

Dear Members of the Parish Council,

I am writing on behalf of Girlguiding Bristol and South Gloucestershire (BSG) to request your support for our growing International Opportunities (INTOPS) programme - an initiative that is transforming the confidence, independence, and future prospects of girls and young women across our community.

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, providing a safe, supportive environment where they can build confidence, develop leadership skills, and become active citizens in their local and global communities. Our INTOPS programme offers a unique pathway for young members to broaden their horizons through international adventure, cultural exchange, and meaningful teamwork.

### **About the INTOPS Programme**

Girls aged 13–17 sign up for a county-wide selection event, where they take part in team challenges, leadership tasks, and outdoor activities designed to help them grow and to help us match them to the right international experience. Earlier this year, 66 girls attended our selection weekend, and we were delighted to select 32 of them to join two upcoming trips:

- Ireland – October 2026 (£930.00 per participant and leader)
- Iceland – July 2027 (£2,700.00 per participant and leader)

This interest represents remarkable growth. Since Roxy and I relaunched the programme in 2024, participation has expanded year on year:

- 2024: 10 girls attended selection; 5 were chosen for the Essex International Jamboree.
- 2025: 45 girls attended; 30 were selected for Belgium (Oct 2025) and Sweden (Summer 2026).
- 2026: 66 attended; 32 selected for Ireland (2026) and Iceland (2027).

We already have plans underway for October 2027 and Summer 2028, as demand from girls continues to rise.

### **Why These Opportunities Matter**

The impact of international guiding experiences is profound especially following the isolation, anxiety, and lost opportunities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

These trips help girls to:

- Build independence and learn to manage themselves away from home.
- Step outside their comfort zones and tackle new challenges.
- Develop leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.
- Gain confidence through girl-led experiences where their voices guide the journey.
- Form lasting friendships, both locally and with peers from around the world.
- Understand their global impact through cultural exchange and service activities.

We see time and time again that girls return from INTOPS trips more self-assured, more resilient, and more connected to their communities. Many go on to become young leaders, volunteers, and role models - giving back to local units, schools, and wider society.

### **Support Needed for Girls and Leaders**

Despite the life-changing benefits of these opportunities, our county currently provides no financial support for participants or volunteer leaders.

Leaders who give their time freely, use annual leave, complete specialist training, and ensure every trip is safe, inclusive, and enriching must pay the same full amount as the girls to attend. This can be a significant barrier, and yet without leaders, these trips simply cannot run.

Every contribution helps ensure:

- No girl is excluded due to family circumstances.
- Leaders can accompany participants without facing financial hardship.
- Our programme can continue to grow sustainably and safely.

We believe passionately that finances should never be the reason a young person misses out on an international experience that could shape their future.

### **How the Parish Council Can Help**

We are seeking local community partners who share our belief in empowering young people. Support from the parish council whether through a grant or sponsorship would directly help girls from this parish access these opportunities and help leaders continue to provide them.

Your support would:

- Break down financial barriers for families.
- Enable more girls to participate in life-changing global experiences.
- Strengthen our local community by developing confident, capable, community-minded young citizens.

We would be very happy to share updates, photos, or a presentation on the impact of our trips upon our return, as we have often done for other community supporters.

Thank you for considering this request. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss our programme further, answer any questions, or provide more details about the upcoming international trips and how they will directly benefit young people in the parish.

Yours faithfully,

*Nicole Crompton & Roxanne Lock*

International Opportunities Advisors  
Girlguiding Bristol & South Gloucestershire

## Report to Pucklechurch Parish Council

**Title:** 5h. Donation to Rainbows

**Author:** Daphne Dunning

**Status of the report:** For action

### 1. Proposal.

To consider making a donation of £200.00 to Rainbows. This would provide resources and equipment to enable them to run fun and enriching activities each week. as Pucklechurch Parish Council was unable to accept their late Grant application..

### 2. Detail.

Rainbows missed the deadline for the parish council grants scheme and the council resolved it could not accept the late application on 18<sup>th</sup> February. At this meeting council indicated it might be willing to consider a donation of £200.00 to provide resources and materials.

