



# Stockbridge Parish Council Newsletter

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## Trout 'n About - 6th August 2023

Trout 'n About 2023 was a great success with many visitors coming to Stockbridge to enjoy a beautiful day out at the annual food and crafts festival. Of course, the underlying reason for Trout 'n About is to help good causes in the SO20 postcode. The benefits to local businesses and community are numerous but being able to provide grants to local good causes is why the voluntary committee works hard to make sure the day is a success. Please join the T 'n A Committee at the funds presentation evening on 17<sup>th</sup> November at the Town Hall.



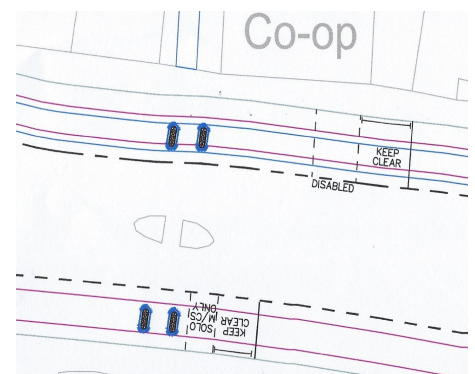
The Committee also recognises there were some issues with parking and access on the day. The downside of the appeal of such a fantastic day is that so many visitors want to attend. Undoubtedly that brings some logistical issues. The Committee is working hard to look at how visitors' parking in Stockbridge might be better addressed and is aware that some residents were unfairly impacted. The Committee will be exploring other ways to manage parking and through traffic next year.



The Committee would like to thank all the residents of Stockbridge for the incredible help and support they received on the day. Without the goodwill of residents Trout 'n About would not happen. The Committee is planning to make Trout 'n About 2024 another amazing day, that works better for residents and will ensure more funds go to local good causes. If you would like to get involved in the T 'n A Committee they would love to hear from you. Please contact [bob@tnastockbridge.com](mailto:bob@tnastockbridge.com)

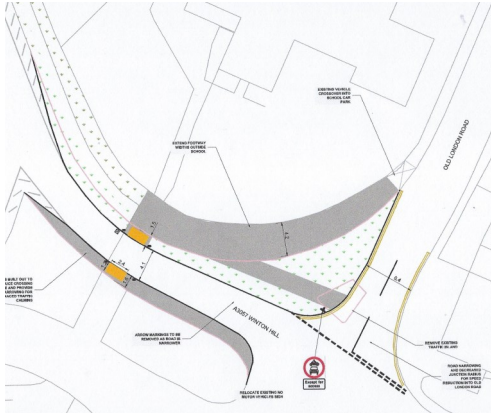
## New Crossing at the Co-op

The Parish Council has been liaising with HCC to install a new crossing point outside the Co-op. The planters were only ever a temporary measure and HCC will not renew the licence for them next year. The proposed crossing will be smaller than that installed outside the public toilets. It will take up a smaller footprint than the planters but will work in the same way, by stopping cars parking in front of the crossing island and thus create a passage for the less-able to cross the road. The crossing will only take up one parking space on either side. The proposal will also create a motorcycle parking bay on the Green-grocer side. This is being included to stop oversized cars and vans from using the parking space as this can create problems for a wider vehicles on the High Street passing the traffic island. It is also hoped that it will make it easier for cars exiting the Vine Yard.





## Old London Road



HCC has now produced a design for the proposed changes to Old London Rd (see left). The intention behind the improvements is to slow up the traffic as leaves the White Hart roundabout. The design narrows the carriageway to single file. This should slow traffic and make the crossing safer for school children and residents. There have been a number of near misses at this crossing, as cars try to overtake one another, even when children have been crossing the road to and from school.

The Parish Council is yet to approve the proposals which also include a wide access ramp at

the school end entrance to Old London Road to mark the difference from an A road to a residential one.

It is hoped that the use of Old London Road as a rat run to avoid the A30 roundabouts can be addressed in this design.

As and when the above changes to the road layout are agreed they will be paid for by a CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) grant from TVBC that was applied for by the Parish Council in 2020. The feasibility study for the design was paid for by the Parish Council in an attempt to solve finally these long-standing issues.

## Stockbridge Community Market

*The Community  
Market now  
takes easier,  
cashless  
payments*

Stockbridge Community Market is pleased to announce that it is now accepting card payments. The market is open every Thursday 9:30 – 11:30 at the Town Hall.

The stall holders would like to invite all Stockbridge residents

to come and join them for a tea or coffee and a browse. The market is run by the community for the community selling local produce as well as beautiful and original crafts. The Bakers are happy to take orders for Christmas and all seasonal baking.

