

Picket Piece Resident Newsletter

Issue
#3



Update on the development

As of the end of May there were 250 occupations within the new development.

The play area at the David Wilson Homes end of the development was temporarily closed so that the developers could do some maintenance work to it. Unfortunately the cable ties holding the protective fencing together had been cut on numerous occasions, which meant parents and children had unpermitted

access to the play area. The developers ask that, should they need it to close again, please allow them to complete their works so that it can then be opened fully for your enjoyment.

The play area is still under the ownership of the developers so it is their responsibility to empty the bins. They are in the process of appointing a contract firm to empty the bin on a regular basis.

Queen's Birthday Party

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped or attended the Queen's 90th birthday party celebrations on the afternoon of Sunday 12 June at the Village Hall.

Approximately 80 residents from Picket Piece and members of the Sports and Social Club attended the party.

Unfortunately the weather wasn't on our side, but with a bit of good old British spirit we soldiered on and I think everyone who attended had a great time and enjoyed all the activities that were provided. A big hit with both adults and children was the climbing wall provided by Valley Leisure.

The Sports and Social Club would like to thank everyone who organised the event and in particular:

- Bobby Stevens, a local resident who provided a merry go round;
- Derek Marder, another resident who provided a steam engine;
- Zak Hirst's bouncy castle;
- K and H Falconry with their birds of prey;
- Ruby Slippers Show School who provided face painting;
- the Police and PCSOs who came with vehicles and displays.

- Your local Councillors also got involved, with Councillor John Cockaday helping on the day and County Councillor Tim Rolt attending to participate in the activities and meet local residents.

There were also competitions to decorate a royal plate and guess the Royal baby as well as a street party style picnic inside the Village Hall.

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And finally, a big **thank you** to the Sports and Social Club Committee for organising the event.

For details of membership or how you can join the Committee please visit www.picketpiecevillagehall.org

In the photo is Simon Potter, the Chair of the Sports and Social Club showing off his climbing skills!



Responsible dog ownership – don't be fined £1,000!

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

There have been a number of complaints concerning dog fouling in Picket Piece, and in particular around the play area and open space. Dog owners have a responsibility to clear up after their pet. Leaving dog mess, even if it is inside a bag, causes a problem for everyone in our community. It gives all the responsible dog walkers a bad reputation.

Why is it important to clear up after dogs?

It's not just unpleasant for those who come across the mess after it has been left. There are many health risks associated with dog faeces. These can affect the very young and vulnerable members of our community, for example if the bacteria find their way into our homes and carpets.

It is an offence under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (2005) for someone in charge of a dog to let the dog foul and not immediately pick up after it. Anyone committing this offence may be taken to court. If convicted, they may face a £1,000 fine. This applies in both town and rural areas.

So, what can I do?

It is everyone's duty to help protect the community from irresponsible dog fouling, by keeping alert. Please call Test Valley Borough Council, if you see someone letting their dog foul, or know an area where it happens. Staff will take details in confidence. You can become involved, or you may remain anonymous, the choice is yours. By reporting such incidents, staff can focus efforts on the problem locations.

It is in the interests of the whole community's health and hygiene, and your local environment, to do this. It is not the dog's fault, it is the irresponsible dog owner – and also those who see this happening and choose to do nothing about it.

Test Valley Borough Council staff are keen to promote education about responsible dog ownership and raise awareness of the issues. They will be very happy to visit schools to work with children, parents and staff.

Thank you!

From the Animal Welfare Officer – Test Valley Borough Council: 01264 368000



**Don't
forget,
BAG IT,
BIN IT.**

Road Naming

As promised, here are the other road names within the development and how the names were chosen:

Phase 2

Heathcote Road

From Reference to the opening of the London South Western Railway line at Andover which was on 3rd July 1854 and in attendance was Sir William Heathcote who was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the London South Western Railway

Chaplin Way

Chairman of the Board of Directors 1854 – 1858 Mr. W.J Chaplin

Strapp Road

Resident Engineer 1853 – 1870 Mr. John Strapp

Errington Road

Consulting Engineer 1849 – 1862 Mr. John Edward Errington

Allotments

Work has started on the allotments which are situated on Ox Drove.



If you are interested in having one you can register your interest with Andover Town Council by email to: andovercallotments@gmail.com

Community Street Audit

On Monday 6 June, Annie Tomlinson, the Transport Planner for Test Valley Borough Council, John Cockaday Ward Councillor, Tim Rolt County Councillor, Barbara Long from Andover Town Council, James Moore from Hampshire County Council Highways, and I attended a Community Street Audit.

