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Share Your PHOTOS



We're delighted to feature Anne Magill's stunning June capture of Charlton Lakes on our front page — congratulations, Anne.

This striking image captures Charlton Lakes at its best. Bright skies, rolling clouds and sunlight spilling across the field. A perfect snapshot of our village's natural beauty.

A special thank you to all who shared their photos with us; your contributions make the newsletter what it is.

You can see the full gallery and learn how to take part, on page 11.

For the latest local news and details of upcoming events follow:  Charlton Community Chat



Welcome to the September 2026 issue!

Find a quiet spot, grab a drink, put your feet up, and take a moment to catch up on all the latest from across Charlton Village.

A heartfelt **'thanks'** to everyone who shared content - you're the heartbeat of this newsletter.

 **Have something to share — a memory, a photo, a favourite recipe, a little village wisdom?** Send it to editor@charlton-pc.gov.uk by **Friday, 13th November** for our December edition.

*Content will be added where space allows.

Good to know...

Parish Council Updates

Emergency Planning & Hatherden Road Traffic Monitoring

Charlton Parish Council is progressing two important pieces of work aimed at keeping our community safe, informed, and represented.

1 Updating Charlton's Emergency Plan – Volunteers Needed

Charlton's Emergency Plan, last updated in 2020, is now undergoing a full review to ensure it reflects the current needs and risks within our parish. The Plan is designed to support residents during emergencies where the usual response services may be delayed or stretched. It sets out how volunteers can assist vulnerable neighbours, how local refuge points can be used, and how support agencies can be contacted.

Every parish faces different risks — from flooding and power outages to the growing concern of extreme heat. As part of the review, the Parish Council is considering whether Charlton should identify not only warm spaces for winter resilience, but also cool spaces for heatwaves. Current refuge locations include St Thomas' Church, the Salto Centre and the Royal Oak, with the future Charlton Community Hub also expected to play a role.

To move this work forward, a new **Parish Emergency Group (PEG)** is being formed. Cllr Norman Woods has volunteered as Parish Emergency Coordinator, supported by Cllr Clive Ward — but more members are needed. The aim is to have at least six volunteers who can be contacted quickly in the event of an emergency, with a PEG WhatsApp group being considered for rapid communication.

 If you would like to help shape the new Emergency Plan or join the PEG, please contact:

cllrwoods@charlton-pc.gov.uk or cllrward@charlton-pc.gov.uk

2 Hatherden Road Traffic Monitoring – Community Support Requested

Following concerns raised by residents about the speed and volume of traffic along Hatherden Road, the Parish Council has requested that a census wire be installed to gather official data on vehicle movements through the village. This evidence will be vital in supporting any representation or objection to the proposed 135-home development behind Hatherden Road.

The census data will be compared with information from the existing Speed Indicator Device to ensure accuracy. Once the installation date is confirmed, the Parish Council would welcome two or three volunteers to help monitor the types of vehicles using the road — particularly HGVs — as this will strengthen any case made on behalf of residents.

 If you are able to assist, please contact:

cllrward@charlton-pc.gov.uk or cllrwilson@charlton-pc.gov.uk



Contact details for your Parish Council members

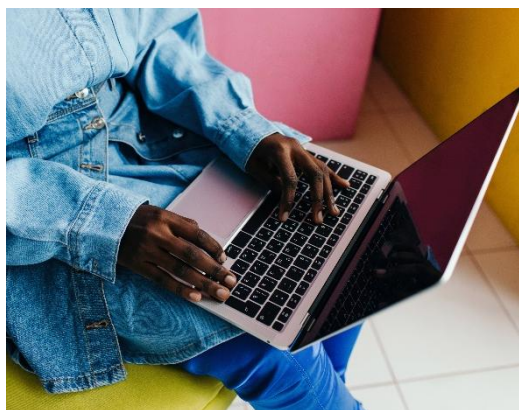
Name	Telephone No.	Email Address	Role & Responsibilities
Clive Ward (Chairman)	07538 596 344	cllrward@charlton-pc.gov.uk	Wider Local Government Initiatives, Community Hub, Charlton Lakes, Communications, CVCA Liaison, Emergency Planning, Neighbourhood Plan, Traffic & Speed Watch
Norman Woods (Vice Chairman)	07799 408 978	cllrwoods@charlton-pc.gov.uk	Emergency Planning, Footpaths and Rights of Way, Book Exchange, Charlton Waterside, Community Hub
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Parish Clerk Vacancy – Update for Residents

Charlton Parish Council is recruiting a new Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to support the Council's day-to-day administration, finance, and governance.

