

# The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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## Locality Lead UPDATE

SOURCE: Jackie Moyles SBC and Andrew Bennett Ward Councillor

**Swindon Borough Council** now has in place a localities team covering South Swindon. The Locality Lead Officer, Jackie Moyles, and Locality Facilitator Tracy Scott are there to support your Ridgeway Ward Councillor Andrew Bennett. They say: "Our aim is to have conversations with more people, more often about the issues that are important to them. We want to develop positive networks and relationships with as many local people, local groups and organisations in the South as we can. If residents have any issues or concerns about their area or ideas about how things can be improved Andrew Bennett and the Localities team would love to have a conversation.

The Council is also piloting a fund for each locality, where decisions on how local budgets are spent in the South, are prioritised by the South Councillors. There are 3 elements of the pilot:

1. *Community Grants* - groups and organisations who would like to apply for a community grant can find all the details and application forms on [www.swindon.gov.uk](http://www.swindon.gov.uk) or contact Alison Chamberlain on 01793 466301
2. *Minor Highways works* - each locality has £25k to spend across the whole Locality, on minor highways schemes such as signage, dropped kerbs, white-lining etc. If there are any issues concerning your area, please contact your Ward Councillor.
3. *StreetSmart hours* - are there any additional grounds maintenance or street cleaning jobs you would like to see completed on a one off basis or you would like to volunteer getting involved in? If so please contact your Ward Councillor.

Cllr Andrew Bennett can be contacted on 01793 790563 or [abennett@ndirect.co.uk](mailto:abennett@ndirect.co.uk) Jackie and Tracy can be contacted on [swindonsouth@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:swindonsouth@swindon.gov.uk) or by ringing 01793 466278 or 01793 466239 You can also follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/SwindonSouth](http://www.facebook.com/SwindonSouth) And Twitter [@SwindonSouth](https://twitter.com/SwindonSouth)

The Parish Council is considering how we might bid for funds under the three pilots mentioned above; if you have any ideas please contact a member of the Parish Council.



'Bin it - don't block it' is our campaign to educate people about 'sewer abuse' - which is putting anything other than human waste or toilet tissue down drains.

The biggest no-no is pouring cooking fat down the sink as it sets hard, forming 'fatberg' blockages. This prevents sewage from flowing and can cause it to back up, especially when other unsuitable products such as wet wipes and sanitary items mix with the fat, leading to waste backing up into homes and streets, and having a devastating impact on the environment.

Further information can be found at <http://www.thameswater.co.uk/cps/rde/xchg/corp/hs.xsl/9781.htm>. SOURCE THAMES WATER.

**MEND Teens** is a **FREE**, fun 10-week healthy lifestyle programme for 13 to 16-year-olds and their parents or carers starting Monday 17th September at Stratton Leisure Centre, Grange Drive, Stratton St Margaret, Swindon SN3 4JY. Sessions will be after school on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4-6pm. The first hour of every session will be an interactive healthy eating workshop and then the teens spend the second hour exercising while the parents and carers discuss specific topics in more detail together. MEND Teens is a programme for young people who are above a healthy weight. There is also a MEND programme for 5-7-year-olds at the Oasis Leisure Centre starting on Wednesday 19th September 2012. Sessions are 1 ¼ hours long on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-5:30pm where children participate in age-appropriate and fun games. MEND for 7-13-year-olds continues at the Link Centre and starts again on Tuesday 18th September. Sessions are 2-hours long on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 5-7pm where families learn about healthy eating and activity in a relaxed and happy environment. For more information on these programmes please contact Emma Sperring on 01793 465412 or 07818 510563 or email [esperring@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:esperring@swindon.gov.uk) or visit [www.challengeswindon.org.uk](http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk)

## Gearing Up for Olympic Cycle Races in Swindon!

**Swindon cyclists** will be in the saddle and pedalling the message to get on your bike in celebration of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

When the Games begin next month, Wharf Green is the place to be with all the action shown live on the Big Screen and an array of free sporting festivities for people to come and try. Some different 20 activities will be on offer between 28th July and 12th August - cycling will take centre stage on Saturday 11th August.

Everyone is invited to come and watch the cross country mountain biking race on the Big Screen, and even give it a go on the ground with portable mountain bike obstacles. There will also be extra tiered seating to watch the race and an assortment of local clubs to answer questions and find out how to get involved locally. Local cycling clubs are set to compete in static bike races before the games and inspire others to have a go in the afternoon. There will also be a pedal-powered smoothie maker and a four-wheel mountain bike on display for disabled riders to try. Organiser, Anna Cipullo, is CTC's Cycling Development Officer for Swindon. As a keen mountain biker, she jumped at the opportunity to make a big deal of the cross country mountain bike races and showcase what Swindon has to offer for cyclists. She says: "It's so easy to watch these amazing athletes on the Olympics and forget that ordinary people can still take part in their sport. The 11th August is not just an opportunity to cheer our British riders on amongst good company, it's an opportunity to find out how cycling can be a part of your life, even if you don't think you're a buddy racer yourself".

Nick Lowe, Time Trialist from West Swindon, says: "I'm looking forward to the Olympics being in our country; it's a once in a life time event, and I can't wait to see the Olympic road racing in Surrey. I want World Champion and British rider, Mark Cavendish, to win and it would be good to see Brit Bradley Wiggins do well in Time Trial too."

