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# STANFORD IN THE VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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## NEWS UPDATE September 2018

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### QE II Recreation Field

I'm delighted to report that after many months of negotiations, works to bury the power lines and remove the pylons have finally started. SSE have notified relevant customers of an interruption to their supply, and we are waiting for the required notice period to complete in order to have the new cables connected. Two local firms have been fundamental in making this a reality: Firstly, Steve Willis and his team (of A H Willis and Sons) who arrived on site and dug the cable trench free of charge when SSE decided to give us only a few days notice that they were ready to start! Secondly, Earthline Ltd who supplied and delivered for free 60 tonnes of sand to site on which the new cables are bedded. Their generosity and support towards this project is hugely appreciated. Once the cables are removed we can turn our attention to levelling the site, something that Earthline have also offered to assist with.



### Cottage Road / Chapel Road / Upper Green

Oxfordshire County Council Highways have attempted to reinstate the edge of Upper Green, where it had been eroded, exposing the kerb to oncoming traffic. Meanwhile, having reviewed a number of bollard options to protect the triangle of grass, at the junctions of Cottage Road, Chapel Road and Upper Green, the Parish Council felt that large stone boulders would be more in keeping, and help to maintain the rural character of the village. Once again, Earthline have stepped in and very kindly arranged for these boulders to be supplied and delivered free of charge, and we hope that they will now protect the grass from further vehicular damage.

### Planning / Development

Details relating to the Strategic Site have also been emerging in recent weeks. We are carefully considering all of the proposals to ensure that the best possible outcomes are achieved for both existing and future residents alike, with as little harm to the

overall character of the village as is possible. The sheer volume of plans that an application such as this generates is significant, yet it is always reassuring to see the attentiveness with which individual councillors approach these, often dedicating hours of research to ensure they have an a detailed and informed opinion to share with Vale's Planning team.

### Love Where You Live?

Finally a few items that would help to keep the wonderful spaces that we share enjoyable for all:

Dog Mess – Despite the plea in the previous edition, there appears to be a number of determined dog walkers who feel that they and their dog(s) are exempt from the ban on animals on the football field. Dogs are banned regardless of whether it's day or night, so please report anyone you see permitting this to happen. If you see anyone allowing their dog to foul without clearing it up, please report the matter to [env.health@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:env.health@southandvale.gov.uk) / 01235 422403, with details and photos or anything else that might help to identify the individual. The Environmental Health team will either issue a fine or seek to prosecute.

Car Parking – Please be considerate of others both on and off the road when parking, regardless of where you're leaving your vehicle and whether it will be for "just a minute" or several hours. We ask that you don't park on any of the Village Greens, since these are protected, and if you frequently park on other grassed areas please remember that 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.



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## Stanford in the Vale Public Purposes Charity

New Website: [www.ppcstanford.org](http://www.ppcstanford.org)

Big changes at PPC since the last Newsletter!

At the July meeting of PPC, the Trustees accepted the resignation of long-time Clerk/Correspondent David Axford due to ill-health.

The Trustees are delighted to announce the appointment of new Clerk/Correspondent Caryl Oliver who has wasted no time in making some exciting changes to PPC and the way it presents itself to the Village. Caryl is relatively new to the Village, is a GBR Representative Fencer and whose experiences include delivering the Fencing at the London Olympics and pioneering Mobile Learning in Australia.

A new website has been developed to make it easier for organisations to access applications forms, for individuals to apply for an allotment and to showcase projects around the parish that have benefitted from PPC funding. If you have received a grant from PPC recently or you have grown something special on your allotment, please send photos to [info@ppcstanford.org](mailto:info@ppcstanford.org) so we can upload them onto the website.

PPC continues to benefit from well managed investments and has over £25,000 per year to use for the benefit of the inhabitants of Stanford in the Vale either as a direct grant, seed money or matching funds for bigger projects. See the website <http://ppcstanford.org/about-ppc> for more information about what might be an appropriate project and download the application form.

Since the last newsletter, the PPC has offered the Scouts - support for a box trailer, the Primary School – purchase of new computers and the Pre-School purchase of security blinds. Repairs to the Church Clock are underway and we look forward to hearing it strike in the not too distant future.

The allotments continue to be in popular demand and currently all are taken. If you are interested in an allotment you can learn more about them on the website and download an application form to join the waiting list. <http://ppcstanford.org/allotments>

The PPC AGM is scheduled for Thursday 1 November at 8.30pm at the Stanford Village Hall. Members of the Parish are welcome to attend.

Due to retirements there are two positions open for new Trustees, if you are interested in being a Trustee please contact Caryl Oliver at [caryl.oliver@ppcstanford.org](mailto:caryl.oliver@ppcstanford.org) for more information.