The role is 8 hours per week, worked from home, supporting the Council's administration and finances. We're looking for someone organised, community-minded, and ideally willing to work towards the CiLCA qualification. Applications are open until **18 September 2026**, with interviews taking place in October. Anyone interested is invited to apply with a CV and covering letter to **clerk@charlton-pc.gov.uk**.

📧 If you know someone who may be a good fit for the role, please do share the opportunity — helping us spread the word supports the continued work of the Parish Council and the wider community.

Monthly Parish Council Meetings

Held in public at St Thomas Church on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm.

We allocate 15 minutes on the structured agenda for public participation, during which residents may raise matters that relate directly to the published agenda items. Any resident may ask a Councillor to place an item on a future agenda, and then attend the relevant meeting to outline their issue or concern.

For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk – details above



Other news...

Charlton Litter Pickers Back in Action

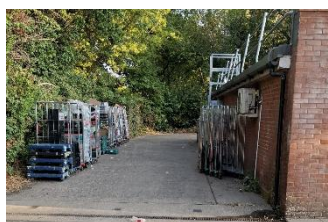
The faithful Charlton litter pickers were out again on **Saturday 1st August**, tackling some of the village's trouble spots.

This time, a huge cache of bottles was discovered hidden in the undergrowth behind the Salto Centre, expertly uncovered and pulled out by our younger helpers, **Joel**, **Alfie** and **Calum**. The council has been asked to collect the haul.



It's always encouraging to see cheerful and willing young residents joining the team. Litter continues to be an ongoing challenge, but thanks to our regular volunteers. Both those who work together and those who quietly tidy up on their own. We're able to keep Charlton looking cared for. **A big thank you to everyone involved.**

📧 **Interested?** If you'd like to take part, please email clive.wardcvca@gmail.com



Keeping Charlton Beautiful & Tidy

It's always uplifting to see the care our community puts into keeping Charlton looking its best.

Recently, **Tesco Express** gave the back of their shop a much-needed tidy, and the difference is remarkable. A

cleaner space means far less litter blowing across the centre of the village, helping us all enjoy a tidier, more welcoming environment. We're also hopeful that a litter bin will be added at the front of the store... a small change that could make a big impact, especially with customers doing their bit too.

Over in **Foxcote Close**, the fabulous planter lovingly maintained by residents **Brian and Ann** continues to brighten the area. Their seasonal displays, from everyday blooms to thoughtful tributes for occasions like VE Day and Remembrance Day, are a real lift for anyone passing by. It's a perfect example of how individual efforts can make the whole village feel cared for.



Together, these contributions show what makes Charlton special: neighbours, businesses, and volunteers all playing a part in keeping our beautiful village... beautiful.



Charlton Lakes Path Progress

Work on the Charlton Lakes Path is moving along well.

This 16-week project will create a fully connected, three-metre-wide route around the playing fields, linking the BMX track, Foxcote Bridge and existing paths. Once finished, it will make walking, running, cycling and wheeled access easier all year round.

The new surface will also help tackle the muddy winter conditions and improve access for pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility aids. The path is being built in sections so the site can stay open throughout, and with the first phase complete, the next stage is already underway. **The project remains on track for completion by autumn 2026 — a welcome improvement for everyone who enjoys Charlton Lakes.**

LOCAL INFO

A list of useful contacts

CHARLTON & DISTRICT PLAYGROUP

***NOW accepts** Government funding **from 2 years** of age.

Mon, Wed, Fri | 9am – 12:30pm

Tues, Thurs | 9am – 3pm

Contact: Mrs S Hartley

Telephone: 07979 841318

BROWNIES

Tuesdays | 5:45pm – 7:15pm

GUIDES

Wednesdays | 6:30pm – 8pm

Contact: Miss K Ryder

Telephone: 07917 697558 or 01264 316807

RAINBOWS

Wednesdays | 5pm – 6:15pm

Contact: Miss A Turner

Telephone: 07794 323293

Thursdays | 5:45pm – 7pm

Contact: Mrs E Taylor

Telephone: 01264 394322

KEEP FIT (all levels)

