

# The Parish Times

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## WARNING OVER ONLINE FRAUD

Cyber criminals are taking advantage of the Covid-19 pandemic via phishing emails, websites and text messages to scam members of the public out of large sums of money and sensitive information.

Since the virus took a hold in the UK there have been more than 100 victims of Coronavirus related fraud, with losses of almost £1m recorded.

Wiltshire Police Detective Inspector, Gemma Vinton, said "Criminals are using the Coronavirus pandemic to their advantage and we have seen examples of them adapting their methods to play upon people's fear and anxiety. We are warning everyone to be vigilant, not just the vulnerable or elderly."

### When online:

**Stop.** It's important to stop and think a moment before parting with any money or information.

**Challenge.** Challenge the origin of your email, text or website. Could it be fake? Check with the sender using another method of communication.

**Protect.** Protect yourself with added security measures where possible and report anything suspicious to your bank or Action Fraud.

Criminals are sending emails offering fake medical support or supplies, tricking people who may be vulnerable, frightened or increasingly isolated at home. These fraudsters try to lure people in with offers that look too good to be true or make appeals to support bogus charities.

Reports from the public have included online shopping scams where people have ordered protective face masks, hand sanitiser and other items via auction sites, which have never arrived.

There have also been a number of cases where fake testing kits have been offered for sale.

Criminals are sometimes using Government branding to try to scam people, including false offers of financial support through unsolicited emails, phone calls and text messages.

Remember that neither your bank nor the police will ever ask you to transfer money to any so-called "safe" account."

If you have been a victim of a cyber crime, please report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or via their website at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

## FLY TIPPING, GARDEN WASTE AND BONFIRES

In recent weeks, an increasing amount of garden waste has been dumped in public places. Depositing waste on public land is fly-tipping, which of course is illegal, as well as anti-social. Please retain your garden waste until such time as it is collected, or compost it within the curtilage of your own property.

It is also not permissible to burn your waste.

Following a great many complaints, Swindon Borough Council ask people not to have a bonfire during this time of crisis.

Bonfires can:

- Release toxic smoke when some items are burnt
- Upset neighbours who want to open windows, dry their washing and enjoy their gardens
- Quickly get out of control and put additional pressures on emergency respondents

Burning household waste, DIY waste, plastic, treated wood and other items is always an offence.

## ODDS and ENDS

### COVID-19 HELP AVAILABLE

Thank you to all the village volunteers who are helping to keep self-isolating and elderly residents supplied with food, medicines and other support during the coronavirus lock down.

Swindon Borough Council can provide help with, for example, financial advice and food support for the vulnerable. To find out what help is available visit their website:

<https://www.swindon.gov.uk/emergencyhelp>

You can also email

[customerservices@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@swindon.gov.uk) or phone

01793 445500. They are open Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm

### PARISH BUSINESS

The Parish Council's monthly meeting is a very effective and immediate forum for discussion of matters of concern to villagers. Every Parish Council meeting starts with a 'public question time' and all residents are welcome to attend and ask questions. Dates for the year ahead are shown below. Meetings usually start at 7.30pm, alternating between Bishopstone and Hinton Parva. Residents can also contact the Clerk to raise any issue, and councillors will respond as quickly and fully as possible.

Agendas and minutes are published online at <https://bishopstoneandhintonparva.org/parishcouncil/> and paper copies are posted on the village hall noticeboards for all to read. During the current Coronavirus crisis, meetings are being held online. Members of the press and public are always welcome and should contact the Clerk at [clerk@bishopstoneandhintonparva.org](mailto:clerk@bishopstoneandhintonparva.org) or telephone 07913 819422 to submit questions or attend via Skype.

### IMPORTANT ADVICE

Swindon Borough Council often notify us of important consultations and drop in events with timescales that make it not worth inserting in the Parish Times as the deadlines will have passed before it is read. It is therefore important to keep an eye on the village noticeboards and website for up-to-date news.

### LOCAL ELECTIONS

The Government has announced that all local elections scheduled to take place on 7 May have been postponed until 2021.

### STEPPING DOWN

Thanks are given to Bishopstone Parish Councillor Stuart McGuigan, who is resigning at the end of April, for his 12 years of service to the community.

