

The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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Permitted Development Rights for House Extensions and Alterations

Source SBC

The Government has established in the "General Permitted Development Order" (or GDPO) certain types of householder extensions and alterations that are classed as 'permitted development'. Where a proposal is 'permitted development' there is no need to apply for planning permission.

A useful website for assessing whether your proposal requires planning permission is the Government's Planning Portal, which has an 'interactive house' based on the GDPO. The Planning Portal website can be viewed at:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/public/tools/house/>

If you consider that your proposal does not require planning permission, you have the option of obtaining a legally binding "Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed)" for which there is a fee of £75. Certificate of Lawfulness Application Forms can be downloaded from the Borough Council's website at www.swindon.gov.uk

The Borough Council strongly recommends that where a householder exercises their 'permitted development' rights and constructs a house extension or alteration, before proceeding they should seek confirmation that their proposal is 'permitted development' through applying for a Certificate of Lawfulness. When the householder comes to sell their property the vendor's solicitor will often seek confirmation that the extension is compliant. Not having a Certificate of Lawfulness in place can therefore hold up the sale or even result in the sale falling through. Certificates of Lawfulness also provide the householder with peace of mind through having a legally binding confirmation that their proposal is compliant.

As a means of giving greater control back to the householder and of cutting planning redtape, the Borough Council is proposing to extend 'permitted development' rights in the Borough to include a wider range of low-impact extensions. Initially the Borough Council proposes to extend 'permitted development' rights in relation to rear house extensions. However, ultimately it is intended that the new approach would extend to other forms of house extensions and alterations. The Council will be consulting on its proposals in the summer.



The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust provides a home security service for elderly, vulnerable and disadvantaged people throughout Wiltshire. The charity operates three Bobby vans that provide mobile workshops for Bobby operators.

Operators are skilled carpenter/lockfitters, Home Office trained Crime Reduction Officers, Fire Risk Assessors and are well versed in giving support to victims. The Trust works closely with Wiltshire Police and to provide reassurance to clients that a visit from the charity is genuine, van livery, uniforms and identification resemble that of the police.

Bobby vans are directed to their tasks by coordinators working from an operations room, who receive referrals, decide on work priorities and despatch the vans using sophisticated communications equipment. On arrival the operators conduct a security audit and then fit necessary security equipment to ensure the home is safe; in addition they carry out a Fire Risk Assessment and fit smoke detectors when this is appropriate. Finally, all aspects of home, personal and fire safety are discussed and practical measures provided. The service is provided free of charge.

WBVT helps elderly, vulnerable and disadvantaged people who have been victims of, or are considered to be at risk of, house crime, hate crime or domestic violence. The Trust was set up in 1998; the first of its kind to be established in England. It is overseen by a board of Trustees chaired by Robert Hiscox, and the charity is managed on behalf of the Trustees by Jennie Shaw, Director.

There is no charge for the service or equipment provided by the Trust, although the necessity of using a high quality key safe means these are expensive items and we do hope clients are able to consider making a donation to cover this cost.

Tel: 01225 794652

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(local council name) BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of appointment of date for the exercise of electors' rights

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011

Audit Commission Act 1998, Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/533) as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/564)

<p>1. Date of announcement: 10 June 2011 (a)</p>	<p>(a) Insert date of placing of the notice which must be not less than 14 days before the date in (f) below</p>
<p>2. Each year the Council's/Meetings (b) Annual Return is audited by an auditor appointed by the Audit Commission. Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31st March 2011 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to:</p>	<p>(b) Delete as appropriate</p>
<p>(c) <u>MR SIMON JENKINS (CHAIR)</u> <u>THE OLD VICARAGE</u> <u>BISHOPSTONE</u> <u>SN6 8PY</u></p>	<p>(c) Insert name, position and address of the Clerk or other person to whom any person may apply to inspect the accounts</p>
<p>between the hours of (d) <u>09:00^{am}</u> and (d) <u>19:00^{pm}</u> on</p>	<p>(d) Insert the times between which any person may apply to inspect the accounts. NB Indicate if there is a lunchtime closure</p>
<p>(e) <u>MONDAY</u> to (e) <u>FRIDAY</u>.</p>	<p>(e) Insert working days of the week any person may apply to inspect the accounts – usually Monday to Friday</p>
<p>commencing on (f) 27 June 2011</p>	<p>(f) Insert date at least 21 working days before the date appointed for audit in (h) below</p>
<p>and ending on (g) 22 July 2011</p>	<p>(g) The inspection period between (f) and (g) must be 20 working days and (g) must be at least one day before the date appointed for audit in (h) below.</p>
<p>3. Local Government Electors and their representatives also have:</p>	<p>(h) This must be at least one working day after the end of the inspection period. Amend as necessary if period for display of notice and inspection period cannot be completed by 24 July 2011.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts. The auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose on 25 July 2011 (h) and after that date will be available at the address given in paragraph 4 below until the audit has been completed; and the right to make objections to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the (i) Council/Meeting. 	<p>(i) Delete as appropriate</p>
<p>4. The audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended) and the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice. Your audit is being carried out by:</p> <p>Mazars LLP, Regency House, 3 Grosvenor Square, Southampton SO15 2BE</p>	<p>(j) Insert name and position of person placing the notice</p>
<p>5. This announcement is made by (j) <u>LESLEY DREWETT (CLERK)</u></p>	<p>(j) Insert name and position of person placing the notice</p>