Thursdays | 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Contact: Mrs E Taylor

Telephone: 01264 394322

SLIMMING WORLD (Andover Rugby Club)

Tuesdays | 7pm – 8:30pm

Contact: Kate Evans

Telephone: 07568 622189



Footpaths

Could residents whose **properties border a footpath... please trim back** any overgrown foliage to keep access clear.

If this is difficult for you, the CVCA may be able to help — **contact** cliveward.cvca@gmail.com

Deserted Village of Foxcotte



According to the Domesday survey of 1086, the estate of Foxcotte was held as two manors: one of them was the now deserted settlement of Foxcotte, possibly then comprising about twelve families. Lying to the northwest of Andover, its south end was bounded by the Portway Roman road and it was crossed both by the River Anton and the Harroway, an ancient trackway.



Excavations took place from 1979-81 as part of the *Test Valley Archaeological Committee* Medieval Project, and evidence was also recovered of activity in the Mesolithic, Bronze Age, Roman, and Saxon periods. The earliest buildings found belonged to the 13th to 14th centuries with expansion taking place into the late medieval period. Although the growth of the hamlet slowed in the succeeding centuries, the desertion of the settlement occurred well after medieval times.

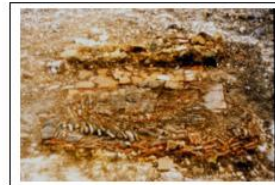


Estate map 1614 - At least 13 households, with chapel, manor house and other dwellings. By 1841 only 7 households remained



THE SOUTHERN STRUCTURE

The remains of a building (above left) dating to the late medieval period (15th – 16th centuries) indicate the existence of a fairly wealthy household up until the end of this period. It is probable that they supported a timber frame with wattle and daub infill. At the centre of the building was a room which was probably open to the rafters. In another room (above right) an oven had been constructed from mortared roof-tile fragments.



Scheduled Monument of Foxcotte

Depending on where in Charlton you live, you may or not know about the Scheduled Monument of Foxcotte.

The History Board in location on the field by Richborough Drive gives you a potted history of the site.

If you know the site, you may have noticed that the field that covers the Scheduled Monument has been mown very differently this year.

← Wide strips have been cut to allow people to cross over to the 'Coffin Route' footpath – shown in these photographs

These wide strips have been cut so people can reach the 'Coffin Route' footpath behind the houses on Richborough Drive and the path across the fields to Penton, while the rest of the field has been left to grow naturally. The aim is to create a wildflower meadow. Test Valley's ecologist plans to sow yellow rattle, which should suppress grass growth and allow wildflower seeds to flourish.



Charlton Waterside - Update

It may not be a quintessential village pond, but the Charlton Waterside area is a very good substitute! It is a quiet place alongside the water for locals and visitors to sit, relax and enjoy the natural surroundings.

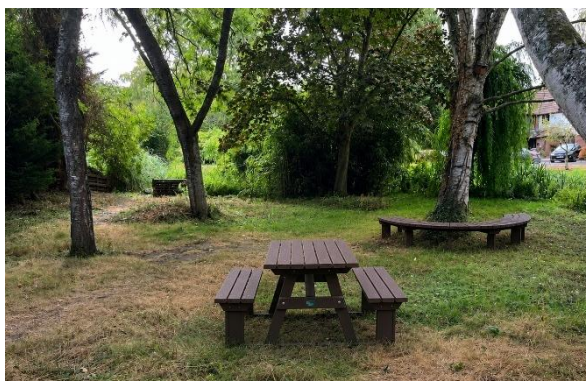
A small group of volunteers have begun light maintenance and general refurbishment of the area. The compost site has been relocated, brambles and nettles have been reduced, and a couple of bird boxes have been installed ready for next season. To keep a natural feel, a pathway was cut through to the picnic table while pockets of cow parsley, nettles, buttercups and other wild growth were left in place to support insect life. As the dry summer progressed, these areas naturally died back and have since been trimmed.