We were mainly looking at the pavement along the Walworth Road from either end of the new development and in particular the area where the pavement stops and becomes grass verge from near the bus stop at the David Wilson Homes end of the development. Unfortunately no residents were able to attend but thank you to those who sent emails about their concerns.

Once the Transport planner has gathered all the information she needs I will inform you of her findings.

Also, in response to emails from residents, I have fed back to my colleagues at Test Valley Borough Council about concerns along the Ox Drove. Many residents have mentioned that it is dangerous to cross from the Play area on the Ox Drove to the Open Space. As I mentioned before, the Highways Engineers and Transport Planners are looking at the best ways to make this a safer place to cross.

We have had a site visit to look at the area and will feed back to you once a decision has been made.



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Fire Safety in the home

If a fire occurred in your home, could you escape easily and could you raise the alarm and call us?

Over three years 78% of fire fatalities within Hampshire were lone people and half of victims were over sixty years of age.

If you or anybody you know is over 65, a smoker, lives alone or has a physical/mental disability then we can offer a free home safety visit.

Contact our Community Safety Team for advice-

community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk

www.hantsfire.gov.uk/yoursafety

In 75% of house fires a smoke alarm had been fitted, but less than half activated because of missing batteries or defective alarms.

Just over half of house fire fatalities involve discarded smoking materials.

Staying safe

Fit a smoke detector on every floor of your home and test it once a week.

Plan your escape routes, keep exits clear and door/window keys handy.

Stub cigarettes out properly and NEVER smoke in bed.

Never leave cooking unattended.

Keep portable heaters clear from curtains, furniture and clothing.

Don't overload electrical sockets.

Do not fold electric blankets – always roll or store flat. Never buy second hand.

Fit a carbon monoxide detector following the manufactures instructions.

Bedtime checklist

- Close internal doors to stop fire spread
- Turn off unnecessary electrical appliances
- Check your cooker/oven is turned off
- Don't leave the tumble dryer on

Recycling Star needs you to be a Super Summer Recycler



Summer is here and we are sure your diaries are filling up with camping trips, BBQs, picnics, and days at the seaside. Whether you are topping up your fridge with cool, refreshing drinks or stocking up on strawberry jam for your scones, we all end up with a few more bottles, cans and jars at this time of year, all of which can be recycled.

Plastic bottles and cans should be put into your brown recycling bin at home. Any type of plastic bottle can be recycled including those containing washing up liquids, shower gels and even sun cream so remember, if it is made of plastic and bottle shaped - recycle it!

Glass bottles and jars cannot be collected in your brown bin but can be taken to any of the 100 Local Recycling Centres we have in Test Valley. To find your nearest Local Recycling Centre visit: www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling

Recycling Stars top tips for being a Super Summer Recycler

- Squash bottles and cans to help get more into your brown recycling bin
- Have a separate box for your guests to put glass bottles in at a BBQ or party
- Going on a picnic? Get the children involved in collecting anything that can be recycled to take home and put in your brown bin
- If you are off out for the day, why not find a local recycling centre along the way and save yourself a journey
- Recycling Star and the team will be out and about over the summer, so look out for him at an event near you. Join in. Recycle. Be a Recycling Star!



Toddler Group

I have had a few requests from parents about starting up a baby/toddler group in Picket Piece. I am interested in helping to run one but I need to find storage for toys and equipment nearby as the hall currently has little capacity for this.

It would be great to set one up for this coming autumn if there is enough demand. If you are interested in attending or helping to run a group please contact me on **07990 755104**, email aharris@testvalley.gov.uk or call in to my drop in sessions Thursdays 10am to 12 noon.

Do you want to avoid bank account and doorstep scams?

Unfortunately, the number of scams is increasing rapidly. Scammers are becoming more sophisticated, which makes it more difficult for the public to tell what is genuine and what isn't.

As part of our work to support communities, Kat Slawska; Neighbourhood Warden, has been working with organisations to make people more aware of how they can be scammed. With thanks to Age UK and the Police, workshops to make people more resilient to scam/ account fraud or being a victim of doorstep crime are being run.

The next workshop will be at Crosfield Hall, Romsey on Thursday 13th October between 13.00-17.00. To book a place contact:

Katarzyna Slawska
Neighbourhood Warden
01264 368638
Email: kslawska@testvalley.gov.uk

Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Service provide information on scams, doorstep crime, buy with confidence and update consumer warnings and advice. Contact www.hants.gov.uk/tradingstandards

Traffic and children playing

I have been asked to remind residents to please drive slowly through the development. During the school holidays, and particularly when the weather is nice, there will be an increased number of children playing outside and on their bikes.

