

# The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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## SOUTH LOCALITY

SOURCE: Jackie Moyes

The next South Locality meeting will be held at Lawn Community Centre, Guildford Avenue, Swindon, SN3 1LA.

The South Locality comprises of the following areas and is open to all residents of these areas: Old Town, Lawn, Liddington, Wanborough, Wroughton, Wichelstowe, Chiseldon, Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and all villages or areas in between.

The meeting will start at 7.00pm but there will be refreshments and information available from 6.30pm.

Agenda items for discussion will include:

- What are the police priorities for your area?
- What are the Highway and Environmental priorities for your neighbourhood?
- Town Centre Masterplan
- Recycling
- Any Other Business

Please note that there is parking available at the community centre, however, this is limited so please car share where possible.

Please contact me if you have any queries about the meeting or if you would like to help us promote the meeting by delivering leaflets in your area.



### Sewage Blockages

There was a major blockage of the sewage system in the Cues Lane area of Bishopstone recently. In brief Thames Water advice is:

'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>

### Diamond Jubilee

The Parish Council would like to congratulate and thank all those who worked so hard to make the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations such a success for the Parish as a whole.

It was a brave decision by the committee to bring forward the Street Party from Sunday to Saturday at short notice on account of the weather, but it paid off. With over 200 joining in the lunch, followed by the children's games and tug of war, the Royal Oak's pig racing on Sunday, Julian Cook's beacon on Monday evening and the Hinton Parva tea party on Tuesday, the Parish can truly be said to have played its part in the nation-wide celebrations to mark the Queen's 60 years on the throne.

# Independent PERSON

**Parishioners** may wish to be aware that the new position of "Independent Person" has been created under the Localism Act. Swindon Borough Council is required under section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 to appoint at least one Independent Person to assist the Council in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by borough councillors and co-opted members of the Council, and by Town/Parish Councillors of Town/Parish Councils within the Borough.

For anybody interested in the position, more information and the recruitment pack is on the SBC website at <http://www.swindon.gov.uk/cd/cd-democracy/Pages/cd-councillors-codeofconduct.aspx>

## Youth Sport SWINDON

We are supporting the Sport and Physical Activity team from Leisure Services with the submission of a big Lottery bid for the Youth Sport Swindon project. Basically this project brings together a number of projects that were housed in different sections of the council and funded by different pots of money. The projects are Twilight football, Muslim Youth Development project and Streetgames. There is a need to secure external funding to keep them going. The ambition is to bring these projects under one project and to link/support similar work going on across our voluntary sector partners so that we can create a sporting programme for young people (outside of school hours) that will achieve the outcomes of reducing anti-social behaviour through engaging young people in positive sporting activities; reducing the number of young people not in education, employment or training through increase skills training; increase the number of young people volunteering which will increase their confidence and self-esteem and get them more involved in their community. One of the things that they need your help with is to demonstrate the need for this type of project. I have attached two questionnaires - one to be given to young people that you work with to capture their opinion and the other is aimed at the wider community (adults). Would you please either complete the survey online or print off and use the relevant questionnaire with your group by 27th June to allow time for results to be compiled. Thank you for your assistance. Leisure Questionnaire for Young People to complete

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/26GWHXF>

Leisure Questionnaire for the wider community to complete

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2ZHSNTT>

SOURCE: SBC

# LOCALITY WORKING

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To support Locality working the Council has recently appointed full-time Locality Leads for each of the seven clusters/Localities to work with local people to build local solutions.

In January 2012, the newly appointed Locality Leads took up their posts in their new locality areas. The team has already spent some time with the voluntary and community sector since being appointed and are eager to begin working closely with Members, colleagues and local communities to start bringing the Stronger Together vision to life in local areas.

The Locality Leads are:

- Jackie Moyles - South
- Paula Harrison - West
- Andy Reeves - North Central
- Nazakat Ali - East
- Mark Walker - Town Centre
- Pam Gough / Andrea Barrett (job share) - North East
- Helena Robinson / Kathryn Langdown - North
- (Kathryn Langdown will cover for Helena's maternity leave)

# 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

11 June 2012 HP  
2 July 2012 B  
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.

## 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

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](http://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

June 30th, July 1st, July 7th  
July 8th, August 4th, August 5th

Racing will take place on all the above days.

### Planning:

#### APPLICATIONS

**S/12/0659RM** - Erection of a horse walker & provision for lighting to existing ménage (Retrospective) - Menehall, Russley Park, Baydon - Rhian Morris - 01793 466285 Before 21st June 2012 Conservation Area

#### Section 211 Notices:

NONE

#### GRANTED

**S/12/0098KICO** - Erection of 40no solar panels in field 160m from back of house - Hinton Manor, Church Row, Hinton Parva

**S/CAC/12/0596HC** - Demolition of existing chimney & reconstruction to match existing - Mill House, Cues Lane, Bishopstone

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#### 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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