



Stockbridge Parish Council Newsletter

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Stockbridge Christmas Lights

The Stockbridge Christmas lights are once again making the High Street light up with Christmas cheer. The lights have been co-ordinated by Alyson Lownie, Richard Foord, Kim Candler, Rev Philip Bowden, David Buck, Emma Jefferies, Paul Kidd, Adelle Sharp and Derek Smith. The organisers wish to thank the following for their donations - Cleverly Wrapped, Evans & Partridge, George Clark, Misho, Robjents, St Peter's Church, Stockbridge Community Cinema, Stockbridge Parish Council, Stockbridge Town Hall, The Co-operative Group via Neighbourly Ltd, The Hub, The Salisbury Practice, Stocks and The White Hart. They also thank the following businesses who donated prizes to the children's treasure trail: Broughton Crafts, Kudos, Myddleton & Major, Orvis, Robinsons, Stockbridge Pottery, Stocks, The Army Flying Museum, Hawk Conservancy, The Garden Inn and Thyme & Tides



Visit to Stockbridge of Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire



On the 8th October one of Her Majesty the Queen's Deputy Lieutenant for Hampshire visited Stockbridge to thank members of the community who had helped others during the first lockdown. He spent a delightful twenty minutes at the Primary school with the children answering their questions. He then made a point of thanking, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, the schoolteachers and key workers, and the catering staff, who supported the community by providing lunches. The Deputy Lieutenant then visited shops on the High Street to thank them for their assistance including the Co-Op, Beccys, Thyme and Tides, the Chemist and Pregos, which stayed open, delivered to vulnerable customers and provided lunches. Finally, the Parish Council provided refreshments in the Scout Hut so that he could meet and thank members of Help for Stockbridge for the effort they made to provide support to the community during that very difficult time.



Parking in Stockbridge—Parking Controls or No Parking Controls?



"The Parish Council aims to work with HCC to reach the parking solution that works best for Stockbridge"

Stockbridge PC will be undertaking a review of the issue of paid parking in Stockbridge. The Parish Council understands that this is a subject that many residents and traders have views on and the Council wants to support the majority view whilst finding a way forward with HCC. In consequence the Council has set up a Working Party, chaired by Cllr Boney including Cllrs Bell and Halle and residents, in order to develop an approach that reflects the views of the community of Stockbridge. It is likely that the Working Party will hold a survey to look at the impact of paid parking on visitors, businesses and residents, as well as its impact on the character and the unique appeal of Stockbridge. Information about this engagement will be posted on the Council's website.

Stockbridge PC has reason to believe that if the issue is not addressed and the opinion of

the community not properly understood then HCC will step in to implement a paid parking regime to deal with the problem. Stockbridge PC is of the opinion that this may not be in the best interests of the community of residents and traders. At present HCC is likely to undertake a parking survey of the High Street in April, which HCC insists is a data collection exercise, with no agreed plan to use the data to implement paid for parking controls, but HCC does admit that this is a possibility. The Council has written to HCC asking them not to undertake this survey at this time.

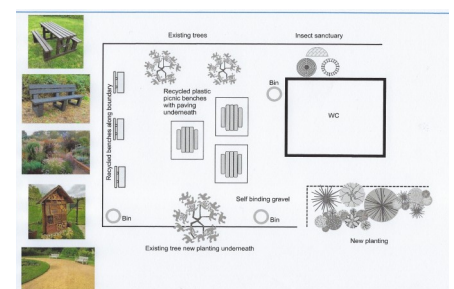
The Council would like to take forward the community's views on parking to a more expansive consultation with HCC that looks at the High Street as a whole (not just the parking issue) and how it can be improved. The Council feels that this approach would be the best way forward because it will ensure the High Street will remain the asset to all that it is.

Proposal for a Pocket Park

The pandemic has demonstrated just how lacking in public space Stockbridge is. During the lockdowns there was nowhere for residents, without gardens, to be able to meet others outside (when that was allowed). However, the Council has spotted a small area of under-utilised land behind the public toilets, just off the High Street. The Council is proposing that this is turned into a pocket park, which may include; raised beds with flowering shrubbery and sensory plants; screening for the bins and toilets; and tables and benches.

The Council will be working with TVBC (the owners of the land) to fund the project and had has

engaged a landscape designer to come up with the initial ideas. A working party has been formed to take it forward. If anyone has an idea or suggestion as what they would like to see at the pocket park, email (clerk@stockbridgeparishcouncil.org.uk) and the suggestion will be passed on to the working party. The initial design is below.





Facilities for Hire at TVS

Test Valley School is able to rent out some of their excellent facilities for use by the public. There are several high-quality rooms which may be hired including small conference rooms, classrooms, a drama studio and the sports hall. The School is also able to let out the hard-standing courts and the school field. There is a 15-seater minibus that is available to hire, when not

in use by the school.