It's been great to see more people enjoying the space during the summer heat, and as we continue to improve the area... we're exploring ideas, such as a clearer entrance and footpath, extra seating, a local nature information board and an upgraded bug house.

✉ **If you have any ideas or skills that you think could be useful, please get in touch.** Contact

cllrawlingson@charlton-pc.gov.uk or, If you spot any of the volunteers at the Waterside with rakes or secateurs in hand, feel free to stop by and say hello.

Here are some AI-generated images of the ideas; the final version will look more natural, but above all we hope it becomes a welcoming space for everyone →



An update from...



The Charlton Village Community Association (CVCA)

Village Community Day – Our Best Yet?

Charlton shone on 4 July, delivering one of its best Community Days yet. The sunshine held, the crowds were buzzing and the village spirit was unmistakable.

Welly Whanging returned by popular demand, with **Shaun Brown** claiming the 2026 title and the iconic yellow boot trophy. The **Grand Draw** was another highlight, with generous prizes from local organisations and winners receiving their prizes from **Mayor Cllr Linda Lashbrook**.

Stalls lined the field, from charity causes and local sellers to the classic church games. A standout was **Barker Son & Isherwood LLP**, whose hook-a-duck raised **£120** for the event, showing real community heart.

The **refreshment tent** was as popular as ever, serving homemade cakes and drinks at friendly prices. Huge thanks to **Shona Bradley** and the brilliant team of volunteers.

The beloved **goats** made their second appearance and were a hit once again — fingers crossed they return next year. The day finished with a breathtaking flypast from a **Mark IXB Spitfire**, a true WWII veteran with service at Dieppe and D-Day, and the only BBMF aircraft with a confirmed aerial victory.

A wonderful day of fun, pride and community — Charlton at its finest.



Charlton Community Events – What's Coming Up!

There's a fantastic line-up of community events taking place across Charlton over the coming months, offering plenty of opportunities to get involved, meet neighbours and support local causes.

First up is the **CVCA AGM on 15 October**. An annual meeting held in St Thomas' Church. Committee members will be elected, the annual accounts will be available to view, and there will be a presentation from TVBC on litter, waste and recycling. Cheese and wine will be provided, and **all residents are warmly invited to come along**, share ideas, and help shape future village activities.

Looking ahead, there are plenty of community events you won't want to miss... for example:

- **Sat 24 Oct – Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need**
- **Fri 30 Oct – Community Quiz Evening**
- **Sun 29 Nov – CVCA Christmas Event**

For full details, check the posters and turn to page 7 for St Thomas' Church events.

👁️ Also keep an eye on the **Charlton Village notice boards** and **Facebook Community Chat** for further updates.

Join Us for a Countryside Walk in Support of Children in Need!

St Thomas' Church and the Charlton Village Community Association are excited to invite all residents to a fun and friendly fundraising walk through our beautiful local countryside.



 **Date:** Saturday 24th October 2026

 **Meeting Point:** Charlton Lakes Café

 **Time:** 10 a.m.



We'll set off from Charlton Lakes Café and enjoy a scenic route across Charlton Road, up Enham Lane, through open fields and woodland, then down Hungerford Lane, past Anton Lakes and back to the café for some well-earned refreshments.

This is a relaxed, social walk suitable for all ages and abilities. A lovely chance to get outdoors, meet neighbours and support a brilliant cause. **Everyone is welcome**, including **well-behaved dogs** (on leads, with poo bags).

A JustGiving fundraising page will be available via the BBC Children in Need portal, making it easy for friends, family and supporters to donate.

Come along, bring your walking shoes, and help us make a real difference while enjoying the best of Charlton's countryside.

VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 30 October 2026

St Thomas Church



Bring a team and enjoy a fun evening with neighbours and friends

- Arrive from 6:30pm • Quiz starts 7:30pm
- Teams - Up to 8 people Entry - £5 per person
- Refreshments - Tea and biscuits provided. Bring your own drinks and snacks.
- To reserve a place, contact: Syd Kassim on kassimsyd22@gmail.com or Clive Ward 07538596344

CHARLTON COMMUNITY PRESENTS

Christmas Market

 **29th Nov 2026**

3.00pm - 6pm
St Thomas' Church & grounds

Our Event Includes:

- ★ Hot Food and Christmas drinks plus mince pies
- ★ Craft and Gift stalls
- ★ Bouncy Castle

In conjunction with SunnySide Close Christmas lights switch on at 5PM

Charlton Village Community Association
For more info email jsmith.cvca@gmail.com



St Thomas, Charlton

The Pastrow Family...

