have been daunted, as we were, by the previous stiles on the route we hope you will be able to now give the walk a try. The map and route details are below. **Malcolm Louch and Peter Keyse – Dinedor Parish Footpath Officers**

You can download or copy and paste a colour version of this Walk from the Dinedor Parish Council website at <https://dinedorparishcouncil.gov.uk/dinedor-newsletter/>



- START AT DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK (**POINT A**) AND TURN LEFT ALONG THE ROAD.
- AT THE JUNCTION WITH PROSPECT LANE (**POINT 2**), TURN RIGHT. AT THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SIGN (**POINT 3**), FOLLOW THE SHORT TRACK BETWEEN THE HOUSES TO A KISSING GATE.
- THE FOOTPATH THEN CLIMBS GENTLY UPHILL ON A DIAGONAL, PASSING THROUGH **GATES 4** AND **5** BEFORE RISING STRAIGHT UPHILL TO **GATE 6**. DO NOT GO THROUGH THIS GATE; INSTEAD, TURN LEFT AND HEAD TO THE NEXT **GATE 7**, WHICH YOU GO THROUGH. (ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN WALK DIRECTLY FROM **GATE 5** TO **GATE 7** ON A DIAGONAL.)
- AFTER PASSING THROUGH **GATE 7**, FOLLOW THE EDGE OF THE FIELD UNTIL YOU REACH THE NEXT **GATE 8**, PASSING A STILE ROUGHLY HALFWAY ALONG THIS SECTION. IMMEDIATELY AFTER **GATE 8** TURN LEFT AND CONTINUE TO **GATE 9**.
- GO THROUGH **GATE 9**, THEN TURN RIGHT AND FOLLOW THE PERMISSIVE PATH TO YOU REACH ANOTHER **KISSING GATE 14**, WHICH LEADS INTO DINEDOR CAMP.
- ONCE INSIDE DINEDOR CAMP, FOLLOW THE CIRCULAR PATH IN EITHER DIRECTION. THERE ARE SEVERAL VIEWPOINTS (**POINTS 10, 11, 12 AND 13**), CLEARED IN 2025 BY THE VOLUNTEER TEAM, OFFERING EXCELLENT VIEWS OVER HEREFORD, ROTHERWAS AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE.
- RETURN TO THE **KISSING GATE 14** TO LEAVE DINEDOR CAMP, THEN HEAD BACK TO **GATE 9**. FROM HERE, YOU CAN EITHER RETRACE YOUR STEPS TO THE VILLAGE HALL OR TURN RIGHT AND FOLLOW THE FIELD EDGE DOWNHILL UNTIL YOU REACH THE **STILE 15**.
- AFTER CROSSING THE STILE, CONTINUE DOWNHILL DIAGONALLY TOWARDS THE FARM BUILDINGS, PASSING THROUGH **GATE 16** AND THE FARMYARD TO REACH HOLLOW FARM ROAD (**POINT 17**).
- TURN LEFT AND FOLLOW HOLLOW FARM ROAD BACK TO DINEDOR VILLAGE HALL (**POINT B**).
- WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR WALK—DO ALLOW PLENTY OF EXTRA TIME TO TAKE IN THE WONDERFUL VIEWS.

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