

Picket Twenty Resident Newsletter



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Development update

Housing occupations

Latest figures obtained from the developers' sales offices showed that more than 310 homes, of the overall 1200 homes planned, are now occupied at Picket Twenty.

Phase 3 reserved matters planning application has been submitted and will be determined in October. Planning information is available in the temporary community centre for comment.

Stick figure bridge at Picket Twenty now open

The pedestrian and cycle 'stick figure' bridge over the A3093, linking Picket Twenty with the east of Andover, is now open. The bridge provides a safe route over the A3093 for cyclists and pedestrians, including school children attending the newly opened Pilgrims' Cross Primary School. It also provides an additional route to the new London Road bus underpass.

The bridge is a distinctive feature on one of Andover's key routes, depicting stick people and a small dog. It has been provided by the Picket Twenty developers.

Other developments

- The steel frame has been erected for the new community centre, walls are about to start.
- The sports pavilion is almost ready for the roof to go on, and the sports pitches are well underway.
- More than 50 per cent of the planting in the urban park has been completed; the rest is due to be completed this planting season.

Parking

Please be considerate to your neighbours when parking your vehicle at Picket Twenty. Every household has allocated parking spaces and residents should use these to park their vehicles.

Cars parked on roads and pavements make it difficult for pedestrians to walk safely and can be dangerous especially for children. Buses and emergency vehicles such as fire engines could also find it difficult to access some roads/houses where residents have parked inconsiderately.

Parked vehicles which are causing an obstruction at road junctions should be reported to the police using the **101** number.

Join in. Recycle.

Be a recycling star!

In July, Test Valley Borough Council launched its innovative new Recycling Stars campaign at the Andover and Romsey carnivals. Staff from the local authority were joined by special guest, the Recycling Star, to help raise awareness of the importance of recycling and show just how simple it can be.

The Council's recycling rate currently stands at 34 per cent. They are keen to work with residents to improve this. A rise in recycling rates can help increase the Council's income enabling them to maintain and develop services. To find out more visit the Council's website and, for a chance to win great prizes, residents can "like" Recycling Stars on Facebook.

www.testvalley.gov.uk/recyclingstars



The Recycling Star at the Andover carnival

Travel

Andover Bus Station

Work is continuing at Andover Bus Station. The former Shopmobility building, entrance canopy to the Chantry Centre and bus stands have been demolished. Scaffolding has been erected around the entrance to the Chantry Centre to maintain a safe walkway for shoppers and workers. Contractor, Osborne, has been keeping local businesses and residents informed of its work programme and has placed two notices detailing works at the entrance of the Chantry Centre. In addition to the three temporary bus shelters erected for the duration of the works to the bus station, there will be two additional bus shelters for services collecting and dropping off passengers at stops B and C. There will also be a further shelter at stop A. The shelters are being paid for and maintained by Hampshire County Council.

Subsidised bus passes

Subsidised '**Andover Area Mega Rider**' bus passes are available for residents at Picket Twenty, funded by the developer. Please note, the bus pass issued to each household is for any **one** member of the household to use, it can not be used for a family to travel collectively.

If you would like a subsidised bus pass or further information please contact Claire Robinson.



P20 hourly bus service

This service links Picket Twenty, Admirals Way, Vigo Road, Andover town centre, Weyhill Road, Andover Rail Station and Tesco Extra. For further information visit:

www.stagecoachbus.com/south
or phone Traveline on **08457 484950**.

Cycling for women

The British Cycling Breeze network is looking for more inspirational Breeze champions. You don't have to be an expert cyclist, just enthusiastic and enjoy riding your bike! Three times more men than women currently ride a bike for fun and we want to help close this cycling gap. Together with you, we're working to help thousands more women to have fun on a bike and feel the fun, freedom and fresh air that bike rides can offer.

If you're interested in becoming a Breeze champion, you can take part in a fun one day ride leadership course, followed by a two hour workshop about the Breeze network, where you'll have a chance to meet the Breeze team and other champions. In turn we'll provide you with free kit, British Cycling Ride membership (worth £24) and plenty of support every step of the way. Furthermore, to ensure you're able to deliver safe bike rides, British Cycling will contribute to a first aid qualification. Once you're trained you can organise, promote and deliver your own bike rides as part of the Breeze network. We ask champions to deliver an average of 14 rides over the year to local women in their area.

www.goskyride.com/breeze/showarticle/become-a-breeze-champion

Travel survey

We are keen to find out your thoughts on travelling to, from and around Picket Twenty and have put together a quick survey to find out your views. Please complete the survey online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/Picket20Travelplan or fill in the form on the back page of this newsletter and drop it into the temporary community centre.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, your comments are of value to us.

