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# STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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# NEWS UPDATE October 2019

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## **Bow Road Closure**

By now, you're probably already aware that the work taking place is to replace an old cast iron water main. The closure is necessary due to the road layout, and further complicated by the presence of the existing water main, foul sewer, storm sewer and electricity cables all lying beneath the relatively narrow road as well as there being two culverts crossing beneath these.

When we were first notified of the proposed duration of closure of Bow Road by Thames Water, representatives from the Parish Council arranged a joint meeting between Thames Water and Oxfordshire County Council Highways. Whilst the closure is unavoidable, as a result of this meeting, the contractors will be working longer days, as well as every weekend throughout the works – which we expect to see reduce the overall closure period by approx. 2 weeks.

## **Public Access Defibrillator**

The Parish Council is in the final stages of arranging a third public access defibrillator, which will be located on the wall of the Primary School, accessible from the main entrance off High Street. Access to these devices is managed by the ambulance service, should the need arise. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Stanford Primary School for agreeing to host the device, and Cllr Simon Jackson who is arranging the installation.

## **Planning**

Another set of revised plans for the Strategic Site developments were received after our last newsletter was published. Whilst some of the progress is encouraging, there remain a number of concerns that we continue to address with VWHDC to ensure that the proposed plans are as appropriate to the village as possible and to minimise any harm that they would have on the character of the village, local amenities and wildlife.

## **Highway Defects**

Whilst there have been some improvements with highways repairs recently, we continue to work with the County Council to ensure that reported defects are addressed within the appropriate timescales. To aid with this Cllr Kevin Middleton has recently

undertaken training with OCC's highways team which enables us to report more severe defects directly. We are also in the process of meeting the (new) Highways Inspector who holds responsibility for the parish.

## **Footpaths**

We're aware of an issue with rotting timbers crossing a ditch on the footpath that links Bow Road to the "Hatford Footpath" and are hoping to resolve this with the landowners shortly.

## **Annual accounts**

Parish Council accounts for the year 2018-2019 have now passed their external audit examination and the relevant confirmation should be available via our website by the time this newsletter is delivered to you.

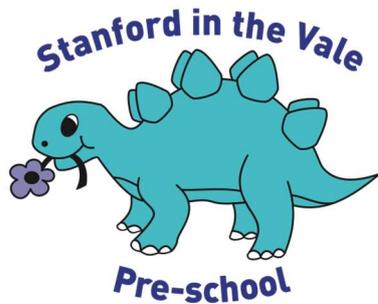
## **Vandalism, petty crime and illegal substances**

As previously reported, we hope that the spate of vandalism over recent weeks will abate now that the school holidays are over. We remind you that there have been numerous reports of substance abuse in various locations around the village. Whilst we are taking steps to increase the police presence to act as a deterrent, if you should see anything, please report it directly to the police – online [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk), via 101 or 999 in an emergency. We believe that the volume of reports affects the level of routine police presence that can be expected, so please ensure that matters are reported.

## **Peter Lewis**

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***A big thank you to Jenny Waaler for the arranging and funding the marvellous repair to the bank adjacent the bridge over the River Ock at the Horsecroft end. The new banking and fencing is substantially better than what was there before and hopefully will preserve the footpath access to the bridge for many years to come. Thanks Jenny'***



# Open Morning

Wednesday 6th November  
10-11am

Come along and see our Outstanding  
Pre-school in action!

We currently have places available  
for January and Easter  
For further information call  
01367 718696 or visit  
[www.stanfordpreschool.org.uk](http://www.stanfordpreschool.org.uk)



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### PPC is pleased to unveil its new logo!

This logo features a leaf, representing the source of the original funding and the helping hand representing the support that PPC provides to Stanford in the Vale. It has been designed as a gift to PPC by local resident/graphic designer Anne Mills.

PPC continues to make contributions to the fabric of the Village:

The Stanford Social Club is showing off its new extension built with support from PPC and the

Pickleball group would love you to come and play with the new paddles and balls funded by PPC!

A new defibrillator is on order and Millennium Green will soon be featuring new benches and bins. The Primary School is getting the Trim Trail repaired, new football posts and other furniture while the pre-school pupils are exploring their new building blocks.

A great deal of work has been going on at the Allotments, clearing weeds and accumulated detritus. Allotments have now been allocated to some very patient villagers!

