

Quarterly Edition – June 2022



Charlton Village News

www.charltonvillage.org.uk and Facebook page: Charlton Community Chat

Welcome to the Platinum Jubilee Edition of 2022

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is being celebrated in Charlton with several events. The Parish Council has more updates inside.

If you have any articles, recipes or puzzles for the next edition please send to the editor at editor@charltonvillage.org.uk

CHARLTON PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Music in Charlton Park and Beacon Lighting

Beer Tent Thursday 2 June 7-11pm Eateries

Tickets online via **EVENTBRITE** or from Charlton Convenience Store, Lakeside Café, Royal Oak
£2 per head (children under 12 free) £3 per head on the night

1952  **2022**

Charlton Big Lunch
5th June, Charlton Park, 12 – 4pm
Join the Party 
Refreshments tent, inflatable and competitions

DIARY DATES

Tuesdays 21st June: 19th July, 20th Sept 2022: Charlton Parish Council meetings 7.45pm

Thursday 2nd June: Vintage Tea Dance, St Marys Church

Thursday 2nd June: Charlton Village Beacon Lighting and Music event 7pm-11pm

Sunday 5th June: Charlton Village Big Lunch, Picnic in the Park 12pm-4pm

Sunday 12th June: Oaktrack Open Farm, Sunday

Saturday 9th July: Charlton Village Community Day 12pm to 4pm

23rd July 2022: St Thomas Church, Jubilee Celebration 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Parish Council Updates

Facebook - Charlton Chat

Our Facebook page is for all residents in Charlton, to enhance communication and the community spirit. We now have over 550 who have liked the page and the same in followers. Take a look you may find useful information <https://www.facebook.com/charlton.community.chat>

Charlton Village Parish Council

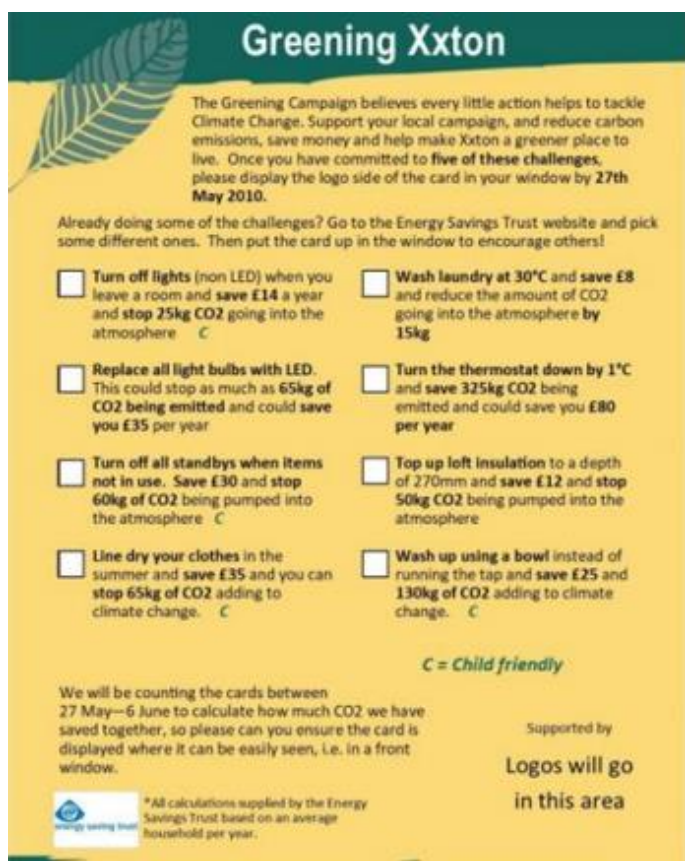
We now have 3 vacancies – if you want to know more or want to volunteer, please contact the Parish Clerk: clerk@charltonvillage.org.uk. The Parish Council meets every month, except August and December, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.45pm. Press and Public are welcome to attend. Check the parish website www.charltonvillage.org.uk for details or contact the PC Chair, Cllr Jacqueline Smith on cllrsmith@charltonvillage.org.uk