*Caryl Oliver*

*Clerk/Correspondent*

Public Purposes Charity Stanford in the Vale

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At some point in the last three weeks 30sq metres of lead was stolen from church roof in Sparsholt. If you have any information or saw anything suspicious in the area please call 101.

Previously when this crime has been committed we have seen a spate in that particular area, so please stay vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles or people.

Please read the crime reduction advice below to help you becoming a victim too.

Offenders take the lead because of the rising value of scrap metal. Please consider the following if you have a lead roof (mainly schools and churches):

- Security marking – marking the lead will make the crime less attractive and make it harder for the offenders to sell on. If you use a DNA marking solution i.e. SmartWater it can be traced back to the owner if recovered.
- Keep gates locked and restrict vehicle access.
- Maximise surveillance levels i.e. cutting back tall trees.
- Encourage members of the local community to keep an eye on the building and report anything suspicious.
- Remove things that might help thieves get access to the roof, like water butts, bins and tall trees.
- Conduct regular checks of the roof so the theft is detected at the earliest possible time.
- Apply anti-climb paint to drain pipes and roof guttering to restrict access to roofing (warning signs must be displayed when using the paint and below a height of 2m)
- Install CCTV.

For further Crime Prevention advice please visit: <http://www.buildingconservation.com/articles/lead-theft/lead-theft.htm>

Or call 101 and speak to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

### **Jewellery Theft**

Thames Valley Police has received reports of burglaries where houses have been targeted for high-value gold jewellery. Often, the gold is melted for cash or sold on.

Avoid giving burglars this opportunity by following some simple crime prevention tips:

- Please don't keep your high value jewellery at home – **use a bank safety deposit box**
- If you have to keep your jewellery at home, then please invest in a home safe suitable for protecting your jewellery, your insurance company will provide advice as to which type and grade of safe best suits your needs

- Keep an inventory of your jewellery. This can be done in a paper version or online with companies such as Immobilise. For more information go to [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) include identifying marks, value, and purchase date

- Photograph your jewellery. Place your jewellery against a plain background with a ruler next to it to give an idea of size

- Check your home insurance to ensure that it covers keeping high-value jewellery at home

- Make sure your home is kept secure at all times – windows/ door locks, timers that switch lights on when going out Set your house alarm if you have one

- As with other valuables, do not leave jewellery on display

- Use forensic marking to identify your jewellery. Information on forensic marking can be found on [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

For more information about what officers are doing to prevent crime in your area, or to speak to your Neighbourhood Policing Team for more information, please call 101. You can also follow them on:

[www.twitter.com/TVPSouthandvale](https://www.twitter.com/TVPSouthandvale)

[www.facebook.com/TVPSouthandVale](https://www.facebook.com/TVPSouthandVale)

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### Contact Thames Valley Police Online

Did you know that you can now get in touch with us online as well as by calling 101? You can use the [Contact Us form](#) on our website to:

- Provide more information or request an update on a crime report
- Tell us if you recognise a face or description from one of our witness appeals
- Contact an officer or department directly, for example our Fixed Penalty Support Unit. This also helps you reach an officer or PCSO who may be working unsociable hours.

You can also use our new [online reporting form](#) to report any type of crime, traffic collisions involving an injury, a missing person and anti-social behavior.

The form takes you through all the questions that you would be asked if you called 101 and is picked up by our dedicated team in the Contact Centre.

Get in touch with us by visiting [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk). You can also follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale](https://www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale) and Twitter @TvpSouthandVale

### Superfast Broadband

This is now available in our area thanks to the County Council's Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme. Ask your internet service provider about how to upgrade or go to [www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org](http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org) to find out more and use the Availability Checker.

### Scam Mail

Royal Mail are raising awareness to Scam Mail. Royal Mail never knowingly deliver scam mail because they are mindful of the distress it can cause when received. It is illegal and targets the most vulnerable in society and needs to be stopped.

Typically it involves professional fraudsters sending convincing letters to trick people out of money or other valuables.

To date Royal Mail have proactively stopped over 4 million suspected pieces of scam mail at their distribution centres around the UK before they get to our letterboxes.

The Royal Mail continue to work with the postmen and women across the UK who are the ears and eyes in the local community, industry partners and law enforcement agencies, including National Trading Standards, to tackle this issue more vigorously.

Should you be concerned that someone you know is in receipt of scam mail, please contact us by:

- Writing to Royal Mail at FREEPOST SCAM MAIL, enclosing any items that are suspected of being scam mail
- Calling the Royal Mail Scam Mail Helpline on 0800 0113 466, or
- By emailing on [scam.mail@royalmail.com](mailto:scam.mail@royalmail.com)

For more information on scams and how you can get involved in preventing them please visit



[www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk)

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