

# The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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## Dog Issues

Source: Parish Council

**Regrettably**, the Parish Council has again received complaints from parishioners about dogs in the Parish not properly under control - and particularly, not to mince words, about increasing quantities of dog poo. As citizens, we all have responsibilities to our neighbours and fellow parishioners, especially in small rural communities. Ownership of a dog carries with it other responsibilities, including to keep it under control and not to cause offence to others.

We have been in discussion with the Police who have advised us that they are available to assist and advise in specific circumstances. They will also be carrying out random visits to our villages in an attempt to identify and deter offenders. The Dog Warden at SBC (Glyn Eamus) may also be contacted on: E-mail: [GEamus@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:GEamus@swindon.gov.uk) or Tel: 01793 445501. Following the article in last month's Newsletter on this subject, both the Parish and Parochial Church Councils wish to make clear their view that permitting your dog to leave its excrement on footpaths, pavements and even other peoples' drives and gardens is offensive to all of us; it constitutes unacceptable behaviour.

As the Parish Council has stated many times before:

- Dogs should not be permitted to roam loose around our villages
- Dog poo should not be left in public areas; please use bags and dispose of them properly - bags should never be left in hedgerows and verges.

This includes fields where livestock may graze; dog excrement can cause Neosporosis, Toxicariasis and Sarcocystosis which can be fatal to livestock; this has occurred recently in our Parish. In addition, unwormed dogs will transmit round and tape worms to livestock as well as humans; unvaccinated dogs can transmit leptospirosis (Weill's Disease), again both to humans and livestock. The Parish Council has further information on these diseases available on request.

## Village Football Pitch

Calling all football fans, young and old - we have a village asset that is not being used and which has been neglected and overgrown. Your village football pitch needs you! If you are interested in resuscitating this facility AND making regular use if it, either for general kick-arounds or organised games, please register your interest on the village website at <http://bishopstoneandhintonparva.org/football-pitch/>

If we can muster up enough support we might be able to justify the initial expenditure required to bring it back to life; and then continue to maintain it if enough of us carry on using it regularly!

The football pitch is located about 400 yards out of the village along New Road (the road that leads out to Bourton) on the right. It has been very generously made available for our use by Eastbrook Farm.



**Press Release from Prospect Hospice, 10 July 2013.**

**Headline: Swimmers urged to sign up for Prospect Hospice's Big Swim event**

Prospect Hospice is urging people with a love for swimming not to miss the chance to take part in its first ever open water swimming challenge on 10 August. If you've only ever swum in your local pool before and want to try wild swimming this is the event for you.

The Big Swim takes place at the beautiful Bowmoor Sailing Lake near Lechlade, with participants offered three courses ranging from 500m, 1.3km or a 3.8km route, there is something for everyone. Friends and family are also welcome to come along and support the swimmers at this event.

"The summer is very much the time when more people can take part in outdoor challenges," says Prospect Hospice events fundraiser Genevieve Arney, "We are hopeful that Swindon's swimmers will come out in force to take part in Big Swim, the first open water charity challenge that's been held in this area."

Big Swim participants can visit [www.prospect-hospice.net/bigswim](http://www.prospect-hospice.net/bigswim) to register.

### Media enquiries:

For media enquiries contact Andrew Thompson, Communications Manager, Prospect Hospice 01793 816167/07500 933831 or email [andrewthompson@prospect-hospice.net](mailto:andrewthompson@prospect-hospice.net)

# Submission of Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026 and the Statement of Community Involvement in Planning

Swindon Borough Council Local Plan 2026 has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for the purposes of an examination to take place later this year. The document is available for inspection at the house of the Parish Council Chair (Simon Jenkins) as requested by SBC. The 2 documents (reproduced below) from SBC are also on the Bishopstone and Hinton Parva notice boards and the web site.

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF THE SWINDON BOROUGH  
LOCAL PLAN 2026  
(REGULATION 22)  
PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 (AS  
AMENDED)  
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL  
DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND)  
REGULATIONS 2004  
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL  
DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2008  
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING)  
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS  
2012

Notice is given in accordance with the above Regulations that Swindon Borough Council has submitted the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026 to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 28th June 2013 for an independent examination.

The Local Plan is a document that sets out the spatial framework for development within the Borough to 2026 and once adopted the plan will form part of the Swindon Borough Local Development Framework.

Copies of the Swindon Borough Local Plan (2026) and supporting submission documents, including the Sustainability Appraisal are available for public inspection at Swindon Borough Council One-Stop Shop Reception Desk at Wat Tyler House, Beckhampton Street, Swindon free of charge (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm).

The Swindon Borough Local Plan (2026) and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal may also be viewed at all the libraries within Swindon Borough, during normal opening hours, and can also be viewed on the Borough's website [www.swindon.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.swindon.gov.uk/localplan).

The Local Plan will now be subject to an independent examination to be conducted by a Government Planning Inspector. The examination is a continuous process running from submission through to the receipt of the Inspector's Report. Part of this process will involve hearing sessions where those, invited to attend, will have the opportunity to respond to matters raised by the Inspector. Once information on the hearing sessions is confirmed, all details relating to the examination process will be advertised, made available on line and sent to all respondents.

For further information please contact the Local Plans Team on 01793466513, or e-mail [forwardplanning@svwindon.gov.uk](mailto:forwardplanning@svwindon.gov.uk)

S. Taylor  
Director of Law and Democratic Services  
Swindon Borough Council  
Civic Offices, Euclid Street  
Swindon, SN1 2JH  
Dated: Friday 28th June 2013

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 (AS  
AMENDED) AND LOCALISM ACT 2011  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF THE SWINDON STATEMENT  
OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING  
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL  
DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND)  
REGULATIONS 2004 AND 2008 (AS AMENDED)  
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL  
DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

Swindon Borough Council has published the revised version of the 'The Statement of Community Involvement in Planning'.

Swindon Borough Council recognises the value of involving the residents of the Borough in identifying and articulating local community needs and priorities, improving service delivery and informing planning policy and strategy within Swindon. The purpose of the document is to provide up to date information on how the Borough Council will engage with the community in the planning process.

The final document has been amended to reflect comments received during the public consultation.

Copies of the Statement are available for public inspection at Swindon Borough Council One-Stop-Shop Reception Desk, Wat Tyler House, Beckhampton Street, Swindon (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm). The statement can also be viewed at all libraries within Swindon Borough, during normal opening hours of those libraries.

All documentation can also be viewed and down loaded on Swindon Borough Council's website at: [www.swindon.gov.uk/sci](http://www.swindon.gov.uk/sci) or a hard copy of the document can be obtained free of charge by contacting the Local Plans Team.

For further information is available by contacting the Planning Service at the Borough Council on 01793 466513, or e-mail [forwardplanning@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:forwardplanning@swindon.gov.uk)

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Head of Planning, Service Delivery  
Swindon Borough Council  
Wat Tyler House (West)  
Beckhampton Street  
Swindon, SN1 2JH  
Dated: Friday 28th June 2013

# 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

5th August 2013  
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.

### Foxhill Motocross 2013 Calendar

20th/21st July - Two Day Youth Event  
10th/11th August - Two Day Youth Event  
24th/25th August - Two Day Youth Event  
19th/20th October ACU British Youth Team

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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.

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