source Community First

These are indeed difficult financial times for many families but there is a lifeline which is available and will indeed help many.

The four Credit Unions in Wiltshire have worked together and can now offer loans of up to £500 at an interest rate of 2% per month (calculated only on the reducing balance of the loan) to borrowers who can demonstrate the ability to repay. These loans are called Moneyline loans.

What are Credit Unions? They are non-profit making co-operatives, regulated by the Government and are run in Wiltshire by trained volunteers. Local residents can join their Credit Union for life for £2 and would normally save for a minimum of three months before a loan would be considered. However Moneyline loans are available immediately - new members are also encouraged to save even small amounts into their Credit Union account while paying off their loan but are not compelled to do so. The application process is rigorous and takes about ten days to investigate the borrower's ability to repay.

The policy of Credit Unions is to help their members through a tough period and offer a genuine alternative to high cost lenders. £500 borrowed from a doorstep or internet lender and repaid evenly over a year will cost £410 additionally in interest. From Moneyline the interest would be £63, a saving of £347!

These Moneyline loans are offered by your Credit Union and initial investigations are done by Community First, a registered charity in Devizes. Applicants should in the first instance contact:

Community First on	01380 736387	or directly to their intended Credit Union
North Wilts Credit Union	01249 248313	
West Wilts Credit Union	01225 709865	
South Wilts Credit Union	01722 421881	
Kennet Credit Union	01672 562666	

All these Credit Unions have been encouraged and supported in offering Moneyline loans by Wiltshire Council and the Housing Associations / Registered Social Landlords operating in Wiltshire.

SEASONAL WARNINGS

source WILTSHIRE POLICE

Summer is on its way and now that it is warmer, people perhaps need to be reminded about the dangers of leaving the windows and doors of their homes insecure. Every year at about this time, there is an increase in the number of burglaries reported in the Borough. Already, there have been a number of 'walk in' burglaries to private residencies where the thieves took advantage of insecurities to enter homes and steal property. Please, please make sure that when you go out, all doors and windows are locked tight and even when you are home, opportunities are not provided for thieves and burglars. Even a small casement window left open can provide a thief with a quick and simple way into a house. Please don't be tempted to leave anything unlatched, even during a short absence from the home. It may mean that the house gets stuffy and hot, but that's better than coming home to find that you are a victim of burglary.

Even when you are at home, lying out in the back garden soaking up the sun, please make sure that the front of the house is secure. While you are dozing at the back or doing some work in the garden, anyone can take advantage of an open or unlocked door or window at the front to quickly nip in and help themselves to your valuables and be gone without you knowing anything about it.

Register your property for FREE via www.immobilise.com

team PROSPECT CHALLENGE

source PROSPECT

Are you willing to take on the challenge for Team Prospect? Date of release: 8 June 2011
Are you looking to challenge yourself in 2011? Fancy doing something you've never done before?

Then maybe you'd like to join Team Prospect, a new fundraising initiative by the Prospect Hospice which aims to bring people together from across the region to take on challenges, raise vital funds for the Hospice and have a lot of fun in the process.

Julie Brogan, fundraising officer, explained: "Team Prospect is the name we've given to all the fantastic supporters who decide, every year, to run, swim, walk, cycle or take on some other kind of personal challenge to raise money for us.

"Anyone can join - all you've got to do is decide to do some kind of sponsored challenge. It doesn't have to be extreme, or involve a lot of organisation, but it does have to be something that challenges you as an individual.

"A lot of our challenges are about getting people to do things they wouldn't normally do, such as our Abseil for Prospect event - an 83 feet abseil from the top of the Don Rogers Stand at Swindon Town Football Club. Or maybe you could let your feet do the fundraising at our Just Dance event in November, or take part in one of our Parachute for Prospect days."

