

# Charlton Village Monthly News

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## Charlton Community Support Group

The Charlton Support Group (local volunteers) remains in place and is ready and willing to collect prescriptions, shop, run errands or just be a listening ear. So, if you need anything, please contact Clive Ward [cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk) 07538596344 or Ian Smale [cllrismale@charltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:cllrismale@charltonvillage.org.uk) 07421354874

### Newsletter Delivery

A couple of our regular deliverers have moved or are unable to continue with deliveries. If you could help once a quarter to deliver a batch of Charlton News please contact Clive Ward [cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk)

### Village/Community Hall

Thank you to all who completed questionnaires or sent in their views about the Village/Community Hall. The Committee is still gathering evidence to support our PreApp and preferred options will be put to the Parish Council, probably in February with a submission made in March 22 (TBC). More detail will be placed on the Parish Council website [www.charltonvillage.org.uk](http://www.charltonvillage.org.uk) and on Facebook Charlton Chat.

### Editor Charlton News

Our current Editor (Gilly Summers) is stepping down as Editor of Charlton News. What a fantastic job she has done – thank you Gilly. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please get in touch with [editor@charltonvillage.org.uk](mailto:editor@charltonvillage.org.uk)

### Feeding the Ducks and Geese

Duck food is still available from the Charlton Lakeside Café. Better for birds than bread and all proceeds go to charity - Andover Foodbank or SSAFA – The Armed Forces Charity <https://www.ssafa.org.uk/hampshire>

### Book Exchange/Library

Please don't dump bags of books as it makes access difficult for residents. Just take the books you want and replace with a similar number. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### River Bank opposite Tesco

Following advice from the Hampshire and IoW Wildlife Trust the Parish Council have a scheme to repair the river bank. It still needs approval from the Environment Agency but is hoped when the river flow

reduces, to repair the bank with ecology in mind. We hope to be able to see native wildflowers and more active wildlife as a result. The wooden railings across the bridge will soon be installed and it is hoped to encourage bankside flora and fauna to flourish by carefully increasing light to the stretch of the river that flows towards Charlie's Lake. Work is ongoing and thank you to the local residents for their continued cooperation.

### Events 2022

- 2 June Beacon Lighting with Music in the Park
- 5 June Picnic in the Park
- 9 July Charlton Village Community Day (aka Fete)

Great fun if we have enough people willing to help with organizing and running the events. Come along on 11 Jan to the Church at 730pm to hear the plans.

### Speedwatch

An additional Speed Indicator has been installed on Goch Way. It faces traffic leaving the village but records traffic in and out of the village. Speeding is endemic in Charlton. The vast majority of road users comply but many do not. The warning signs cause many people to check and reduce speed so this is a good investment. It's even more effective if there is a person in Hi Vis jacket so Speedwatch needs to be reintroduced. Please contact Clive Ward if you would be willing to offer 30 mins of your time once a week. The Parish Council is still working with our local police to improve speed enforcement - 30 mph in modern cars seems very slow but the effect can be devastating. Hampshire is being lobbied to introduce 20 mph instead of 30mph in many locations – we will keep you posted if this gains momentum.

### Climate Change

The **Greening Campaign** is backed (and subsidized) by Hampshire County Council. It is not a political organization and not linked to any political organization or affiliated organization. Charlton Parish Council judges this to be something we should adopt and has requested Mike Cripps to launch the Campaign shortly. It is not rocket science but a structured approach to doing good things for the climate and the environment. It recognizes that all our lives are different but that everybody can do something to help.

### Notices

<b>Jan 2022</b>	
Parish Council	Parish Council meetings take place in Charlton Church Hall (not the Foxcotte Room) at <b>745pm</b> and no longer by zoom. Meetings will be every 3rd Tue of the month except August and December. Agendas will be posted to the website and notice boards but can also be obtained by contacting The Parish Clerk, Heather Bourner on 01264 773976 or by e-mail <a href="mailto:clerk@charltonvillage.org.uk">clerk@charltonvillage.org.uk</a>
St Thomas' Church	With the latest sharp rise in Covid-19 cases in the country the Pastrow Family of Churches has decided to reduce the number of face to face services across all the churches. Only one face to face service will be held each week in January. There will be a Holy Communion Service at St Thomas' on the 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan, one at Hurstbourne Tarrant on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> and one at Christchurch, Hatherden on the 30 <sup>th</sup> . All will be live streamed and a link will be available on the Pastrow Family website. The situation will be kept under review but we are hoping for a return to the normal service pattern in February  <b>Revd Alex Randle-Bissell</b> , Rector 01264 512161, <a href="mailto:revdalex@pastrowfamily.org.uk">revdalex@pastrowfamily.org.uk</a>  <b>Judith Appleby</b> , Benefice administrator 07999 352585 <a href="mailto:admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk">admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk</a>