Speedwatch

The Speed Indicators in the village consistently show that speeding is a problem – no news there then! Interesting as that might be, unless we actively monitor and ‘police’ drivers by recording offending vehicles, speeding will remain prevalent and the safety of all residents will remain compromised. Please contact Clive Ward if you would be willing to offer 30 mins of your time on a rota basis – probably once per month. One resident has offered to help – thank you. There are some very active and successful schemes running locally and I am sure we could be just as effective

Climate Change

The Greening Campaign <http://www.greening-campaign.org/> has 7 phases but for now we are interested in Phase 1. This is about getting the community to be involved with some simple actions and for us to all do them together. It has been found that this sort of activity is best done in Groups to help spur each other on. The Charlton Climate Change Group met and after discussion suggested 8 Challenges to appear on the Charlton Greening Campaign card.



Greening Xton

The Greening Campaign believes every little action helps to tackle Climate Change. Support your local campaign, and reduce carbon emissions, save money and help make Xton a greener place to live. Once you have committed to **five of these challenges**, please display the logo side of the card in your window by **27th May 2010**.

Already doing some of the challenges? Go to the Energy Savings Trust website and pick some different ones. Then put the card up in the window to encourage others!

<input type="checkbox"/> Turn off lights (non LED) when you leave a room and save £14 a year and stop 25kg CO2 going into the atmosphere. C	<input type="checkbox"/> Wash laundry at 30°C and save £8 and reduce the amount of CO2 going into the atmosphere by 15kg
<input type="checkbox"/> Replace all light bulbs with LED. This could stop as much as 65kg of CO2 being emitted and could save you £35 per year	<input type="checkbox"/> Turn the thermostat down by 1°C and save 325kg CO2 being emitted and could save you £80 per year
<input type="checkbox"/> Turn off all standbys when items not in use. Save £30 and stop 60kg of CO2 being pumped into the atmosphere. C	<input type="checkbox"/> Top up loft insulation to a depth of 270mm and save £12 and stop 50kg CO2 being pumped into the atmosphere
<input type="checkbox"/> Line dry your clothes in the summer and save £35 and you can stop 65kg of CO2 adding to climate change. C	<input type="checkbox"/> Wash up using a brush instead of running the tap and save £25 and 130kg of CO2 adding to climate change. C

C = Child friendly

We will be counting the cards between **27 May—6 June** to calculate how much CO2 we have saved together, so please can you ensure the card is displayed where it can be easily seen, i.e. in a front window.

Supported by **Logos will go in this area**

* All calculations supplied by the Energy Savings Trust based on an average household per year.

- Turn off lights
- Replace all light bulbs with LED
- Turn off all standbys when items not in use
- Top up loft insulation
- Line-dry your clothes
- Create Bug hotel
- Plant tree/bush
- Turn down thermostats by at least 1 Degree

They don't have to be these but they seem to be the ones other communities have found the most useful and achievable. These challenges will shortly be passed to the Greening Campaign and we will order sufficient cards for every household. The Green Tent at the Charlton Village Community Day on 9 July will be used as a consultation opportunity with Cards being delivered to households with the September Charlton News. Once received, households (really good for children) will be asked to tick the boxes

they have implemented and when they have ticked 5, they are asked to put the card in a front facing window. In other places this has worked well with an element of competition driving the pace. Once sufficient cards are displayed, they will be counted and the Greening Campaign will convert actions into CO2 and £ saved. Figures shown on the card are being updated so are illustrative only.