Test Valley School's rates are competitive and if the hire is for weekdays up until 9pm then there is no locking or unlocking fee to be charged. Please contact the school through leisure@testvalley.hants.sch.uk to enquire or alternatively go to the Test Valley School website and search for facilities hire.



A Safe Crossing between Beccy's and the Co-Op

The Council has been working with HCC and TVBC to install a temporary crossing zone between Beccy's and the Co-Op on the High Street. When the covid barriers were taken down elderly and vulnerable residents spoke to Councillors to ask for a safer crossing zone to connect to the island in the middle of the road. The covid barriers had made crossing between the two shops easier because the parking had been reduced and those with walkers or sticks did not need to weave between parked cars. The intention of the crossing is to replicate the one outside the toilets, where the kerb is looped up to stop cars parking opposite the

island. The plan is for the crossing to take up no more than one parking space on either side.

The funding available for this project is coming from a Government fund for post Covid opening up and is intended to be used to put into place any benefits that have been learned from the covid barriers. HCC needs to licence the scheme but the Council is hopeful that this will be forthcoming very soon. Meanwhile TVBC has supplied the Parish Council with recommendations for the planters in order for them to be in keeping with Stockbridge's heritage.

The intention is replicate the crossing outside the public toilets and make the access between the parked cars safer

A New Community Defibrillator

Stockbridge Parish Council has agreed to purchase a new defibrillator for community use. This new defibrillator will replace the previous one which had not been operational for a number of months. It will again be housed on the wall of the Fire Station. This is an ideal location because there is an electrical feed available, which will ensure the defibrillator does not run out of charge, and there is easy vehicular access. The defibrillator will be made available for use by the emergency services. Defibrillators have the potential to save lives,

and defibrillation within 3-5 minutes of collapse can produce survival rates as high as 50-70%. The defibrillator the Council is purchasing is designed especially for use in public areas on both adults and children. The defibrillator is fully automatic, designed to analyse heart rhythm and automatically deliver a life-saving electric shock (if needed). Free online training is available from the supplier at <https://www.aeddonate.org.uk/events/aed-awareness-talk-zoom/>





What's on in Stockbridge

When	Where	What
Friday 14th January	Stockbridge Cinema	Faces Places
Thursday 20th January	Town Hall	Parish Council meeting
Saturday 29th January	Town Hall	Scouts Bingo Night
Thursday 17th February	Town Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 19th January	Stockbridge Cinema	Supanova
Thursday 3rd March	Recreation Ground	AGM

The Scouts jamboree in South Korea



Stockbridge Explorer Scouts (14-18 year olds) was formed up in January 2020. Despite lockdowns the section is thriving and is now up to 20 members, more than originally hoped for.

Five of the Stockbridge Explorer Scouts applied to attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023 (WSJ23) which is an International Camp for around 40,000 Scouts across the whole world. Scouts from virtually every country in the world, come together to make friends, learn skills, have fun and make friends for life. Hampshire was allocated 144 places but over 350 Explorer Scouts applied for these places.

Excitingly, one of Stockbridge Explorer scouts has been picked to go and the other four have been invited to attend a similar camp in Europe, at the same time.

The Explorer Scouts are now fundraising to raise the required funds for these trips. The team will be organising fun evenings like the Bingo Evening in January at the Town Hall and taking part in sponsored events. Please let the Scouts know, by calling 07747 720735, if anyone has any jobs they need doing for a fee or has any fundraising ideas - all opportunities and ideas will be gratefully received. This newsletter has been delivered by the scouts!

A Quick Round- up of News

The **Stockbridge Recreation Ground AGM** has been postponed and will now take place on 3rd March at the Recreation Ground (see above). All residents of Stockbridge are invited to attend and vote for members of the committee. This is Stockbridge's chance to help shape the future of the Recreation Ground for the benefit of all. A **gentle reminder for all riparian landlords** to make sure that the streams that run through their properties are free from debris and rubbish. As we approach the time when flooding becomes a risk, it is important that these streams are free to take as much water away as possible. **The government has put out new guidance** to communities where there is a possibility of flooding – it is available at this website <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/plan-ahead-for-flooding?> TVBC is consulting on a change of Parish/Town boundaries in the Romsey area. This will mean merging Romsey Town with Romsey Extra with the rural areas moving to the adjacent parishes.

Everyone is invited to give their views. Please see www.testvalley.gov.uk/cgr **Longstock PC** is consulting on their Neighbourhood Plan. The PC will be running a number of community engagement events to hear everyone's views. As a close neighbour this is especially relevant to Stockbridge residents. Please see www.Longstockparishcouncil.co.uk