### 3. Recommendations.

Council donates a sum of £200.00 to cover the costs of resources and materials to support weekly enrichment activities

### 4. Implications for the council

Environmental:

Financial:

Legal:

Crime and disorder:

There would be a negative impact if the council was perceived as not supporting the Rainbows

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Tel: 01454 868004  
Our ref: P26/00372/F  
(Please quote at all times)  
Your ref:  
Date: 6th March 2026

## PLANNING APPLICATION

Dear Ms Dunning

**LOCATION:** Moor Paddock Westerleigh Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9PY  
**DESCRIPTION:** Creation of 2no. additional pitches comprising of 2no. additional mobile homes, associated parking and drainage (part retrospective).  
**REFERENCE NO:** P26/00372/F

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Yours faithfully

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Our ref: P26/00374/LB  
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Your ref:  
Date: 10th March 2026

## PLANNING APPLICATION

Dear Ms Dunning

**LOCATION:** 15 Westerleigh Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9RB  
**DESCRIPTION:** Internal and external alterations to remove and replace 3no. windows on the east side elevation. External alterations to install solar PV panels to rear roof slope.  
**REFERENCE NO:** P26/00374/LB

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Your ref:  
Date: 11th March 2026

## PLANNING APPLICATION

Dear Ms Dunning

**LOCATION:** 15 Westerleigh Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9RB  
**DESCRIPTION:** Installation of 12.no solar panels on rear facing pitched roof.  
Replacement of 3.no windows on side elevation.  
**REFERENCE NO:** P26/00312/HH

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Your ref:  
Date: 9th March 2026

## PLANNING APPLICATION

Dear Ms Dunning

**LOCATION:** Old Court Barn Westerleigh Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9RD  
**DESCRIPTION:** Works to 1no Horse Chestnut Tree (T1) to crown reduce by 1m. Works to 1no Silver Birch Tree (T2) to crown reduce by 1.5m all within Pucklechurch Conservation Area.  
**REFERENCE NO:** P26/00537/TCA

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Date: 24th February 2026

## PLANNING APPLICATION

Dear Ms Dunning

**LOCATION:** 7 Westerleigh Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9RB  
**DESCRIPTION:** Works to fell 1no Tree of Heaven within Pucklechurch Conservation area.  
**REFERENCE NO:** P26/00400/TCA

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### **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS**

Dear Sir/Madam

**LOCATION:** Fleur De Lys 12 Shortwood Road Pucklechurch South  
Gloucestershire BS16 9RA  
**DESCRIPTION:** Change of use of part of building to 1no dwelling (Use class C3)  
as defined in the Town and Country Planning (use Classes)  
Order 1987 (as amended).  
**REFERENCE NO:** P25/01996/F

With reference to your correspondence this is to inform you that this application has now been considered and the Councils decision is: Approve with Conditions.

The decision notice will be available on the Council's website at <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/search-planning-applications/>

.Alternatively please visit one of our one stop shop offices between 8.45 am to 5.00 pm (4.30 pm Fridays) where a member of staff will be happy to help you.

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### **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS**

Dear Sir/Madam

**LOCATION:** 48 Abson Road Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire BS16 9SA  
**DESCRIPTION:** Works to crown reduce 3no Beech Trees by 2-3m to leave a finishing height of 1m and a radial spread of 1m within Pucklechurch Conservation Area.  
**REFERENCE NO:** P26/00205/TCA

With reference to your correspondence this is to inform you that this application has now been considered and the Council's decision is: No Objection.

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Contact: Customer Service Centre  
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Our ref: P24/01644/CLE  
(Please quote at all times)  
Date: 25th February 2026

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND  
COMPENSATION ACT 1991)**

Dear Ms Dunning

**LOCATION:** Fleur De Lys 12 Shortwood Road  
Pucklechurch South Gloucestershire  
BS16 9RA

**DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT:** Use of part of building as a public  
house/restaurant/expanded food provision  
(Sui Generis), with ancillary residential  
accommodation at first floor level.

**APPLICATION NUMBER:** P24/01644/CLE

**DOE APPEAL REFERENCE:** APP/P0119/X/24/3353280

**APPELLANT'S NAME:** Horizon Construction Bristol Ltd

Further to my previous correspondence, I am writing to inform you that the above appeal has been withdrawn and no further action will be taken.

I must emphasise that this correspondence refers only to the appeal bearing the above reference number and not to any other appeal which may have been submitted on this site.

The Case Officer for this appeal is Alex Hemming.

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Yours sincerely

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