Charlton Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Beacon Lighting and Music in the Park
Thursday 2 June 2022 7-11pm

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Programme

7pm:	Official Opening
7.05pm:	Test Valley Brass
8pm:	Midge
9pm:	Kilcannon Irish Band Set 1
9.40pm	Bugle call 'Majesty' - Test Valley Brass
9.45pm	Beacon Lighting by Test Valley Mayor
	<i>Rendition: Song for the Commonwealth,</i> written and composed by Lucy Keily from Australia and Vincent Atueyi Chinemelu from Nigeria. Lyrics overleaf, please join in!
10pm:	Kilcannon Irish Band Set 2
11pm:	Event Closes



Our Beacon is now finished, and I think you will agree it looks very impressive. Just imagine when it is lit. A huge thank you to Hurstbourne Forge for crafting this.

The shield is beautifully cut and will last for years.

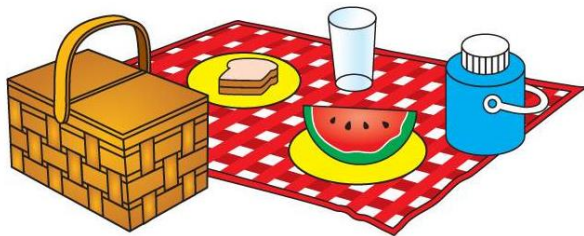
The Music and Alcohol licence have been sourced so the Beer tent will be there.

The Lakeside Café will be open for all the usual refreshments and there will also be Lottie's Kitchen, burgers and hotdogs etc., Ethels Pies and Ella's Sweet Treats on site.

Tickets are still available via Eventbrite www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charlton-beacon-lighting-and-music-in-the-park-tickets-252911052767. They are also available from the Royal Oak at Charlton, the Charlton Convenience Store, St Thomas' church and Charlton Lakeside Café at just £2 (under 12s free). Tickets on the night will be £3.

Sunday 5 June 2022: Queen's Jubilee - Charlton Village Picnic in the Park, 12pm – 4pm

Bring your picnic, blanket and/or chairs and join us for a wonderful afternoon of fun, in Charlton Park. Dressing up is optional, but why not come as your favourite royal, or Prince/Princess



The Parish Council will be providing a refreshments tent, selling teas, coffees, soft drinks and hopefully cake!! Places for Leisure have confirmed that the Café will be open.

The inflatable slide has been booked and will be free of charge, so young or old – Have lots of Fun!!

There will be several competitions throughout the afternoon, comprising of

- Best Crown - design, and wear your creation!
- Best Royal Outfit

There will be some small prizes available



As well as the above we plan to have some field races, all with the chance of winning rosettes. To make this possible we would like some assistance, maybe there's a teacher out there who can assist.

If anyone has a megaphone they can lend us that would be great

- 3-legged race
- Running race
- Wheelbarrow race etc.



- Tickets for the Grand Prize Draw will be on sale. Cash or card - £1 each
- Great prizes – Top Prize £200 cash and many more
- To be drawn at Charlton Village Community Day on 9th July

Charlton Village Community Day – Saturday 9 July 2022 12pm-4pm

The community day is not far away. The Parish Council is still looking for volunteers to help make the event a huge success. If you feel you can assist, even if it's for a short time, then please contact Cllr Smith or Cllr Ward. The next committee meeting is being held in the Foxcotte Room on 14th June, drop in if you can, even for a few minutes to register your interest. The Rainbow obstacle course has been booked along with the tiny tot's castle. These will be free entry so have as many goes as you like.



- Arena events are still being organised. If you have a group or club which would like a slot then please let us know.
- Tug of war competition – Teams required
- Dog Show – there will be a dog show mid-afternoon with various rosettes to win.
- Wellie Wanging – We will be holding another competition so try your hand at wellie throwing and see if you can become the Charlton Wellie Wanging Champion 2022 and receive a designer trophy.
- Grand Prize Draw – the committee are receiving offers of prizes and tickets will be £1 each. They will be on sale at the Charlton Big Lunch on Sunday 5th June – cash or card.
- We already have a list of stall holders but if you would like to have a pitch, the cost is £20. Please contact Cllr Smith or Cllr Ward with details.

