
STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL



NEWS UPDATE NOVEMBER 2017

QEII Recreation Field

After various discussions between SSE and the County Council, it has now been agreed that an easement is required to facilitate the re-routing of the power lines. Heads of Terms for this are being prepared and we are pressing both parties to get this completed as quickly as possible to avoid any further unnecessary delays.

Bow Farm Development– Phase II

We've been in discussions with the developer, Ede Homes, to improve the overall scheme, including adjustments to both the layout and landscaping, as well as improved access to the public open space and the connection of the footpath that will in future link Bow Farm to Horsecroft.

Penstones Farm Development (Horsecroft)

Whilst permission for this development was granted some time ago, concerns have been raised that the developer, Blue Cedar Homes, has submitted a construction traffic management plan from another, unrelated site, and a number of their plans do not appear to match. We're working with the Planning Officer at VWHDC to ensure that the correct documentation is in place, in order to ensure that all works are undertaken in line with the agreed plan.

Nursery End Development

Since I last wrote, Planning Enforcement have agreed the outstanding matters that we've been requesting the developer, David Wilson Homes, to address and this is now being progressed, so I hope to have more positive news in the not too distant future!

Love where you live?

This really is such a simple message, yet the amount of discarded litter (that we arrange to collect) and dog mess which continues to spoil the village is staggering. We provide public litter bins throughout the village, so there should be no excuse for either to be left lying on the ground. If you should see someone not clearing up after their pet, please report the matter to env.health@southandvale.gov.uk / 01235 422403, with details and photos or anything else that might help to identify the individual.



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Notices for the village notice boards

Reminder to parishioners that if given to Mike Dew he will display them for you. Do not force them through the notice board doors as this is breaking the seals. Any found pinned to the outside will be removed. Also notices displayed around the village on lamp / telephone poles should be removed after date

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Neighbourhood policing newsletter

Priorities

Hare coursing: This continues to be a priority for the Faringdon Neighbourhood Team and we have done a two day operation in the rural community to improve our visibility on the 8th and 9th of November. We engaged with various land owners, game keepers and farmers and also checked for any offences that may have been committed on their land.

Drugs: We had several reports of drugs being sold in the community and due to this information we successfully executed a warrant at an address in Faringdon on 20/10/17. This resulted in one arrest and drugs being taken of the street. This is still a live investigation.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

We had calls about ASB and damage to Tuckers Park in Faringdon. This is now part of an active enquiry and patrols have been set up for the area. Can you please call 101 if you see any offences being committed in order to assist us please? Little Coxwell village also suffered from ASB and criminal damage and enquiries revealed the offenders. Using restorative justice between those affected and the young people concerned, an effective solution was reached.

Crime prevention advice

As the evenings are now getting darker earlier please can residents consider using timers on lighting, TVs and radios so that your homes do not appear to be unoccupied and 'welcoming' for burglars. Please consider fitting secure locks to any gates that lead to the rear of properties and consider security lighting for the outsides of the buildings. Garden sheds can be locked using padlocks and can have shed alarms fitted. Good quality CCTV cameras are now available from many retailers and whilst these may appear to be expensive, they offer another form of deterrent against intruders.

Alarms fitted to the house are another thing that may be considered. Please keep curtains closed and any presents you may buy over the next few weeks securely out of sight. The festive season is upper most in a lot of people's minds and a lot of planning and preparation is taking place in homes over the next few weeks. Leaving all these on show can lead to events that can cause major distress if homes are broken into.

What the neighbourhood have been doing

We have been carrying out active patrols in Southmoor and work is ongoing between agencies to see if a long term solution can be found for one of the problems that has arisen from investigations surrounding the local community park. There are active patrols in Faringdon town centre whenever we are on duty.

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please note: Email address not to be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or urgent matters.

To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk. Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk today.

This allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive it.

The Thames Valley Police Twitter account is kept up to date with what we are up to; please follow us @TVPSouthandVale

Thames Valley Police launches Firearms Surrender

The surrender runs from today 13/11 until Sunday 26/11 and is part of a national initiative run by the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS). It aims to reduce the number of illegally held firearms within our communities.

