

# The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Source: Parish Council

**Last year** the Parish Council sought volunteers for the Community Speed Watch initiative. This involves local volunteers being trained by SBC to use equipment which can measure excessive speeding through the Parish, and report offenders to the Police.

We are grateful to those who volunteered but the initiative foundered at the time because of the requirements of the documentation to be provided by volunteers. It has now been confirmed that this is not as onerous as we feared, and particularly that it is not necessary for the National Insurance Number to be completed on the form, as long as the ID is provided. This is a checking process rather than a disclosure and barring check. We have been assured that all personal information will be destroyed once the initial checks have been completed.

If you would like to assist in this worthwhile initiative, please notify the Clerk or any member of the Parish Council.

## Karolyn Tapper

**The Parish Council** regrets to report that Karolyn Tapper has found it necessary to stand down from the Council with immediate effect, on account of increasing family and work commitments. Karolyn has been a member of the Parish Council for almost 10 years and Vice Chair also. She has given a great deal of her time and local knowledge in the service of all in the Parish and she will be much missed.

At the Parish Council meeting on 15 May 2013 a vote of thanks was recorded for her service.

## Parish Council Vacancy

As a result of Karolyn's resignation a vacancy now exists on the Parish Council; if any member of the Parish would like to stand for this worthwhile and interesting position in which you can be of service to our community, please contact the Clerk or any member of the Parish Council. We would welcome applications from any parishioner. However, currently there is no representation from Russley Park.



Neighbourhood Watch has operated in Wiltshire for many years and covers more per head of population than almost any NHW in the country. The emphasis of Neighbourhood Watch is changing; it is increasingly about creating communities who care, bringing local people together and can make a real contribution to improving their lives through working in partnership with the police and local community groups. The principles of Neighbourhood Watch:

- Cut crime and reduce the opportunities for crime.
- Help to reassure those who live in fear of crime.
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities.
- Inform the police and neighbours about suspicious behaviour and incidents in their neighbourhood.

Each NHW scheme is a community initiative which is supported by the police. Success depends on what residents make of their scheme. The police will support groups by producing regular newsletters, crime bulletins or a ring round service of time critical crime information. They will set up a NHW presentation with the new scheme members to discuss local issues, NHW principles, home and car security and provide them a Welcome Pack. Some geographical areas have an Area Coordinator and their details will be passed to the scheme coordinator and visa versa. The basic elements of being a Scheme Co-ordinator are to:

- Develop an effective means of internal communication to scheme members for gathering and disseminating information, using a cascade system. Some information may be time critical.
- Communicate problems within your area to the Area coordinator to discuss at quarterly meeting so assistance can be sought through various agencies
- Distribute a local newsletter produced by police. (Subject to operational policing)
- Encourage their members to secure their homes effectively against burglary and theft following advice from the start up meeting
- Encourage all members to report all suspicious incidents or any information to the police, and advise members of the appropriate use of the 999 system.
- Encourage members to observe any suspicious activity, record details of suspects and vehicle numbers and immediately report them to the Police.
- Welcome new neighbours once the scheme is running and give them a Welcome Pack and crime reduction advice, which is available from the Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer.
- Encourage members to note the serial numbers of their electrical items and security mark their property using the post-coding system or other property marking methods.

Source: Wiltshire Police.  
For more information contact:  
[swindonsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:swindonsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

# Welcome to Wiltshire Good Neighbours

*Valerie O'Keefe* is the local co-ordinator working in our Community. She will be your 'one stop' shop for information and can put you in touch with the people who can really help improve living your independent life. She can provide information on a variety of topics and these may include (but are not limited to): Transport for shopping & health related visits, where to get financial advice about benefits, local social clubs and meetings and home security & safety.

**If you think that she can help, please call her: Valerie O'Keefe on : 07557 922034**

**Wiltshire Good Neighbours is a free service that is provided through a partnerships of: Wiltshire Council, Community First. Wiltshire Age UK, Salisbury District Age UK.**

## From Wiltshire Police - May 2013 - PC Rory Draper reports:

The month of April has been particularly busy for the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) as we have been dealing with a large number of shed and garage burglaries reported across the area, in particular in Wroughton where the Allotments were targeted and a significant number of sheds broken into. In relation to the number of sheds and garages entered, the amount of property taken was relatively low but there appears to be a trend that petrol strimmers, lawn mowers, rotovators and similar items have been targeted. In many cases sheds and garages have been entered but the items inside have been left undisturbed. I would therefore urge you to consider where you store the more expensive garden items and wherever possible, chain them to an immovable object inside your sheds or garages. In many cases, damage was caused to gain entry but nothing subsequently taken so whilst an enhancement to security is always the best approach, in particular with sheds in gardens or allotments that do not contain anything of value, it may be a consideration to leave these buildings unlocked and prevent needless damage taking place.

However on a positive note in relation to these matters, one male was arrested in the early hours of 23rd April 2013 in Wroughton and a significant amount of property recovered. Community Intelligence played a significant part in our arrest, through Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

Do not hesitate to contact us by email on [swindonsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:swindonsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) or via the 101 telephone number if you would like to discuss any matters.

If any areas of the Parish would like information on setting up NHW schemes, there is further information in this edition of the Parish Times.

# 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

3rd June 2013  
1st July 2013  
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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website:<http://bishopstoneandhintonparva.org>

### 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 councillors 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

18th/19th May - To Be Confirmed  
2nd June - Maxxis  
23rd June - One Day Quad Bike Event  
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

**S/LBC/13/0215/SASM** - Insertion of a duct – Titcheners Cottage, High Street, Bishopstone

**S/LBC/13/0218/HC** - Replacement of 1 no front window & 1 no bay window – Spring Cottage, Nell Hill, Bishopstone

**S/13/0064/SASM** - Erection of extension to garage – Batts Farm House, Church Row, Hinton Parva

**S/13/0198HC** - Rebuild of boundary wall – Vorty Stables, the City, Bishopstone

**S/13/0216/KICO** - Erection of a triple bay garage & car port - Russley Park Cottage, Russley Park, Baydon

**S/13/0409HC** - Erection of extension to garage and single storey side/rear extensions and associated works – Hangar Park House, Hinton Parva

### 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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