Charlton Village Community Day
Charlton Lakes
TUG of WAR
Saturday 9th July 2022

Closing date
13th May

- Teams of 6 required
- Take part in this exciting community event in your local area
- Trophy for the winning team !

FREE Entry !

Contact Jacqueline to enter your team : cllrsmith@charltonvillage.org.uk

Scarecrow event



Most of you will remember SpongeBob square pants sat opposite the Royal Oak during the last Competition.

For this Community Day we are asking residents to display their Jubilee-themed Scarecrows to be in place no later than Mon 4th Jul. Participants should email Cllr Smith giving the location of their scarecrow. Judging will take on Friday 8th July. If possible, the winning Scarecrow will be displayed at the community day in the Park.

As part of Charlton Village Community Day

Fun Dog Show 9 July 2022

In the arena at 3pm
 Register and pay on the day
 Entry £1 per class

Classes

Waggiest tail	Child Handler
Best Rescue	Friendliest Dog
Most Appealing Eyes	Judges Choice
	Best Six Legs

Charlton Village Church, St Thomas'

Revd Alex Randle-Bissell, Priest-in-Charge, 01264 512161 revalex@pastrowfamily.org.uk

Judith Appleby, Benefice administrator, 07999 352585 admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk

Facebook: Family matters in our villages@pastrow **Website:** www.pastrowfamily.org.uk

Letter from our Priest in Charge, Alex Randle-Bissell

Dear friends,

The harrowing images of war and its devastating effect on populations are always a reminder of the terrible potential we have as human beings to wreak havoc on our planet. Whatever the conflict, wherever in the world, it always leads to terrible consequences not only for those caught up in the present moment, but for generations to come. As we witness these events we inevitably ask the questions of how and why has it come to this? What could have been done to prevent such things taking place? Such questions are indeed valuable starting points, but the more that knowledge of the stories behind such awful happenings are exposed the more we realise that our world is not as simple as we may have thought and as such is a complex network of circumstances and decisions that it is near on impossible to quantify let alone understand. So, how do we learn lessons that can possibly prevent the next conflict, the next breakdown of negotiations between opposing sides? It is difficult as it seems that societies have seemingly forgotten about what it means to debate and argue well, and that makes it problematic when trying to draw people together to achieve some common ground. In an age of post-truth, where it seems acceptable to just try and forge ahead with a lie in the belief that if one shouts it loud enough and for long enough people will just accept it makes for even bigger problems in trying to negotiate for peace, because in the end, what is the point?

The other question, of course, is – where do we begin to find solutions to such disarray? I find that in the midst of confusion, anxiety and chaos I need to seek refuge in things that make some sense, retreat to places of safety and peace for a while to try and pause for thought. Without these places I would argue that we become more anxious and afraid, more prone to be constantly affected by the turmoil and that nearly always leads us to making poor choices and decisions. I often pray that those in positions of great power and authority would take time to do the same.

However, saying this, I often find people seeking some of this refuge in our churches around the Pastrow Benefice. Sometimes they give me a look as if to say, 'I just want five minutes, please leave me alone...' and at other times they will stay and want to talk about something that has affected them in some way. In any case, they are attracted to the stillness and comfort of buildings which have for centuries offered the same kind of refuge to believers and the puzzled alike. Jesus Christ often found it necessary to retreat to quiet places before beginning a new part of his journey of ministry (which invariably involved conflict of some kind) but met conflict with love at the centre and always fixed on the truth.

Blessings for the month ahead, and please do use our churches for places of peace, even if just for a moment!