"We also run, with the help of third party organisers, several overseas challenges, which are once in a lifetime opportunities to take on something extraordinary for a good cause. Among our challenges are a climb to the top of Kilimanjaro, a trek to Machu Picchu, a trip to walk along the Great Wall of China or a hike through the Himalayas to visit the home of the Dalai Lama.

"We also run challenges closer to home, such as a cycle ride from London to Paris. Whatever you do, we'll support you in any way you can. We've got a fundraising pack, an A-Z of fundraising ideas, as well as lots of avenues to promote your challenge and help you make the most of your vital sponsorship campaign.

"We're also looking for people to run the Swindon Half Marathon for us, and hope to have a big group of Team Prospect supporters taking part in the event. We'd welcome anyone to come and join us on the 9 October."

But its not all about physically extreme challenges. Team Prospect have also run darts and pool marathons and long-distance wheelchair races which people of all ages and abilities have challenged themselves with. A list of challenges, including a fundraising booklet full of ideas that you could take on yourself are available on Prospect Hospice's website.

So if you're up for the challenge and want to be part of Team Prospect, why not contact Julie in the fundraising department? For more information please call the fundraising team on 01793 816161 or you can email juliebrogan@prospect-hospice.net or visit www.prospect-hospice.net/challenges

Personal Safety Tips

source WILTSHIRE POLICE

Thieves frequently operate:

- At cash machines
- In car parks
- around bus stations
- During the hours of darkness in secluded areas - looking for drunken victims coming home from the pub

Be aware and keep your possessions safe

- Be discreet with your belongings; displaying jewellery, iPods, mobile phones and cameras, could attract the attention of criminals.
- Don't flash your cash

Reduce the risk of mobile phone theft by following these simple tips:

- Don't leave your phone on tables in pubs or restaurants.
- Don't walk and text at the same time, you will be less aware of what is happening around you

- Keep calls in public places as brief as possible, the longer you talk, the more likely you are to be spotted by a potential thief.

Looks good enough to grab

Be aware of chain-snatch thieves and keep your jewellery out of sight. Snatch robberies can involve violence or theft. The chance that this will ever happen to you is quite small, but you should be aware of what you can do to keep yourself and your property safe:

- Make sure your jewellery is not visible.
- Plan your journey in advance.
- Walk with friends - one of whom should stay sober.
- Avoid dark or deserted areas late at night.
- Be aware of your surroundings and stay alert to what's going on around you.

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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.

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

11th July 2011 Hinton Parva Village Hall
8th August 2011 Bishopstone Village Hall
12th September 2011 Hinton Parva Village Hall
10th October 2011 Bishopstone Village Hall
14th November 2011 Hinton Parva Village Hall
12th December 2011 Bishopstone Village Hall
9th January 2012 Hinton Parva Village Hall
13th February 2012 Bishopstone Village Hall
12th March 2012 Bishopstone Village Hall
(Parish Assembly) **7:00 pm start**
9th April 2012 Hinton Parva Village Hall
14th May 2012 Bishopstone Village Hall (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 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.

Mrs Sarah Paye

Senama, Russley Park, Baydon, SN8 2JY. 01672 541600.

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

Foxhill Motocross 2011 Calendar

No notification of meetings at this time.

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
Registered Charity Number 1107150

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.

Members of the public are always welcome.

Planning:

APPLICATIONS

S/LBC/11/0668JABU - Demolition of workshop & garden store & erection of new workshop & garden store - Spring Cottage, Bishopstone. Janet Busby - 466291 Before 9/6/11

S/11/0665JABU - Demolition of workshop & garden store & erection of new workshop & garden store - Spring Cottage, The City, Bishopstone. Janet Busby - 466291 Before 9/6/11

S/11/0711CLMC - Erection of a single storey rear Extension with 2 no dormer Windows & front porch - Shukran, Bodyhorse Hill, Hinton Parva. Clare McMurray - 466062 Before 21/6/11

S/11/0653SASM - Installation of 19 no solar panels to Roof (Retrospective) - Willow House Church Row, Hinton Parva. Sarah Smith - 466292 Before 29/6/11

Conservation Area – Section 211 Notices:

NONE

GRANTED

Installation of free sat aerial dish to rear extension – Titcheners Cottage, Bishopstone

REFUSED

Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) For the erection of a greenhouse - 3 Whatleys Orchard, Bishopston

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>.

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