A benefice or collection of churches in and around the villages of Andover, North Hampshire.



SERVICES & EVENTS - ST THOMAS

All services and events at St Thomas, unless stated otherwise.

For the latest timings... visit

www.pastrowfamily.org.uk

COSY CAFÉ AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH



Cosy Café runs on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 1:30pm to 3:30pm, offering a friendly space to sit, chat and enjoy tea, coffee and delicious homemade cake.

During the winter months, you can also warm up with a bowl of homemade soup, and we do our best to cater for special diets, including gluten-free options.

Thanks to the generous donations we receive, Cosy Café is able to support Prisilla in Uganda through Compassion UK, contribute to the local foodbank, and take part in Macmillan Cancer Support each year.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME — WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Come join us everyone is welcome!

SEPTEMBER	
Sunday 6 th	10 am Pastrow Family Gathering – Christ Church Hatherden 4 pm Said Holy Communion – Weyhill
Friday 11 th	1.30 – 3.30 pm Cosy Café
Saturday 12 th	10 am Julian Prayer meeting – Hatherden
Sunday 13 th	10 am Holy Communion
Saturday 19 th	Harvest Supper – see local advertising
Sunday 20 th	10 am PFG4 All Harvest Festival Service A family friendly service for everyone
Friday 25 th	1.30 – 3.30 pm Cosy Café In Aid of Macmillan Cancer
Sunday 27 th	10 am Morning Worship 3.30 pm PFG4 Fun & Faith 6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus
OCTOBER	
Sunday 5 th	10 am Pastrow Family Gathering – Hatherden 4 pm Said Holy Communion – Penton
Friday 9 th	1.30 – 3.30 pm Cosy Café
Saturday 10 th	10 am Julian Prayer meeting – Hatherden
Sunday 11 th	10 am Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th	10 am PFG4 All Service
Friday 23 rd	1.30 – 3.30 pm Cosy Café
Sunday 25 th	10 am Morning Worship 6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus
NOVEMBER	
Sunday 1 st	10 am Pastrow Family Gathering – Hatherden 4 pm Said Holy Communion – Enham
Saturday 7 th	10 am Julian Prayer meeting – Hatherden
Sunday 8 th	10.30 am Remembrance Service
Friday 13 th	1.30 – 3.30 pm Cosy Café
Sunday 15 th	PFG4 All A family friendly service for everyone
Sunday 22 nd	10 am Morning Worship 6.30 pm Encounters with Jesus
Friday 27 th	1.30 – 3.30 pm Cosy Café
Saturday 28 th	Christmas Fayre - Craft Stalls, Book Stall, White Elephant Stall. Father Christmas for children. Tea, Coffee and cakes. 12-30 to 3-30 pm
Sunday 29 th	10 am Confirmation Service – location tbc If you would like to know more about confirmation, please contact Rev Carol 07956 674717
Sunday 29 th	Christmas Market and Christmas Lights in conjunction with CVCA

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: **ST THOMAS CHURCH**
Date: **5th SEPTEMBER 2026**
Time: **10am – 11-30am**
Contact:

LOTS OF AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (26107), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (504). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC1993_invitePoster

TAILS EXPLORING TRAILS

POP UP EVENT!

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE: ABBOTSWOOD LNR (ROMSEY)
 THURSDAY 30TH JULY: HAREWOOD COMMON (ANDOVER)
 TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST: VALLEY PARK (CHANDLERS FORD)
 THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER: ANTON LAKES LNR (ANDOVER)
 WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER: ROOKSBURY MILL LNR (ANDOVER)

9-12, COME AND SAY HI!

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL: LEISURE@TESTVALLEY.GOV.UK

DOGS WELCOME - TREATS AVAILABLE!