Could parents also remind their children to take care and be safe on the roads and not play football near to parked cars.

A football pitch is currently under construction on the development, which will provide an alternative area for children to play.

Picket Piece Neighbourhood Questionnaire

We sent out a questionnaire to all residents in November. Thanks again to all who have completed one. If you still haven't then you can do it online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9SBK8XP> or by paper copy which is available at the Village Hall. Come along to my drop in sessions on Thursday 10am-12 noon or contact me: aharris@testvalley.gov.uk

All your comments are read and taken into consideration.

Results of the questionnaire are available and can be found on the Picket Piece page of the Test Valley website.



15 SEPTEMBER TONY STOCKWELL

13 OCTOBER ROMEO AND JULIET – THE PANTALOONS

22 OCTOBER THE LIGHTS 10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA EVENING

26 OCTOBER TALON

29 OCTOBER MONSTERSAURUS

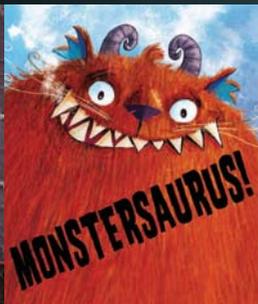
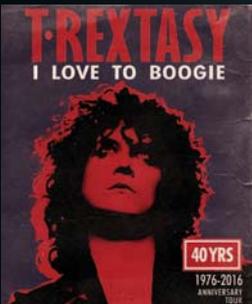
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From **10am** to register before the walk begins

Call Jenny on: 07876 898 079
or email: jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk



Visit our website to find out more
about your local health walks:
walkingforhealth.org.uk

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A little bit of information about Andover Vision

Andover Vision is a joint partnership project. Local community groups, voluntary organisations, businesses, and most importantly, the public have been giving their views on a vision for Andover.

Together with the community an Andover Vision Action Plan will draw together feedback and ideas into a document that will set out what Andover wants to achieve over the next 20 years.



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New telephone number launched to report power cuts

Public can now dial 105 to report a problem

When the power goes out, it can leave people feeling unsure about what to do. So a new phone number has been launched. From 6th September 2016, dialling **105** will connect callers to their local electricity network operator.

The electricity in your area is covered by UK Power Networks who own and maintain electricity cables and lines across London, the South East and East of England making sure your lights stay on. So dialling **105** will get you straight through to UK Power Networks.

105 is available to all electricity customers in England, Scotland and Wales. The number can be accessed from most landlines and mobile phones. It doesn't matter who you choose to buy electricity from - anyone can call **105**.

The public can also call **105** if they spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put them, or someone else, in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, the emergency services should be called too.

Visit powercut105.com to find out more about **105** or www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk.

Do you need extra support during a power cut? If so, speak to UK Power Networks who offer additional free support to those that need it. More information can be found at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority.

Regular events Picket Piece Village Hall and Community Centre

Day	Time	Event	Contact
Monday	7.30pm	Slimming World	Zara Colwell 07519722385
Tuesday	9.45am Stage 2	Sing and Sign Stage 1 (babies 6 months-14 months)	Jennie Roper 01264 359224 jennieandmark@hotmail.co.uk
	10.45am Stage 1	Stage 2 (babies 15 months-2 years+)	
	6pm to 7pm	Fit Camp £1 per session	Lorraine Chivers 07920101664 dancecrazy@aol.co.uk
Wednesday	6pm to 7.30pm	3rd Andover Brownies	www.girlguiding.org.uk/ Joinus picketpiecebrownies@ hotmail.com
Thursday	10am to 12 noon	Community Development Worker drop in	Andrea Harris 07990 755104 aharris@testvalley.gov.uk
	6pm to 7pm	Fit Camp	Lorraine Chivers 07920101664 dancecrazy@aol.co.uk
Friday	7pm to 11pm	Sports and Social Club Bar open	
Saturday	9.30am Stage 1	Sing and Sign Stage 1 (babies 6 months-14 months)	Jennie Roper 01264 359224 jennieandmark@hotmail.co.uk
	10.30am Stage 2	Stage 2 (babies 15 months-2 years+)	
Sunday	6pm to 10.30pm	Sports and Social Club Bar open	

Upcoming events

Date	Time	Event
Friday 28 October	7pm	Halloween themed Irish Bingo
Sunday 30 October	7pm	AGM Sports and Social Club, all welcome
Saturday 17 December		Christmas Party

For more details on any of the above events visit their website or Facebook page.

www.picketpiecevillagehall.org

www.facebook.com/PicketPieceSportsandSocialClub