Each firearm handed into us is one less that could fall into the hands of criminals. Whether it is an old family heirloom that has been stored away for years, a former military weapon or an unwanted firearm which was previously legally owned - all can be handed in to your local police station, safe in the knowledge that they will be disposed of safely. We will also accept replica firearms, air weapons, BB guns, imitation firearms, antique guns, component parts and other ballistic items.

During the fortnight firearms licence holders are also being encouraged to consider the surrender of weapons they no longer have any use for. Chief Inspector Emma Baillie, Head of Armed Response for the Joint Operations Unit for Hampshire and Thames Valley, said: "This is your chance to safely dispose of any guns or ammunition you no longer want but don't know what to do with. Surrender them now and we can dispose of them safely, making sure that they do not fall into the hands of criminals. We know that the consequences of firearms or replica firearms falling into the wrong hands can be fatal and can cause real fear within our communities.

They also have the potential of being used against our own officers who could find themselves confronted with someone wielding a weapon in public. While crimes involving firearms in Thames Valley are rare, we know that every firearm poses a potential threat if they are not licensed and stored safely. That is why we are offering this opportunity to safely hand in your

unwanted firearms. The fight against gun crime is stronger than ever. We take all reports of incidents involving firearms extremely seriously and robust action will be taken against anyone who commits a firearms related offence.”

During the two-week campaign, those surrendering firearms will not face prosecution for the illegal possession upon surrender and can remain anonymous.

However, this is not an amnesty and if further examination of a surrendered firearm reveals a link to a crime, this will be investigated.

We are asking anyone who is unsure about an item they have to call us on 101 to get advice on what they should do. Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Stanford in the Vale Public Purposes Charity (PPC) Report for December 2017

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Trustees was held on Thursday, 12th October 2017 in the Village Hall Committee Room. There were no changes in the Trustees for 2017 to 2018, who are as follows: Dr Roger Griffin (Chairman); Dr David Axford (Clerk/Correspondent); Katherine Campbell-Cave; Paul Corrigan; Joyce Gardner; Bill Grant; Julia Grinsted; Mike Macfarlane and Alan Robinson.

It was noted that David Axford will step down as Hon. Clerk/Correspondent at the 2018 AGM and that a number of Trustees may also wish to retire. A notice calling for volunteers for new Trustees will be promulgated in mid-2018.

An Ordinary Meeting of the PPC Trustees was also held on 12th October 2017.

The following Grants were discussed:

- The outstanding £5,000 grant offer from 2016 in support for SitV CE Primary School to improve the Foundation outside area (matched funding with FOSS) was paid on 2nd August 2017.
- The offer of a grant of £1,250 in support of Home Start (Southern Oxfordshire) for help towards family support work in Stanford in the Vale still awaits news from the Home Start team. The offer was made on the condition that it must be spent for the benefit of a Stanford in the Vale family and that this offer would be a “one off” and would not create a precedent. It is now understood that the grant will be requested shortly.
- A new request for up to £10,000 support towards burying overhead power cables in the QEII Recreation field were received from the Parish Council. After discussion the grant was approved subject to the contribution being reduced to cover the outstanding costs only.
- A new request from the 1st Stanford in the Vale Scout Group for £1,500 matching support to

purchase new catering equipment was delayed to the next meeting when two quotations will be available.

Allotments:

All allotments are now being tended. As usual water rates are paid on a quarterly basis.

The hedges will need to be trimmed before the start of next season.

The waiting list for this year has now increased to seven villagers.

Allotment holders were informed that the Trustees had decided to increase the rentals by £2 in 2018 to cover increases in the water rates and hedge trimming activities.

Any parishioner who wishes to have his or her name added to the allotment waiting list should please contact Paul Corrigan on 01367 718 325.

Villagers are reminded of the PPC Trust Scheme Statement:

“The Trustees shall apply the income of the Charity for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Stanford in the Vale.” The Trustees interpret this with the hope that their grants will improve and strengthen the community spirit within Stanford-in-the-Vale by providing a source of finance for projects that will benefit the parish.

Success of course depends on such projects being brought forward. The village organisations and societies which feel the need to improve their facilities are encouraged to make grant requests.

The Trust continues to have around £25,000 per year available for grants. Grants are made for specific projects, normally for durable items. Grant Applications are made to the Trustees through the Hon. Clerk/Correspondent, who can supply the latest up-dated Grant Application Forms on request either by e-mail or hard copy. (Tel: 01367 718 480 or email dnax@btinternet.com)

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