

# The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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## PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY



### Your Parish Council needs one of you!

As a result of the resignation of Karolyn Tapper earlier in the year, the Parish Council is one short of its normal complement of 9 Councillors. We can now co-opt somebody (that means there is no need for an election) to fill the vacancy so if you are interested in giving back a little to your community please speak to one of the members of the Parish Council. The Council meets at 7.30 pm on the first Monday of each month.

We particularly feel that it would be nice to have some female representation as we currently have none, other than Lesley our long standing Clerk.

## Lengthman

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that Allbuild Building and Landscaping have been appointed as the new Lengthman, with effect from 9 August 2013. Lee Wells and his team will be seen in the Parish as they tidy up the summer growth since the previous Lengthman resigned.



### The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

The Trust provide a Courtesy Home Security Service for older, vulnerable and disadvantaged people in Swindon and Wiltshire, who have become, or are at risk of becoming victims of house crime or domestic abuse.

Our Operators drive Police marked vehicles and dress as Police Support staff, their salaries, the security equipment we use and their vehicles are all funded by the Trust.

Once we have been contacted, an appointment is made by the Bobby Van Administrator for an Operator to visit homes and conduct a full security survey and fire risk assessment. With the agreement of the client, appropriate devices are installed to secure the property. Time is spent offering reassurance to clients and advice is given on how to protect against house crime. Often the fear of crime is as damaging as the crime itself.

We offer talks to community groups and clubs in a pro-active approach to securing homes for all over 60s or those vulnerable due to a disability.

If you know someone in your community who would benefit from a visit please call 01225 794652 to arrange a visit.

# SBC Local Plan – Supplementary Planning Document for the Eastern Villages

This document is out for public consultation until 16 September 2013. It can be seen at:

<http://www.swindon.gov.uk/ep/ep-planning/forwardplanning/ep-planning-localdev/Documents/Eastern%20Villages%20SPD.pdf>

There will be a public exhibition at Hooper's Field, Wanborough on Monday 2 September 2013.

The SPD shows residents where it is intended that the thousands of new homes planned for the land east of the A419 and either side of the A420 will go. These include the unspecified number at Redlands Farm, just north of Wanborough, which came about as the result of a late and unwelcome change to the housing boundary line. SBC have admitted that it is their intention to send this SPD to the Inspector later in the year without any idea how they will pay for the roads and infrastructure thought to be necessary.

The Parish Council believes that the biggest problem for most of the local villages will be the capacity of the A419 and A420 to take the increased traffic (already a problem at peak times) if they are not improved and the consequent rat-running on minor roads.

If you wish to comment please see the SPD.

## Rubbish Collection

All householders are reminded that rubbish for collection by SBC should not be put out until the evening before collection is due or at latest by 6.30 am on the morning of collection. If you are unsure when that is for your own house, you should check with SBC. It should be placed at the nearest point of your property to the public highway.

Rubbish should be left out as follows:

- Fortnightly wheelie bin collection for domestic rubbish. Wheelie bin lids must be shut.
- Fortnightly collection of mixed plastics. These items must be placed in clear (transparent) or white sacks.
- Fortnightly collection of green waste. This must be placed in green sacks and collection is limited to four bags per household.
- Weekly collection of dry recyclable items placed in SBC orange boxes.

**For problems with Waste Collections call Streetsmart on:**

Tel: 01793 445501 - Monday to Friday 8.00am-8.00pm;  
01793 466453 at all other times

## Press Release from Prospect Hospice, 12 August 2013.

**Headline:**

### Prospect Hospice lines up busy autumn

Prospect Hospice enters the autumn months by inviting the local community through the gates of its gardens for its annual fete at the Hospice on Saturday 7 September. The traditional garden fete, with stalls, family entertainment and refreshments is billed as an afternoon of family fun in the gardens of the Hospice from 12noon, with a free Park and Ride bus service provided by Thamesdown Transport, taking visitors from Nationwide House on Pipers Way to the popular event.

Later in the month, the Wroughton-based charity is inviting walkers to take part in its Night Hike around Marlborough and the surrounding area, with a 15km trek through the Wiltshire countryside after dark. The atmospheric event, which is now in its fourth year, starts and finishes at Marlborough Town Hall, but requires anyone who is taking part to come prepared with sturdy boots or similar and a good torch. You can register for the event for £15 at [www.prospect-hospice.net](http://www.prospect-hospice.net)

Prospect Hospice is also seeking volunteers who are confident public speakers to consider becoming ambassadors for the charity, in support of its fundraising activities.

Specifically, the charity wants people who are confident in speaking in front of gatherings of supporters to train to say a few words about the hospice's current work/activities and to be able to express the appreciation of the charity to groups who have raised funds for it.

