

The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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Re-Cycling UPDATE



SBC undertakes a fortnightly collection of household mixed plastics, which will start in Bishopstone on Friday 21st August 2009 and fortnightly thereafter, the green waste will also be collected alongside of this. By mixed plastics they mean items such as: plastic bottles, margarine tubs, ice cream tubs, yoghurt pots, plastic bags, plastic food wrapping film, biscuit trays, cake trays, meat trays, fruit & vegetable trays and plastic take-away containers.

All mixed household plastic should be placed in either a clear (transparent) or white sack. These must be placed at the nearest point of your property to the highway by 7.30am on the day of collection. The bag should be sealed or tied up.

White pedal bin liners are a cheap and effective way of bagging up the plastic materials ... but make sure they are full up in order to be as cost-effective as possible. If you prefer, you can purchase clear sacks for your plastic recycling from the Borough Council.

Please note:

You should not include any item of black plastic, plastic toys, plant pots, plastic furniture, buckets, hard plastic storage containers (e.g. sandwich and lunch boxes) or washing up bowls. Only smaller household items should be included.

Bulky items such as garden furniture can be disposed of at the Household Waste Recycling Centre. Generally, the type of things you can include are plastic items that you'd normally keep in either your kitchen or bathroom and which have contained food, drink or household cleaning/washing products.

Any plastic materials that you put out for recycling must be washed and clean. Dirty items will not be collected as these would contaminate the other items to be recycled.

Be wary of putting out plastics for recycling on windy days. Plastic materials tend to be lightweight and can often be blown around the streets, even when bagged up.

Mixed Textiles and Clothes

Clothes, towels, linen, curtains and paired shoes. Please put all textiles in a separate tied carrier bag (to keep them clean)

Please note:

EAST OF A419

You may have seen from the local newspapers that the campaign against the Eastern expansion is gathering pace. If you haven't done so yet please sign the e-petition on the No.10 website by using the following link.

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/SOUTHWESTRSS/>

Parish Councillors are attending meetings on behalf of the Parish. If you have any specific points you would like them to mention, please contact the Clerk via email at: lesley@tynash.com or by telephone: 791355.

Connecting People, Connecting Places - Southern Cluster

The Clerk attended an inaugural meeting with Local Borough Councillors on 23rd July 2009. A need to engage all residents of the South Cluster was emphasised at the meeting and communication was highlighted as an issue; the use of the Swindon News, flyers and web-based newsletters will be considered. The Clerk is currently trying to get delivery of the Swindon News to all households within Bishopstone.

A briefing note prepared by Councillor Andrew Bennett; Chair of the South Cluster has been added to the website.

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).

Recycling UPDATE continued

No dirty clothes, duvets, pillows or sleeping bags will be collected.

To request a service or report a problem:

- Use the **online** facility to report a missed collection;
- **Telephone** the StreetSmart Team at the Swindon. Direct Contact Centre on 01793 445501. For details of the Contact Centre opening hours, please visit the Swindon Direct web page.
- In **person**, by visiting the Swindon Direct One-stop-shop. For details of the address and opening hours, please visit the Swindon Direct web page.

Where a missed collection has been reported, SBC aims to collect your missed waste within 2 working days.

During hot weather "L♥VE your bin"

Bag all your rubbish before placing it in the bin, especially meat and left overs.

Keep the lid firmly closed.

If possible store the bin in a shady place.

If your lid does not shut properly, or your bin is damaged, it can be repaired or swapped for a new one if it is un-repairable. Simply ring the **Streetsmart team on: 01793 445501**.

More information can be found online at www.swindon.gov.uk and follow the Streetsmart link.

New MEND Courses in Swindon!

MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do It!) is a free 10 week course for families with children aged 7-13 years whose weight is above the healthy range for their age and height and runs twice a week after school. The programme helps children and their families manage their weight better and lead healthier lives by teaching them how to eat a balanced diet and how to become more active. Each two-hour session includes one-hour of fun games for the children and a one-hour healthy lifestyle workshop for the whole family.