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO ASK A MEMBER OF STAFF ABOUT SITE MANAGEMENT, THE WILDLIFE, DOG HEALTH AND WELLBEING WHILST EXPLORING THE COUNTRYSIDE

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO ON OUR NATURE RESERVES!

Test Valley
Borough Council



RIGHT UP YOUR STREET!

JOIN A FUN, FRIENDLY AND SUPPORTIVE CREW

We're building a community that will have a positive impact on the lives of veterans and their families – and it all starts with a brew.

HELP for HEROES

Come see us on the first Friday of every month at the ACE Community Space, 13-17 Bridge Street, Andover, SP10 1BE from 10am until 12 noon

Or scan the QR code for more locations.

helpforheroes.org.uk/get-help/ ☎ 0300 303 9888 Mon to Fri, 9am - 5pm



ANDOVER MUSEUM

MUSEUM BY TORCHLIGHT PRESENTS

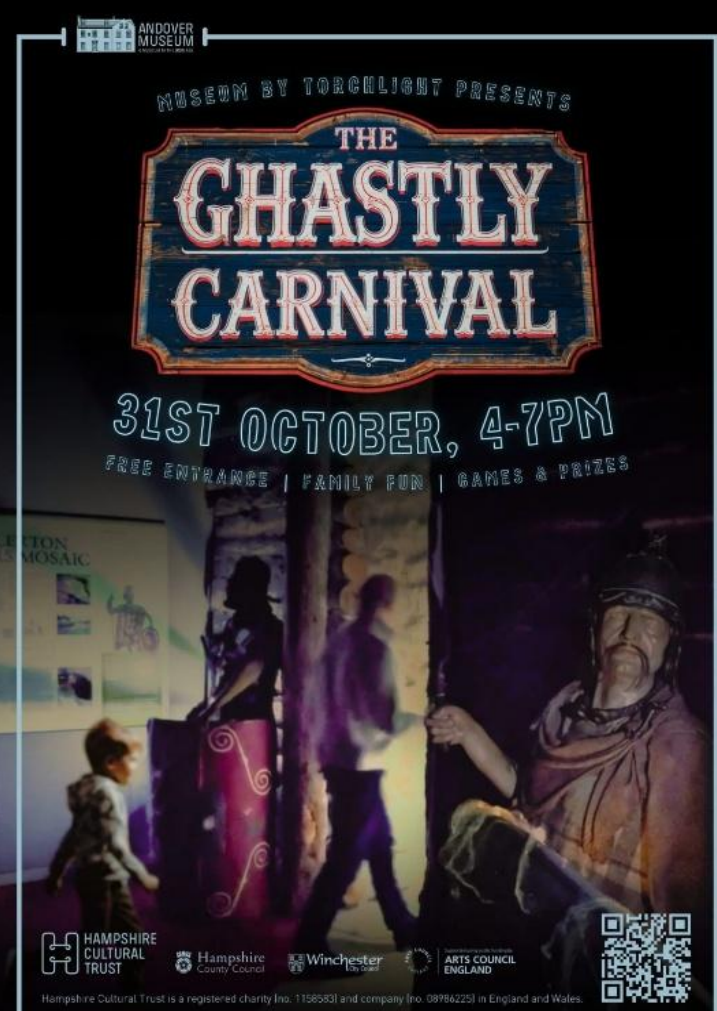
THE GHASTLY CARNIVAL

31ST OCTOBER, 4-7PM

FREE ENTRANCE | FAMILY FUN | GAMES & PRIZES

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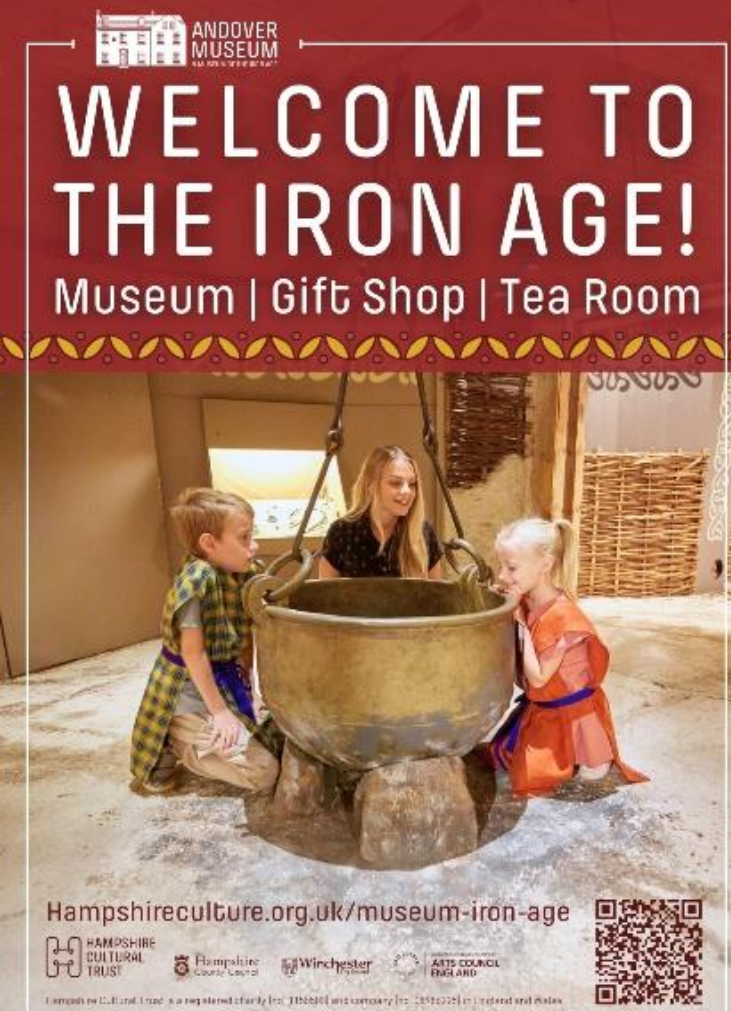
WELCOME TO THE IRON AGE!

Museum | Gift Shop | Tea Room

Hampshireculture.org.uk/museum-iron-age

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Your Community Updates

Stories, pictures and updates shared by you...

Mercia Avenue BBQ – Sunshine, Sizzle & Summer Lovin’

Mercia Avenue served up another cracking neighbourhood BBQ on Saturday 1st August, and what a day it was. The committee were up bright and early at 9am pitching tents, and by 1pm the garden-party vibes were in full swing.

“Even with the summer holidays whisking people away, nearly 50 residents turned up — proof that this **annual get-together is firmly one of Mercia’s favourite traditions**. It was the perfect chance to catch up, laugh, mingle and enjoy that easy, familiar neighbourly warmth that makes the street feel like its own little community.