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

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

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## BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Mr Julian Cooke**

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**Mr Tom Green**

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**Mrs Gill May**

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**Please note the Clerk and Councillors new email addresses.**

**The Parish Council agreed a new privacy policy in May 2018 which is available from the website.**

## Useful Information

**SBC Reception Premier House**

01793 465055/465056

**Civic Offices**

01793 463668

**Wat Tyler House**


01793 463725

**General enquiries to Streetsmart 01793 445501**

**Borough Councillor**

Gary Sumner - GSumner2@swindon.gov.uk

Key Responsibility	Representative Hinton Parva	Representative Bishopstone
Finance	Nigel Crisp Julian Cooke	
Footpaths and Highways	Julian Cooke	Stuart McGuigan Ian Thomas
Pond & Island		Doug Stevens Andy Greenhalgh
Hinton Parva Village Hall	Valerie Brodin	
Bishopstone Village Hall		Andy Greenhalgh
Hinton Parva Charities	Peter Cooke	
Bishopstone United Charities		Karolyn Tapper (Ex Cllr) Jaine Blackman (Clerk) Laurie Manktelow (Ex Cllr)
Trees	Julian Cooke	Ian Thomas
Russley Park Liaison		Andy Greenhalgh
Responsible Financial Officer		Jaine Blackman (Clerk)
Plannng		Ian Thomas/Tom Green
Website/IT	Nigel Crisp	



WILTSHIRE POLICE  
Non emergency number:  
**101**  
IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999  
www.wiltshire.police.uk

101 is the new number to call when you want to contact the police - when it's less urgent than 999. In a non emergency dial 101 if:

- you want to report a crime/issue that does not require an immediate emergency response
- you or someone else are **not** in immediate danger
- you would like to speak to your local police officer
- you want to provide information about a crime

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired you can textphone 18001 101 in a non emergency

## PLANNING UPDATE

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

Planning issues are discussed at the monthly Parish Council meetings. Public representations are heard prior to the start of the meeting. During the current Coronavirus crisis, meetings are being held online. Members of the press and public are always welcome and should contact the Clerk at clerk@bishopstoneandhintonparva.org or telephone 07913 819422 to submit questions or attend via Skype.

### PC Meetings

2020/2021

- 11 May - online
- 1 June - Hinton Parva
- 6 July - Bishopstone
- 3 August - Hinton Parva
- 7 September - Bishopstone
- 5 October - Hinton Parva
- 2 November - Bishopstone
- 7 December - Hinton Parva
- 4 January - Bishopstone
- 1 February - Hinton Parva
- 1 March - Bishopstone
- 12 April - Hinton Parva

All meetings begin at 7.30pm except the Parish Assembly which starts at 7pm. Late changes are shown on the website  
<https://bishopstoneandhintonparva.org/parishcouncil/> and on the notice boards.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**S/OUT/20/0160** - Outline application for up to 370no dwellings and a mixed use local centre of up to 1,500sqm floor space (use classes A1/A2/A3/A4/A5 and D1- Access not reserved – Land at Foxbridge Village, New Eastern Villages, Wanborough Road, Wanborough—Janet Busby 01793 466291, Before 11/3/20

**S/LBC/20/0223**—Installation of replacement windows – Titcheners Cottage, High Street, Bishopstone - Sarah Smith – 01793 466292, Before 19/3/20

**S/OUT/19/0582**—Outline planning application (means of access off Wanborough Road cot reserved) for demolition and/or conversion of existing buildings and redevelopment to provide up to 2,500 homes (Use Class C3); up to 1,780 sqm of community/retail uses (Use Class D1/D2) /A1/A3/A4; up to 2,500 sqm of employment use (Use Class B1); sports hub; playing pitches; no 2 Form Entry primary schools; green infrastructure; indicative primary access road corridors to A420; improvements to Wanborough Road and associated works. At: Lotmead Site, New Eastern Villages, Wanborough Swindon—Kimberley Corps – 01793 466294, Before 2/4/20

**S/20/0263** - Erection of Garage – Barn To Rear of Upper Farm, Hinton Parva Lane, Swindon—Sarah Smith 01793 445500, Before 27/3/20

**S/20/0308** - Installation of 2 no. Air Source Heat Pump Units – Upper Farm at Rear, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva— Sarah Smith 01793 445500, Before 2/4/20

**GRANTED**

**NONE**

**REFUSED**

**NONE**

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