The hospice is holding an information evening for would-be ambassadors on Wednesday 9 October, and a training evening on Wednesday 23 October, with potential ambassadors required to attend both evenings. Anyone interested in becoming a Prospect Hospice ambassador should contact Amy Francombe or Andrew Thompson at Prospect Hospice on 01793 813355 if you are intending to attend.

# SMALL PRINT

## Welcome

The Parish Council always extends a warm welcome to all new and prospective residents of the Parish. We are very pleased that you've chosen to live in our community.

The Parish contains two conservation areas and everything south of the Icknield Way is also in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Many houses are also listed.

Naturally this brings with it all sorts of problems when it comes to tree felling, house alterations, etc. There are also other regulations aimed at preserving the character

and beauty of the parish. If in doubt, please check, we are only a phone call away.

The Parish Council is therefore always available to answer any questions you may have on any particular aspect of living in a conservation area, the area of outstanding natural beauty or in listed buildings. Please do not hesitate to contact either the Clerk, the Chair or any member of the council - the numbers appear on the next page.

We do hope you will be very happy here.

## Parish Documents

The Parish has an archive room in the village hall in Bishopstone. This is not accessible to members of the public, however, with advanced warning any document stored there may be viewed by contacting a member of the council.

Documents of particular importance are also stored on

the parish website and may be viewed by anyone with a PC. Members of the parish without a PC can ask the clerk to provide them with a hard copy.

Documents on the website include the precept, the accounts, standing orders, annual Returns, etc.

## Parish Parking

The Parish has many narrow lanes and these need to be accessible to residents, utility and emergency vehicles at all times. Cars are now being parked along some of the narrowest sections of road (e.g. Cues Lane in Bishopstone, High Street, Bishopstone, etc.) often blocking these routes to even small vehicles. Please remember that emergency vehicles need to be able to move freely down all the roads and lanes of the parish at all times. Could we therefore ask that owners of vehicles park them responsibly and avoid the narrowest sections.

THE Village Hall car park in Bishopstone is a private space available only for those using the village hall. It is not somewhere for parishioners to park on a long term basis; whatever the circumstances might be. This is

clearly signed on the wall of the hall.

Cars parked here make it very difficult for legitimate car park users to find space for their vehicles. It is also incredibly inconvenient for those users having to load and unload items, or for the infirm or disabled who wish to make use of the hall.

Provided the hall is not in use, loading and unloading of vehicles is permitted, as is visitor parking for short periods. By prior arrangement with the committee the siting of skips can also be accommodated.

The committee very much regret that it cannot offer parking for those in need, however, hall users must come first and from the complaints received these are frequently finding it difficult to park.

## Protected Trees

Trees are vital to the quality of our lives for a number of reasons:-

- They help make our two villages more pleasant and attractive places in which to live and work.
- They are often a familiar and cherished feature and so provide a sense of place.
- They provide a valuable habitat for wildlife.

They are often older than many of the buildings amongst which they stand and so contribute to our local history. Because they are so important to our environment all trees within a Conservation Area are protected by law\*. The **whole** of Bishopstone is within a Conservation Area. The **whole** of Hinton Parva centred around the church is also within a Conservation Area.

Anyone planning to cut down or carry out work to a tree here must give the Borough Council six weeks written notice of their intention to do so.

\*Whilst there are one or two exemptions, such as trees with a diameter of less than 3 inches (measured 1.5m from the ground) or when a tree is in a dangerous condition, you are strongly advised to check first with the Council's Tree Officer since any unauthorised works can be a criminal offence which could lead to prosecution and heavy fines of up to £20,000. Better to be safe than sorry!

The Council's Tree Officer can be contacted on 01793 466318.

*Individual trees or groups of trees that make a particularly important contribution to either of our villages may be worthy of special protection by way of a Tree Preservation Order. If you know of any such trees then please do not hesitate to contact any Member of the Parish Council or the Borough Council's Tree Officer who will be happy to make an inspection.*

## Outside Lights

One of the things that makes the Parish so unique and wonderful is the lack of street lighting to blight the villages. Sadly more and more people are now erecting high wattage outside lights and leaving them on permanently. Please consider your neighbours who may not wish their rooms lit throughout the night especially bedrooms where sleep can be seriously disturbed.

Emma Marrington, CPRE's Rural Policy Campaigner said:

*'Many lives are affected by light pollution. It can disturb sleep, disfigure the countryside and make the stars at night invisible to huge numbers of people.'*

Discrete and considerate outside lighting that only comes on when needed is the best type to mount if lighting is considered necessary.

Everyone is becoming more aware how energy wastage is resulting in the earth's resources being diminished. Every light that is on when no one needs to use the light it casts is adding to this wastage.

So please look at your lighting needs and think of your neighbours as well as the planet and only light when needed.