Alex



Sunday 5th June

2.30pm

Jubilee Service

at Weyhill church

followed by

Homemade Afternoon Tea

in the Fairground Hall,

tickets £10

booking required via Jude 07999 352585 or Jan 710173

Church Services at St Thomas and Pastrow Churches for March and April

15 th May	10 am Family Service
22 nd May	10 am Holy Communion 3.30 pm Play and Praise – for families with pre-schoolers 6.30 pm encounters with Jesus
29 th May	10 am Pastrow Family Gathering – Christ Church Hatherden 4 pm Said Holy Communion – Linkenholt
5 th June	10 am Jubilee Service
12 th June	10 am Holy Communion
19 th June	10 am Family Service
26 th June	10 am Holy Communion 3.30 pm Play and Praise – for families with pre-schoolers 4 pm Messy Church @ HBT – for families with children from about 4 years. 6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus
3 rd July	10am Said Holy Communion – Vernham Dean 4 pm Pastrow Family Gathering – St Thomas
10 th July	10 am Holy Communion
17 th July	10 am Family Service
24 th July	10 am Holy Communion 3.30 pm Play and Praise – for families with pre-schoolers 6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus
31 st July	10 am Songs of Praise
7 th August	10 am Pastrow Family Gathering – check the website for venue.
14 th August	10 am Holy Communion
21 st August	10 am Family Service
28 th August	10 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus

Weekly each Wednesday at 10 am Holy Communion – St Thomas Tangley.

Charlton Library



Where could you go to find the very best, top, most popular fiction writers **all for free** - Lee Child, Jeffrey Archer, James Patterson, Dan Brown, Catherine Cookson, Patricia Cornwell, Ann Cleeves, Karin Slaughter, Jo Nesbo, Stephen King and many, many others, across a range of genres. All free! The answer of course is: right on your doorstep.

The books are usually in good condition as well. And the contents of the library changes quite frequently.

The latest Lee Child's 'Better off Dead' was there and may be back there again as you read this.

Kindle is great but there is nothing quite like a proper book, is there?

Unfortunately some people abuse the library by dumping unwanted books on the floor - often in great numbers. It means there is nowhere for browsers to stand and the books get wet. We don't want cookery books! If I piled up all the cookery books left in the phone box over the last 12 months on top of each other, the pile would reach higher than the box itself! Huge thanks to all those who take a few minutes to keep it tidy. Ian

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Leslie and Tim recently said



'It was lovely to see the Easter bunny and thanks to our raffle, we raised a massive **£470!**

As with most retailers, we do have some supply issues due to COVID and national staff shortages, but SPAR are working hard to ensure all goods are available and prices contained where possible. There will inevitably be increases but we will do our best to keep them to a minimum, continuing

to offer you the best service and value.

With summer just around the corner, we will have plenty of plants in stock including fruit and veg.



We are pleased to sponsor Hurstbourne Tarrant kids 5k and supplying the medals. Another piece of good news, SPAR will be planting 5 trees in the name of our store! As well as giving 100k to local communities.

If you are off on your travels, please ask for currency insurance and the award-winning money card.

Thank you as always, Tim, Leslie and team'.



OAKTRACK SPRINGS IN TO ACTION!

The arrival of Spring means only one thing here at Oaktrack – lambing! Our first arrival came on 27th February 2022 and since then we have welcomed over seventy lambs including thirty sets of twins and two sets of triplets to the smallholding. As we write, we have just three ewes left to lamb before our lambing season officially comes to a close for 2022. Every season seems to be slightly different, some bringing more challenges than others, but this year has been easier, with the ewes lambing naturally, without assistance and producing multiple lambs.

The horticultural side of the smallholding also springs into life at this time of year too! We have been weeding, planting, sowing and filling up the polytunnel and greenhouses with lots of vegetable and cut flower seedlings for the months ahead.

We are now busy planning for our summer event when we will be opening our gates to visitors, to come and explore the smallholding and learn about our livestock and lives as smallholders. The event is being held as part of the national 'Open Farm Sunday' celebrations organised by LEAF, on Sunday 12th June 2022. We hope you will join us!