This year’s recipe for fun was simple but spot-on: plenty of chatting, a lively music quiz, and a delicious BBQ that everyone happily worked their way through. At one point, the crowd even broke into a spontaneous (and surprisingly enthusiastic) reenactment of Grease’s ‘**Summer Lovin’**’ — complete with microphones and plenty of giggles.

A huge thank you goes to the committee for organising another brilliant afternoon, and to everyone who came along and made it such a memorable day. Already counting down to next year’s BBQ.”

From Sid Kassim

Surprise catch at Foxcotte

A surprise catch at Charlton Lakes from Joel Carrot and Gabriel Hewlett — a fantastic specimen, as the photo shows. They’re both championing getting more people into fishing.

“Have you been thinking about going fishing or recently got back and wanting to go again? Well, continue reading. Fishing isn’t just a sport, it is a break from our busy lives.

My name is Joel and I am a local 11 year old and my mission is to get local residents of the village fishing.

Why do I love fishing? I get asked this question a lot and the true reason is just taking a break, sitting back in your chair, drinking a cup of tea and just relaxing. I am a dedicated angler always chasing bigger fish but even then a simple bit of float fishing on Charlie’s Lake canal is unbeatable. Even though I tie my own rigs you can buy them pretied for not an insane amount of money. Fishing has taught me that not everything will always go your way, but that doesn’t mean you should ever give up. Through meeting locals in the community I have learnt new skills, new tactics and most importantly made new friends of all ages. I love being out in nature and so should all of us, I’m not saying you can’t always be on a screen but taking a break always helps. Before you decide to go fishing make sure you have these key essentials: A rod license (only if you are 13+), a net and unhooking mat and finally a disgorging. I learn most of my tips and tricks from local anglers and tackle shop owners. I also learn from YouTube tutorials, I highly recommend Fish With Carl.