## Power failures at Winton Hill and Old London Rd



Residents of Old London Road, Winton Hill and Little Dean experience disproportionately higher and more frequent power failures than other areas of Stockbridge. The Council approached SSEN about the problem and they will now be doing upgrade works on the transformer close to Old London Rd which should help supply. SSEN maintain they can't link the area with the more reliable High Street because that would overload that supply. SSEN explained that power surges are caused by animals dis-

rupting the lines, either by knocking the posts or by dying on the line and SSEN will need to shut off the supply and then surge power through to jolt things back into place. These annoying surges are difficult to avoid in rural areas.

SSEN are concerned with overly dominant trees around the Winton Hill transformer and would like the trees to be more radically cut back than legally they are allowed to do. However, no one seems to know who owns this piece of land. Can you help?





## Lancaster House Site

The Council has finally (after two years) acquired the Lancaster House site from HCC, for no charge. SPC was interested in acquiring the site in order to safeguard it from being used for development because it was regularly noted in the TVBC Local Plan as a potential site for housing. Instead, the Council wanted to ensure that it could be used for the benefit of the community. The Council has not developed any specific plans for use of the site and would be interested in hearing suggestions from members of the community. The Council has considered various ideas such as a nature trail, wild campsite or community forest but no decision has been made. A Working Group with community members will be

formed to take the project forward and to organise clearing parties. The site was previously that of a Workhouse and the Council would be interested in providing more information about this which can be displayed on the Council's website or a history board.

However, for safety reasons the Council asks that the site is not visited by members of the public yet.

If you would like to be involved with the Working Group or have suggestions for the development of the site for the benefit of all please contact the Clerk – Clerk@stockbridgeparishcouncil.org.uk.



## Remembrance Ceremonies on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

The service in St Peter's Church starts at 9.45am. The congregation will include pupils from both schools plus scouts, brownies and cubs in uniform and 30 members of 668 Squadron Army Air Corps from Middle Wallop.

Fittingly, marching soldiers will lead the procession down the High Street to the War Memorial

for the Act of Remembrance at 11 am.

A historic flight from Middle Wallop will fly over the War Memorial at the end of the Remembrance service at the War Memorial.

All are welcome to join both services.

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## Your New Parish Councillor

Councillor Michaela Nadal (Micki) has lived in Stockbridge for over 30 years and previously served on the Parish Council, including stints as Vice Chairman and Chairman. Professionally qualified as a technical and specialised translator, Micki's career developed in the financial services industry where she was director of pensions product development and marketing for a life assurance company in London and then, following a company relocation, in Hampshire.

Micki believes community involvement is the best way to keep our villages good places to live and is secretary to 2 PCCs and to the Winchester District of the Winchester & Portsmouth Guild of Church Bellringers. She is a Neighbourcare driver, volunteers at the Community Market, is an active WI member and is Bell Ringing Tower Captain for St Peter's, Stockbridge and St Peter and St Paul's, Kings Somborne.





## What's on in Stockbridge

When	Where	What
13th October	S'bridge Cinema	Saint Omer
15th October	Town Hall	An Evening with Michael Morpurgo
18th October	S'bridge Cinema	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
19th October	Town Hall	Parish Council Meeting
20th October	St Peter's Church	Beaufort Singers, Stockbridge Music
10th November	S'bridge Cinema	One Fine Morning
15th November	S'bridge Cinema	What's Love got to do with it
16th November	Town Hall	Parish Council Meeting
17th November	Town Hall	Trout 'n About presentation evening
1st December	High Street	Stockbridge Christmas lights event

## Speedwatch and new SLR



The Council would like to revive the Speedwatch group that ran a few years ago, in order to encourage drivers to drive within the speed limits. The group will need volunteers to monitor the speed of each vehicle and relay that information to the authorities. Drivers cannot be fined by this process, but it is hoped that they will be nudged into better driving behaviour. If you are

interested in volunteering for Speedwatch please let the Clerk know. The Council is also liaising with Longstock Parish to share the rotation of a new Speed Indicator Device. These displays work best if they are moved around every two weeks so a sharing a rotation with a neighbouring community is an excellent way of spreading the cost and effectiveness.

## A Quick Round- up of News

The Council has still not been updated by HCC with the results of the **parking survey** that was held in June. Many residents and traders are eager to know what HCC is planning (if anything) and how their proposal will affect Stockbridge. The Parish Council will be meeting with HCC when the survey results have been evaluated. Next year is the **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day**. The Council is considering what events would be appropriate to mark this important event in our history. If you have ideas or would like to be involved please contact the Clerk. The annual **Stockbridge Christmas lights event** is going to be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, an exciting range of events to make it a special occasion is being planned. Details will be posted on both the Council's and SBA's websites. The Council has raised awareness with HCC and TVBC that there is no **disabled parking signage** around the High Street's disabled bays. This makes enforcement less easy. The Council is keen to rectify this. HCC is considering plans this autumn for **balancing the Authority's budget** up to the financial year 2025/26. HCC held a public consultation this summer to seek residents' views on how they might do so, given it is confronted by a significant projected shortfall.