PPC continues to welcome applications for grants for projects within the Parish that benefit the residents of the Parish. To learn more about PPC go to [www.ppcstanford.org](http://www.ppcstanford.org). You can see what we have been doing, who is making decisions and how to apply for a grant or an Allotment.

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### Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

**Violent crime:** The Neighbourhood Team are working towards a week of action to combat knife crime as part of a national initiative Op Sceptre. As part of this we will be actively targeting premises and locations associated with drugs to help disrupt criminality associated with carrying weapons. If you have any information relating to drugs and knives then please let the team know as soon as possible.

### Offenders brought to Justice

Alan Reed was arrested and charged with six offences, Common Assault, Criminal Damage, Public Order x2, Making off Without Payment, and Malicious Communications. As a result of these charges he was recalled to prison.

During the month of August the team have made several arrests, namely for persons being drunk and disorderly in a public places or for drug offences. These are as a result of the team working to curb the anti-social behaviour issues that have been reported to us.

We ask you to continue to be vigilant and report these incidents as they happen.

### Community engagement:

One of the advantages of working from Faringdon is that two major events are held locally in August. We

attended the Shrivenham Fete on Sunday 25th August and the Uffington Show on Monday 26<sup>th</sup>. Both days were hot and sunny and a great opportunity to engage with the public and find out about any local concerns. It was lovely to see every one having a good time and enjoying themselves!

### **TVP Mounted Section Patrolling the Ridgeway**

PC Laura Webb and PC Tim Pollock from the TVP Mounted section are supporting the Wantage and Faringdon rural patrols along the Ridgeway today.

We have recently received multiple reports of cars being damaged and broken into when people have been out walking from beauty spot car parks in the area.

Signs have also been erected to remind people not to leave items in their vehicles.

Laura is riding Loki and Tim is riding Mallory. If you happen to see them please say hello!

Always remain vigilant and please do not leave items in your vehicles, make sure it is locked and alarmed and report all suspicious activity on our [website](#) or by calling 101.

**Vehicle Crime:** The Faringdon Neighbourhood Team were joined by members of the Wantage Neighbourhood Team and the Mounted Section on a rural operation. We patrolled the car parks of local beauty spots along the Ridgeway in order to deter thefts and raise awareness. The Mounted Section proved to be immensely popular with the public who were thrilled to see them!

Please remain vigilant when leaving your vehicles as we are still getting reports of them being broken into. Various personal items and tools have been stolen from vehicles in our area.

If you see anything suspicious or find evidence of an attempt to break into your vehicle call 101, the 24-hour Thames Valley Police non-emergency number or report online ([www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime)). If a crime is in progress, call 999.

Following these events we have increased our patrols and added signage in the local area reminding residents not to leave items in vehicles.

#### Vehicle crime reduction advice

- Do not keep anything in your vehicle.
- Hide your car keys away from windows and doors and out of sight.
- Park your car in a well-lit area — either on your driveway, or on the roads under a street lamp.
- Lock all windows and doors of your car and make

sure to activate your car alarm if you have one.

- Consider fitting a letterbox defender or restrictor. This prevents burglars from poking tools through the letterbox to open latches from the inside, or reaching nearby car and house keys. A lockable letterbox on the outside of the property is also an option.
- Ensure your doors and windows are locked, if you have a chain on the inside of your door, use it. This prevents burglars from poking tools through the letterbox to open latches from the inside, or reaching nearby car and house keys. A lockable letterbox on the outside of the property is also an option.

**Burglary:** We are appealing for any information that you may have on the following incidents, there has been incidents at the following locations:

- 27/08/19 – Burglary – Faringdon - a Black BMW was stolen from a driveway in Coxwell Road Faringdon overnight.
- 01/08/19 – Uffington Post Office - Cigarettes and cash was taken by several offenders
- 14/08/19- Kingston Bagpuise – A high value theft of building materials carried out by several offenders overnight.

If you have any information or CCTV please call 101 or report online.

### **Please get in touch/follow us using the following**

E-mail: [FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

Twitter: @tvpsouthandvale

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale](http://www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale)

Phone: 101

Always phone 999 in an emergency

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<b>Cllr. Simon Howes</b>		<b>07875 249265</b>
<b>Cllr. Mark Isaacs</b>	-	<b>01367 718719</b>
<b>Cllr. Simon Jackson</b>	-	<b>07979 917001</b>
<b>Cllr. Tina Jenkins</b>	-	<b>07443 906150</b>
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