Fishing doesn’t always have to be complicated, all you need to catch a fish is a simple hook, a few shot to weigh it down and some bait. Foxcotte lakes (also known as Charlton) is a great place to learn your tactics. All though there is not a massive population of fish currently in the lake, Me, my friend, our parents and the Parish Council are working on making it a better place to fish. All I’m saying is you don’t need many skills to catch fish, so why aren’t you? Get Fishing!

Tight lines!”

Joel Carrott, dedicated to get others fishing.



Charlton Caught On Camera!

We're delighted to share a wonderful collection of photographs sent in by Charlton residents.

A big thank you to **Allister Butcher**, **Geraldine Blackmun** and **Robin I Morgan** for sending in these wonderful images for us to share in the newsletter.



Share Your Best Shots for a Chance to Be Featured on the Front Page.

We'd love for you to keep sharing your standout Charlton Village photos. Your images could line the front page of the next newsletter, giving you great exposure and showing off our village's charm.



How to take part:

- Submit photos that **capture the spirit, scenery, or everyday life of Charlton Village**. Your image must be your own original work.
- Simply email your high-resolution (JPEG or PNG) with a brief caption or location note to accompany the photo to: editor@charlton-pc.gov.uk.



Tips for great submissions: Choose well-lit, sharp images with clear focal points. Reserve portraits or candid village scenes with strong composition. Include a variety of perspectives: landscapes, streets, nature, and community life.

Rights and usage: By submitting, you grant Charlton Parish Council the right to publish the image in the Charlton Village Newsletter. We may crop or resize images for layout purposes. Entrants retain copyright of their photographs.

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The printed quarterly edition is delivered free of charge to over 970 homes across Charlton, shared with local businesses, and can also be downloaded from the village website.

Have a story to share?

We'd love to hear your stories, memories, updates, and any bits of village news for our next newsletter. **If you'd like to contribute, just drop a message to editor@charlton-pc.gov.uk.** They'll happily guide you through what's needed and help make sure your piece fits the newsletter format.

Deadline for input - 13th November, ready for the December edition.

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Naturally Noble – Local Honey from Local Bees

Andy and Rachel Noble have been keeping bees locally for four years, and their Naturally Noble honey is now part of Charlton's growing wildlife-friendly community.

They say it's been a joy watching the apiary thrive among local wildflowers and gardens. Each honey harvest has its own character. Pale and set in early season, golden and runny later on. Always pure, natural and minimally filtered so the bees' hard work shines through.



Buying local honey supports local pollinators and keeps food miles low. Naturally Noble offers free delivery within Charlton, with collection also available (see advert). Beeswax products are on the way too.

It's been a tough year for bees due to dry conditions, so they are busy preparing the colonies for winter. They remind us that every teaspoon of honey represents thousands of flights and hundreds of flowers visited.

As you plan next year's planting, think pollinator-friendly — and don't forget to leave out a little water to help our wildlife flourish.

Naturally Noble's honey is produced right here in Charlton, shaped by the flowers and forage that surround us. If you'd like to support local pollinators — and enjoy a truly local taste – get in touch.

Oaktrack Opens Its Gates for Charity

Over 200 visitors headed to Oaktrack Smallholding in Charlton Down on 7 June, for their annual LEAF Open Farm Sunday. This year's event helped to raise funds for the Countess of Brecknock Hospice, with hospice staff on hand to talk about the vital care they provide across Andover.

Guests enjoyed meeting local craftspeople, including beekeeper Paul Booth, artist Rebecca Maynard and willow weaver Christine Barker, who ran hands-on sessions throughout the day.

Owner Tina was thrilled with the turnout, raising £400 for the hospice:

"It was wonderful to welcome so many people and to support such an important local charity. It's always encouraging to see how interested visitors are in learning about food production and countryside crafts."

Oaktrack continues to run workshops, pop-up teas and relaxed supper evenings throughout the year, with new autumn dates now being released.

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Charlton Park
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