For further information about this and other events we will be attending or to find out more about Oaktrack please visit our website at www.oaktrack.co.uk or social media channels.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Wordsearch

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Find these Words


Balmoral	Beacon
Buckingham	Commonwealth
Corgi	Coronation
Crown	Diamond
Elizabeth	Horses
Monarchy	Palace
Platinum	Queen
Sandringham	Seventy
Sovereign	Windsor

Some interesting Facts about Queen Elizabeth II

- The Queen studied constitutional history and law as preparation for her future role
- She was the first female of the Royal family to join the Armed Services as a full-time active member
- She has owned over 30 welsh Corgis and even bred them herself
- As all British passports are issued in the Queens name, she does not need one. Neither does she require a driving licence or licence plate.
- The Queen receives 200 to 300 letters a day, that's about 70,000 per year! She chooses to read some herself but is shown all correspondence on a daily basis by one of her private secretaries.
- The Queen owns all of the whales and dolphins in the waters around the United Kingdom. A statute from 1324 states, "Also the King shall have whales and sturgeons taken in the sea or elsewhere within the realm." This statute is still valid today, and whales and dolphins are recognized as "fishes royal."
- The Queen used her rationing coupons and received a gift of 200 coupons from the British government in order to buy the material needed to create her beautiful wedding dress. The iconic dress featured a 13-foot-long train and over 10,000 seed pearls imported from the US.
- The Queen uses her purse as a way to signal her staff. It is said that if she places her bag on the table, it means that she wants to leave within five minutes. If she puts her bag on the floor, it shows she's not enjoying the conversation and wants to be rescued.
- She has sat for over 129 portraits during her reign

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It's that time of year! The weather is getting warmer and we are doing more jobs in the garden. To enjoy the fruits of your labour here are some tips to prevent injury whilst gardening.

1. **Gardening is physical** - please spend some time warming up. To do this, start off with lighter jobs first before doing any heavy gardening to lessen the chance of a muscle sprain
2. **Vary your jobs** - Spend no more than 20-30 minutes on one activity and take regular breaks in between jobs to help reduce muscle fatigue.
3. **When lifting heavy items** - keep the load close to your body by keeping your elbows bent and tucked into your sides to minimise stress on your back.
4. **When bending** - keep your back straight and with one leg in front of the

other, bend your knees this will help to keep you more stable.

5. **Bulk buying** - If buying compost, sand or gravel buy smaller bags or shovel the contents from the back of the car into smaller containers or a wheelbarrow.
6. **Heavy delivery** - If you are getting heavy items delivered try to get them unloaded close to where you would need them.
7. **Moving patio pots** - have them on plant caddies so they are easier to move around.
8. **Pruning trees** - When pruning try not to overreach. Use some long handled secateurs for hard to reach trees and bushes.
9. **Going up** - If you need to use a ladder make sure it is firmly in place, and try to have someone with you. Face the ladder so your shoulders, hips and knees are pointing in the same direction. Move the ladder rather than reaching
10. **Drink water** - Keep well hydrated in warmer weather, and have fun!

List of Charlton Parish Councillors

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First Point of Contact

Emergency resilience planning	Cllr Ward	Planning	Cllrs Wylde, Smale
Speed watch	Cllrs Smale, Ward and Mills	Carters Meadow	Cllrs Smale and Mills
Traffic	Cllr Smith	Neighbourhood Plan	Cllrs Ward and Smith
Communication	Cllrs Smith and Ward	Book Exchange	Cllr Smale
Community Hall	Cllrs Ward and Wylde	Charlton Lakes	Cllr Ward
Environment	Cllr Wylde and Ward	Climate Change	Cllrs Ward and Smith
Footpaths & Rights of Way	Cllrs Wylde and Ward	Lengthsman	Clerk and Cllr Rogers