SBC Leisure Services has been running the MEND programme in partnership with the Swindon Primary Care Trust for the last 18 months and is now looking for more families to sign up.

The courses begin again in September through to December and will be held at three different venues across the Borough:

- ❖ Dorcan Recreation Complex on Monday's 5pm-7pm and Wednesday's 4pm-6pm.
- ❖ Greendown School on Tuesday's and Wednesday's 4pm-6pm.
- ❖ Link Centre on Tuesday's and Thursday's 5pm-7pm.

Parents also have the opportunity to sign up for MEND 5-7, a healthy lifestyle programme for children aged 5-7 years. A ten-week course will start in January 2010, comprising of one two-hour session every week based on active play, arts and crafts, food tasting and nutrition workshops.

For further information about the MEND programme, please contact Emma Creighton on 07971 712 310 or e-mail ECreighton@swindon.gov.uk or visit www.mendprogramme.org and www.challengeswindon.org.uk

Snippets from SBC

When using the car parks in Swindon, park in well lit and open areas, be aware of your surroundings and remove all items from view.

If swimming in open water please take extra care and keep an eye on children, if you do fancy a dip SBC recommend using a supervised swimming pool.

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 Ickneild 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.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Useful contact numbers supplied by SBC:

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).

Council Meetings 2008/9

Wednesday 2/9/09 Hinton Parva
Wednesday 7/10/09 Bishopstone
Wednesday 4/11/09 Hinton Parva
Wednesday 2/12/09 Bishopstone
Wednesday 6/1/10 Hinton Parva
Wednesday 3/2/10 Bishopstone
Wednesday 3/3/10 Bishopstone (Parish Assembly)
Wednesday 7/4/10 Hinton Parva
Wednesday 5/5/10 Bishopstone (AGM)

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 Richard Alcock

Orchard House, Hinton Parva, SN4 0DW. 790808.

Mr Julian Cooke

Church Farm, Hinton Parva. SN4 0DW. 790278.

Mr Simon Jenkins

The Old Vicarage, Bishopstone. SN6 8PY. 790545.

Mr Stuart McGuigan

Greenoak, Newtown Lane, Bishopstone. SN6 8QA. 790219.

Mr Rob Selbourne

Prebendal Farm, Bishopstone, Wilts. SN6 8PT. 790485.

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

Highworth Police Station

01793 762251
Mon-Fri. 09-12.30 & 17:30-21.00

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

Planning Update

All planning applications, their history and all supporting documents can now be viewed online by visiting:
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 and usually take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

Members of the public are always welcome.

Planning:

S/09/0775HECO Erection of a new boundary fence(retrospective) - 3 Whatleys Orchard, Bishopstone Miss Helen Cooper - 466297 Before 22/6/09

S/09/0953KIWA Erection of a two storey rear extension - Boxwood House, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva Miss Kimberly Walter - 466294 Before 9/7/09

S/LBC/09/1030RM Erection of a porch - Hinton Manor, Church Row, Hinton Parva Mrs Rhian Morris - 466285 Before 16/7/09

S/09/1029RM rection of a porch - Hinton Manor, Church Row, Hinton Parva Mrs Rhian Morris - 466285 Before 15/7/09

S/09/1056ROBI Erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension - To 2 Mount Pleasant Cottages - Location 1 & 2 Mount Pleasant Cottages, Mount Pleasant Farm Lane, Horpit Mr Roland Billington - 466365 Before 15/7/09

S/09/0937CLMC Erection of a hay/storage barn - Land at Manor Down Farm, Bishopstone Miss Clare McMurray - 466062 Before 16/7/09

S/09/0991CLMC Proposed first floor extension to rear of cottage and new single storey link - Brambling Cottage, West End Lane, Bishopstone Miss Clare McMurray - 466062 Before 17/7/09

S/09/1056/ROBI REVISED PLANS - Erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension - To 2 Mount Pleasant Cottages - Location 1 & 2 Mount Pleasant Cottages, Mount Pleasant Farm Lane, Horpit Mr Roland Billington - 466365 Before 12/8/09

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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