Claire Smith, a female Ironman Triathlete from Westlea, is going to see the cross country race live at Hadleigh Park in Essex. She says: "I am looking forward to seeing that race live! I'm also looking forward to the triathlon at Hyde Park as we have the best male and female athletes in the world at the moment."

Grant Bayton, from Taw Hill, rode for professional Italian outfit, Amore e Vita, and now works with athletes for British Cycling. He said: "Cycling is my biggest passion and a huge part of my life. I've raced professionally for a number of years and am now involved in coaching younger cyclists, hopefully champions of the future. I can't wait to cheer on the British cycling team in the Olympics and bring some of the excitement to Swindon."

All activities are free of charge at Wharf Green and run from 11am until 3pm. For more information on Live Site activities see [www.facebook.com/swindon2012](http://www.facebook.com/swindon2012) or call Anna on 07717 696672 for more information on the Live cycling display.

SOURCE: SBC

## Community Speed Watch

**We** reported in the Parish Times for February 2012 that the Parish Council had received a briefing from Inspector Roger Bull, Sector Head of Swindon East Neighbourhood Police Team, about the new Community Speed Watch (CSW) Scheme. Volunteers in communities will be given training, hi-vis jackets and hand held devices to measure the speed of vehicles in our villages; speeding is then reported back to Police and a warning letter may be generated.

The speed surveys which have been completed show that two points in the Parish show an average excessive speed, and we now have been notified that we can launch schemes at Icknield Way Bishopstone, and Body Horse Hill, Hinton Parva.

To improve road safety in our villages and help to deter excessive speeding, we need 6 volunteers for each scheme, so 12 in total. If you can assist in anyway, please contact the Clerk or any member of the Parish Council. We will need your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address.

Thanks for helping to improve safety in our community.

## Police and Crime Commissioner information site

SOURCE: Police

*An information site* about the election of the first ever Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire has been launched.

The area on the Wiltshire Police Authority's website - [www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/pcchttp://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/pcc](http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/pcchttp://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/pcc) - includes details about the role and responsibilities of the forthcoming Police and Crime Commissioner and how they will be scrutinised.

Much like the existing police authority, the Police and Crime Commissioner will be responsible for overseeing Wiltshire Police on behalf of all residents in the Force area. They will represent people living across Wiltshire and Swindon.

Elections for Police and Crime Commissioners take place on Thursday 15 November 2012. There will then be a formal seven day transition period before the commissioner takes office on Thursday 22 November.

The Wiltshire Police area Police and Crime Commissioner will replace Wiltshire Police Authority, the group of 17 councillors and independent members who currently oversee Wiltshire Police.

You can find out more about Police and Crime Commissioners on the website - [www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/pcchttp://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/pcc](http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/pcchttp://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/pcc). As well as information about their role, it includes a timeline highlighting key dates in the transition from Wiltshire Police Authority to the Police and Crime Commissioner, details about the election, a news section and links to useful documents and other websites for potential candidates.

# 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/>

### Parish Website:

[parish.bishopstone.net](http://parish.bishopstone.net) (no www in front)

## Meetings for the year

### 2012/13 Meeting Dates

- 6 August 2012 HP
- 3 September 2012 B
- 1 October 2012 HP
- 12 November 2012 B (Changed from 1st Monday due to Bonfire Night).
- 3 December 2012 HP
- 7 January 2013 B
- 4 February 2013 HP
- 4 March 2013 HP
- 1 April 2013 B
- 13 May 2013 HP (Changed from 1st Monday due 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.

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**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.

**Mrs Karolyn Tapper (Vice Chair)**

Orchard Cottage, Bishopstone, Wilts. SN6 8PL. 790658.

**Mr Ian Thomas**

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

**Mr Ian Thompson**

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

**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. Registered Charity Number 1107150.

Committee	Representative (Hinton Parva)	Representative (Bishopstone)
Finance (sub committee)	Ian Thompson (Chair) Julian Cooke	Karolyn Tapper Simon Jenkins
Footpaths & Highways	Julian Cooke	Stuart McGuigan Ian Thomas
Pond & Island Management Committee		Doug Stevens Andrew Greenhalgh
Hinton Village Hall	Ian Thompson	
Bishopstone Village Hall		Karolyn Tapper
Police & Media	Nigel Crisp (Media)	Simon Jenkins (Police)
Hinton Parva Charities	Peter Cooke	
Bishopstone United Charities		Karolyn Tapper Lesley Drewett Laurie Manktelow (Ex Cllr)
Tree Warden	Julian Cooke	Ian Thomas
Russley Park Liaison	Andrew Greenhalgh	
Responsible Financial Officer		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.

**Foxhill Motocross 2012 Calendar**

August 4th, August 5th

Racing will take place on all the above days.

**Planning:**

**APPLICATIONS**

S/12/0186ROBI - Erection of an outbuilding - Vorty Stables, The City, Bishopstone - Mr Roland Billington - 466365 - Before 29th June 2012

**Section 211 Notices:**

NONE

**GRANTED**

NONE

**REFUSED**

NONE

**Don't forget that all important information is displayed on the notice-boards in both villages and on the website at <http://parish.bishopstone.net>.**

*The Parish Times will always be available on the website. It is added there as soon as it is ready to go to the printers.*

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