LOCAL INFORMATION

Contact Group leader for current arrangements

CLUB	LEADER	CONTACT	DAY	TIME
Playgroup (Gov Funding from 3 years)	Mrs S Hartley	07979 841318	Mon, Wed, Fri Tues, Thurs	09.00 – 12.30 09.00 – 3pm
Brownie Guides (7 -11 years)	Mrs K Ryder	01264 316907	Tuesdays	4 – 5.30pm
Friendship Club	Mrs S Macnamara	01264 364726	3 rd Wednesday	7.30 – 9pm
Rainbow Guides (5-7 years)	Mrs E Taylor	01264 394322	Thursdays	
Keep Fit	Mrs E Taylor	01264 394322	Thursdays	7.30 – 8.30pm
Slimming World Andover Rugby Club	Kate Evans	07568 622189	Tuesdays	7 – 8.30pm
Young Church	Mrs S Brewer	01264 366394	3 rd Sunday	10.30 – 11.30am



Here are some beautiful photos sent in by Brian Cartwright. Thank You!!





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Vintage Tea Dance

to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thursday 2nd June

2pm - 4:30pm

(doors open at 1:50pm)

You are invited to join the Mayor of Test Valley at St Mary's Church for an afternoon of dancing as Jayne Deer sings music from the 1930's, 40's, 50's & 60's!

Refreshments will be served by the Friends of St Mary's.

All are welcome at this free event!



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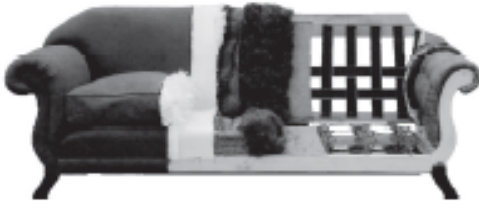
Newsletter Delivery request

Are you able to spare a couple of hours to deliver the Newsletter? If you could help once a quarter to deliver a batch please contact Clive Ward cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk

Editor Charlton News

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An update from our Local PCSO

We have seen a rise in reports right across Basingstoke Town & Rural regarding Nottingham Knockers. We would like to give you more information about this group and offer advice on how to deal with them.

Who are they?

Nottingham Knockers are usually young men who go door to door selling household products. They are dropped off early in the morning in a particular location by a large van and are then transported around that area throughout the day until approx. 9pm. They will offer to show you ID which will likely be 'Hawkers Work Creation' and say they have just been released from prison. This company does not actually exist and is purely a laminated piece of card with their picture on. They will be carrying a large holdall style bag which contains various household items at high prices and will try and hard sell to make more money. They will also tell you about how they are trying to make a better life.

Is it illegal to sell goods on the doorstep?

Selling anything in a public space is subject to street trading laws and can only be done with special permits. Anyone selling goods on a public forecourt, road, footway or adjacent site, to a distance of 10 metres, must have written consent. Charity collectors can only collect on the doorstep with permission of the council's licensing team. Selling goods door-to-door is only permitted with a valid pedlar's certificate. The police will only issue these to people who haven't been convicted of a crime, any conviction will mean you cannot hold a licence. Traders selling vegetables, fish, fruit or food and drink do not need pedlar's licence but must register with the environmental health department at their local authority. Other traders can only sell at your doorstep if you have invited them round. Anything you buy at your doorstep over £42 is subject to a legal 'cooling-off period' of 14 days where you hold the right to cancel. The trader should give you pre-contract information, a written receipt and a template notice you can use to cancel. Failure to do this is a criminal offence and should be reported to Trading Standards.

Our advice...

Whenever you get an unexpected knock on the door, please check to see who is on the other side of your door before opening it. Either look through a side window, look through a spy hole, or simply ask out loud who it is. If you do not know them, establish who they are and what they are there for before you open the door. Please remember if the cold caller sales are unsuccessful, they are unlikely to return in future.

If you do experience any verbal abuse and feel intimidated by these people, please call [101](tel:101) or report online and tell us what was said and provide a description of the person.

REMEMBER

- DO NOT deal with Nottingham Knockers.
- NEVER allow Nottingham Knockers into your home.
- DO NOT pay CASH on the doorstep.

PCSO 13301 Andy Jones, Basingstoke Rural South
Neighbourhood Policing Team
Tel. 101

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