# USEFUL INFORMATION

**Crimestoppers:** 0800 555 111

(Call anonymously with information about crime)

**Domestic Violence** 24hr National Helpline: 0808 2000 247

**FRANK:** 0800 77 66 00  
(drug related)

**Anti Social Behaviour:** 01793 445500

**Noise Nuisance:** 01793 445500

**NHS Direct:** 0845 4647

**Swindon Community Safety Partnership:** 01793 466506

**Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust** 01225 794652 provides home security services to people aged 60+ or with special needs.

(NB: the WBVT is a charity - donations are welcome).

### Beat the Burglar

If you see anyone acting suspiciously, take their description and vehicle registration details and call the police on: 0845 408 7000. In an emergency call 999.

For a free home security pack and information about offers on home security call the Home Office:

**0800 456 1213**

(Packs are subject to availability).

### Police search website.

<http://www.police.uk/>

## Meetings for the year

**2013/14**

2nd September 2013

7th October 2013

4th November 2013

2nd December 2013

6th January 2014

3rd February 2014

3 March 2014

7th April 2014

12th May 2014 Owing to Bank Holiday

All meetings begin at 7.30pm and members of the public are always welcome. Late changes are shown on the website <http://parish.bishopstone.net> and on the notice boards in Hinton Parva and Bishopstone.

## BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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### Mr Julian Cooke

Church Farm, Hinton Parva. SN4 0DW. 790278.

### Mr Nigel Crisp

Willow House, Church Row, Hinton Parva. SN4 0DW. 790035.

### Mr Andrew Greenhalgh

Old Farm House, West End Lane, Bishopstone. SN6 8PX. 791469.

### Mr Simon Jenkins (Chair)

The Old Vicarage, Bishopstone. SN6 8PY. 790545.

### Dr Stuart McGuigan

Greenoak, Newtown Lane, Bishopstone. SN6 8QA. 790219.

### Mr Doug Stevens

Church View, Church Lane, Bishopstone. SN6 8PY. 791107.

### Mr Ian Thomas

Littlecot, High Street, Bishopstone, Wilts. SN6 8PH. 790106.

### Mr Ian Thompson (Vice Chair)

Snowberry House, Hinton Parva. SN4 0DW. 790970.

### VACANCY

## Useful Information

### 101 new non Emergency Police Number

**Police Headquarters**  
0845 408 7000  
24hrs, 7 days a week

### SBC Reception Premier House

01793 465055/465056

### Civic Offices

01793 463668

### Wat Tyler House

01793 463725

### Borough Councillor

**Andrew Bennett** 01793 790563

### Fly Tipping and other similar problems

**Swindon Commercial Services**  
01793 463463

### Keeping Swindon Safe

SBC 01793 445500  
Police 0845 408 7000

### Refurbiz - the Domestic Appliance Re-cycling Charity.

Refurbished appliances at affordable prices with warranty

Replacing your washing machine, dryer, fridge or electric cooker? Please donate your old machines to us so we can refurbish them for families in need. Wiltshire-wide collection and delivery service. Call us on (01380) 720200. Or visit our showroom at Hopton Park, Devizes [www.refurbiz.org](http://www.refurbiz.org). Registered Charity Number 1107150.

### Committee

Finance

Footpaths and Highways

Pond & Island Management Committee

Hinton Village Hall

Bishopstone Village Hall

Police

Hinton Parva Charities

Bishopstone United Charities

Tree Warden

Russley Park Liaison

Responsible Financial Officer

### Representative Hinton Parva

Nigel Crisp (Chair)  
Julian Cooke

Julian Cooke

Ian Thompson

Peter Cooke

Julian Cooke

### Representative Bishopstone

Simon Jenkins  
Vacancy

Stuart McGuigan  
Ian Thomas

Doug Stevens  
Andy Greenhalgh

Andy Greenhalgh

Simon Jenkins

Karolyn Tapper (EX Cllr)  
Lesley Drewett  
Laurie Manketelov (Ex Cllr)

Ian Thomas

Andy Greenhalgh

Lesley Drewett

## Planning Update

All planning applications, their history and all supporting documents can now be viewed online by visiting: [www.swindon.gov.uk/planning](http://www.swindon.gov.uk/planning).

Planning issues are discussed at the monthly Parish Council meetings. All plans for that month are laid out on display prior to the meetings and councilors and members of the public are invited to take a look. Public representations are heard prior to the start of the meeting.

Parish Council meetings alternate between Hinton Parva Village Hall and Bishopstone Village Hall.

Members of the public are always welcome.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

### GRANTED

None

### REFUSED

None.

### Foxhill Motocross 2013 Calendar

24th/25th August - Two Day Youth Event  
19th/20th October ACU British Youth Team

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Don't forget that all important information is displayed on the notice-boards in both villages and on the website.