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# STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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# NEWS UPDATE JUNE 2018

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## Temporary roadworks

We are in discussions with both Ede Homes & Scottish & Southern Electric in relation to the poor standard of finish to the works carried out in Bow Road and High Street/Sheards Lane respectively. The carriageway surface should be fully reinstated. The works are planned for 29th May half term at the school and it should take about 3 days to complete.

## Potholes

I'm sure that everyone is well aware of the atrocious state of the road network following the severely cold spell at the beginning of the year. Oxfordshire County Council have advised that the rate of reported incidents had risen to 8,000 per month from an average of only 2,000 per month, which has naturally led to some delays. The government has provided an additional £2.8million from April, so things are now beginning to improve. Any carriageway defects should be reported via [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) if you have internet access – a photo can also be included. "Standard" repairs can take up to 28 days, so reporting issues early is essential. If a reported defect remains after this period, please let us know and we will pursue the matter with OCC.

## Community Woodland / QEII Recreation Field

We're aware that a handful of people are accessing these areas with Quad Bikes. Please be aware that this is not permitted (nor are quad bikes permitted on Public Bridleways, Footpaths or Restricted Byways) and we will involve the police should this continue. If you see anyone using these areas in this way, please contact the police at the time of the event.

## QE II Recreation Field

I am delighted to report that after many months of pushing OCC, we finally have a signed easement which is required to relocate the power lines that currently cross the site. We hope to commence works shortly to re-route and bury the power lines, before levelling the site.

## Car Parking

In areas such as Hunters Field where grass strips border the road, grass reinforcement strips can be purchased for a modest cost. These protect the underlying ground, allow the grass to grow through them and are simple to install, which must be better than driving your car through muddy ruts. There are also a number of vehicles being parked on grassed front gardens, or where "driveway" access has been created across grassed areas. In most cases you will require a permit from the County Council to alter driveways to avoid being fined. More information on both of these can be found by searching online, but if you should have any questions in relation to this, feel free to contact me directly

## Annual Parish Meeting

This took place on 26 April, 2018 – The minutes and reports from this can be found on our website.

## Exercise of Public Rights

In accordance with Audit Regulations for local councils, formal notices in relation to the public inspection period of the Parish Council's accounts will be displayed in noticeboards shortly. Provisionally, we expect this to run from Thursday 07 June – Wednesday 18 July inclusive. The accounting reports will also be available to view on our website.

## Peter Lewis

*Chairman – Stanford in the Vale Parish Council*  
[plewis.sitv@gmail.com](mailto:plewis.sitv@gmail.com)

## WANTED

The Parish Council undertake numerous maintenance activities/repairs around the village ranging from dealing with play equipment, through to repairing fences and preventing undergrowth from blocking pathways. We're looking for someone that could offer a few hours a week to supplement our existing team, to ensure all these essential tasks are completed in a timely manner. Rates negotiable.

For more information, please contact

[jmwarren32@btinternet.com](mailto:jmwarren32@btinternet.com).

## Vandalism

There are numerous acts of vandalism occurring in the village recreation areas – up on and by the Football Club and by the Village Hall. Please report any suspicious activity to the Police – ring 101. This is all costing us money for new signs and repairs. You are all reminded that no dogs are allowed in the recreation fields as someone has removed all the signs that were recently put up.

Also, please do not place notices on notice boards without authorisation. There were more broken beadings this week with forced notices into locked boards and sticky taped "Cat missing" notices covering up official notices on the outside.

## Dog Mess

One parishioner has told us that whilst walking her dog she regularly picks up mess left by other dogs. Why should she have to do this?

Why do certain dog owners not care? If you notice dog owners not picking up please take a photo or report names to the Vale District Council.

**Please help to keep our Village tidy and CLEAN.**



## Neighbourhood policing newsletter

### Rural crime:

Hare coursing and other rural crime continues to be a priority for the Faringdon Neighbourhood Team. We continue to conduct regular patrols of priority spots to catch and deter offenders. On 13th April, after a fantastic response to our community text alert we were able to locate and interview two suspects for hare coursing, as well as seize their van! If you would like to sign up to the Thames Valley alert system then be sure to visit [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk). You will receive information on crime, suspicious activity and witness appeals by email or text.

The team managed to secure some funding from the Community Safety Partnership to buy additional alarms and cameras to deploy to crime hotspot areas. Although we are seeing a reduction in Hare Coursing during these months the threat of theft from outbuildings still remains high. We urge you to remain vigilant and take your own security measures. On the 10th May (7pm-8pm) the Neighbourhood Team are hosting a 'Cover it Live' question and answer event online. We want to encourage anyone in our area to join in this web chat which is aimed at anyone with an interest in rural matters in Wantage and Faringdon (and surrounding towns and villages) including residents, visitors and workers. A panel of representatives from the Neighbourhood Team including Sergeant Kevin Hickman will be on hand to take your questions. We are using this opportunity to identify the main concerns of the community and how we can problem solve them and work together on these concerns going forward.

To join the session go to;

<http://tvpsouthandvale.coverpage.coveritlive.com>.

Questions can also be submitted anonymously. You can also get involved via Twitter by using #ASKTVP to pre-submit questions.

**Other crime:** Unfortunately, we have received an increase in reports in the number of burglary and theft related offences in both the Faringdon area, and the Shrivenham/Watchfield area. This has included theft from motor vehicles, non-dwelling burglaries at building sites and allotments, and miscellaneous thefts. As a team we are doing everything we can but please make sure you let us know about anything you feel to be suspicious by calling us on 101 or 999 if there is immediate risk.

Over the weekend of 28th – 29th April, the neighbourhood team conducted a late night operation in order to gather information and target the recent spate of thefts and other similar offences we have seen over the last month.

#### **What the neighbourhood team have been doing**

On Friday 27th April PC Tom Pryor, with support from the neighbourhood team, led a warrant at an address in Faringdon. This led to three arrests, a large number of knives being seized and a substantial quantity of cannabis being removed from the streets of Faringdon.

PC Robert Maris tweeted

*Drugs warrant executed today in #Faringdon by NHPT and problem solving team. 3 arrested. Drugs, money and paperwork seized. These knives and weapons were seized as part of the investigation. PcMaris #NotOnOurPatch*

#### **Witness appeals**

As mentioned above, we have suffered a number of theft related offences over the course of the last month or so. We would just ask again that you let us know of anything suspicious in your area. Anything you can tell, no matter how small you feel it is, may build into our intelligence picture and help bring an offender to justice.

#### **Future events/meetings/active communities**

Where possible, one of the team will attend the cake café on Wednesday mornings in the Pump House, in Faringdon town centre. If anyone has a question they would like to ask us or something they wish to discuss, feel free to come along.

#### **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](mailto:FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk). Please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters.

To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk).

Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) today.

Please also follow us on Twitter @TVPSouthandVale.

#### **Millennium Green Trust**

Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall

#### **June Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June in the large Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

All welcome

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