

# The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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## East A419 UPDATE

Swindon Borough Council are preparing for the consultation on the Supplementary Planning Document for the Eastern Development Area. Consultation which will start on 21 April and last for 6 weeks. They have asked for Bourton Parish Council's help in organising two events:

1. Public Exhibition in Bourton Village Hall on Wednesday 29 April from 12.00-20.00 hrs.
2. Small round table meeting with the Consortium on Wednesday 6 May in Bourton Village Hall starting at 19.00 hrs

We have been asked to encourage as many of our parishioners as possible to visit the Exhibition on 29 April and then seek your views/comments on the information you are given. These should be emailed to the Clerk at: [Lesley@tynash.com](mailto:Lesley@tynash.com).

The Parish Council will nominate 2 people to represent these views at the Consortium meeting on Wednesday 6 May with Swindon Borough Council.

## Speed Limit for Bishopstone School

Darren Cox of Halcrow has kindly accepted an invitation to attend the March Parish Council meeting. At this meeting there will be a discussion on the proposed 20mph scheme for Bishopstone School. The meeting will produce a final plan which Halcrow will the implement. Members of the public are invited to attend. The meeting will take place at Hinton Parva Village Hall at 7:30pm on 4th March 2009. This meeting will follow the Parish Assembly starting at 7:00pm. The Parish Assembly is an open meeting where any member of the public may contribute their views.



### Nominate your community champion

Someone who has gone the extra mile helping others:

- A child or adult who has displayed remarkable courage
- A gutsy community champion who has improved your area
- A tireless charity fund-raiser or campaigner
- A devoted carer
- An inspiring teacher
- An exemplary, young person who should be recognised as a role model
- A volunteer selfless in giving their time
- A neighbour who is always there, fair weather or foul
- Someone who has excelled in sport or given unselfish service to their club.

Winners of The Pride Of Swindon Awards will be honoured at an awards ceremony in May to celebrate the very best of Swindon Those put forward accept the nomination knowing there will be publicity In the local media about their achievement. For more details about the awards log onto:

[www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk](http://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk)

**HOW TO ENTER:** Write in no more than 250 words about the person you wish to nominate and why they should be considered for the award.

Include the name, address and contact details of the person nominated.

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**SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO:** Pride of Swindon Awards, c/o Swindon Advertiser, 100 Victoria Road, Swindon SN1 3BE. Or you can enter online at: [www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk](http://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk). Closing date: Friday, March 27, 2009.

# 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 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

As part of the regular maintenance programme the willows around the pond have been pollarded by Goodwood Trees.

The work has been carried out to maintain the health of the trees and to reduce pressure on the roots and trunks to avoid splitting and collapse.

The trees will grow back in the Spring and will soon be back to their former glory.

The Arboricultural Officer was contacted before work was carried out for the necessary conservation Area permission.

The Parish Council have also arranged for an annual inspection of the trees on the island. This will be carried out by Swindon Borough Council, who will list any necessary work to be undertaken.

## Noticeboard

The Parish Council is to purchase a new Noticeboard for Bishopstone as the old one is in a very bad state of repair.

## Council Meetings 2008/9

- 4th June 2008 - Hinton Parva
- 2nd July 2008 - Bishopstone
- 6th August 2008 - Hinton Parva
- 3rd September 2008 - Bishopstone
- 1st October 2008 - Hinton Parva
- 5th November 2008 - Bishopstone
- 3rd December 2008 - Hinton Parva
- 7th January 2009 - Bishopstone
- 4th February 2009 - Hinton Parva
- 4th March 2009 - HP (Parish Assembly)
- 1st April 2009 - Bishopstone
- 6th May 2009 - Hinton Parva (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.

**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

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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](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 and usually take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

Members of the public are always welcome.

**Planning:**

S/09/0060CLMC - Erection of single storey rear Extension – Cannons Cottage, Tuckers Lane, Hinton Parva - Respond to: Clare McMurray – 466062 Before 11/2/08

S/08/2327KIWA - GRANTED - Erection of a single storey side extension, porch, loft conversion & widening of access - Somerset Farm House, Church Row, Hinton Parva

S/LBC/08/2328KIWA - GRANTED - Erection of a single storey side extension, porch, loft conversion & widening of access - Somerset Farm House, Church Row, Hinton Parva

**Conservation Area - Section 211 Notices:**

**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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