Coach trip

Some residents that attend the coffee group would like to arrange a coach trip to a Christmas market (possibly Winchester or Blackbushe). If you are interested, please get in touch with Claire Robinson.

Christmas at Picket Twenty

The count down to Christmas begins!



In December we are looking to hold a Christmas fayre at the community centre. This is an opportunity for local people to meet, to get into the Christmas spirit and to share skills and hobbies.

We are looking for people who would like to get involved in organising the fayre or holding a stall. Do you bake cakes, make jewellery, do nails or face painting? Would you like the opportunity to show and share your creations with your local community? Please contact Claire Robinson if you would like to get involved.

Toys

If you are thinking about having a clear-out of your children's toys before Christmas, please consider donating them to the bumps, babes and tots group that is held in the community

centre. Any good quality toys, games and puzzles would be gratefully received. Please contact Claire Robinson to donate.

Picket Twenty community choir

We are currently seeking to form a community choir, with our first outing being some informal carol singing around Picket Twenty in December.

Absolutely no experience is necessary and there is no audition. It will be a relaxed and friendly environment for anyone who wants to sing and have fun. There's no pressure and whether you love to sing or you just want to see what it's all about, everyone is welcome!

If you would like to join us, or maybe support us by leading the choir, please contact Claire Robinson to register your interest.

What's going on?



Pilgrims' Cross School community coffee and chat

1 October, 2pm to 2.50pm. Pilgrims Cross parents are invited to come along for an informal coffee, biscuit and chat with Miss Johnston, Headteacher, and Claire Robinson to discuss anything that is going well or what you'd like to see improved at the school.

Pilgrims' Cross community open day

5 October, 11am to 2pm. The school will be open to members of the local community to have a look around and to ask staff and governors any questions.

Bumps, babes and tots group

Every Tuesday morning, 10am to 11.30am. Join us for a chat and to meet other mums.

Youth club

Every Tuesday, starting 15 October, 4pm to 5.30pm. This youth club is for 7 – 13 year olds. There will be games, crafts and activities run by the local Youth Engagement Officer and either a PCSO or the Community Warden. If there are any residents that would like to get involved, please contact Sarah-Jane Partner on **01264 368069**.

Spectrum Housing Association resident drop in sessions

17 October, 21 November and 19 December, 1pm to 2.30pm. Maxine Sullivan, the Spectrum Housing Officer, will be available at the community centre to discuss any housing issues.

Street meet

17 October, 4pm to 6pm. If you have any concerns/issues about living at Picket Twenty, then please come along to the community centre and meet with your local councillors, Beat Officer / PCSO and the community safety team and have your say.

Armed Forces coffee morning

11 October, 18 October, 25 October, 10.30am to 12noon. Armed Forces coffee morning is an opportunity for families living on Augusta Park and Picket Twenty to get together. Sharon Goodridge, Community Development Worker for Augusta Park, and Alison Hunt from the Army Families Federation (AFF) will be present if you have any issues that you would like to raise.



Spooky craft session

31 October, 10am to 11.55am. Halloween based crafts will be run by the Romsey Community School Playscheme for children aged between 5 – 12. £1 per child.

Community news

Play areas

As part of the planning consent for Picket Twenty, there will be a number of community facilities provided, including play areas. The first play area will be on the green space at Quicksilver Way. There will be a play park consultation conducted in the coming weeks; ensure that you have your say.

The lovely weather that we have enjoyed this summer has meant that children have been playing outside which is always lovely to see. However, this has caused some concerns. Until the new play parks are in place, there will be lack of dedicated play space for children on Picket Twenty. As the development is still a construction site, there is a lot of traffic movement. Children playing on the road are at risk of having an accident, so parents are asked to ensure they are aware of road safety. Parents are also asked to talk to their children about being considerate about how and where they play, so as not to cause a nuisance to fellow residents.

Anti-social behaviour

Following a number of reports of anti-social behaviour over the summer months, I would like to clarify what actually constitutes as anti-social behaviour and what you can do about it.

The Government defines anti-social behaviour as:

“Behaviour which causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household.”

(Crime & Disorder Act, 1998)

Anti-social behaviour covers a wide area and may include harassment, verbal abuse, criminal damage, vandalism, noise nuisance, graffiti, engaging in threatening or intimidating behaviour and vehicle nuisance.

Examples of behaviour which would not be considered as anti-social are:

- Children playing
- Personal lifestyle differences
- ‘One off’ issues unless they are of a particularly serious nature
- Normal living noises such as opening and closing doors and flushing toilets
- Indiscriminate parking such as parking on the pavement and vehicle obstruction.

The list does not cover all situations. It gives an idea of where we would not take action but where we can offer advice and guidance. We will always explain if we cannot intervene in a case and sometimes we will direct you to other agencies/departments that may be able to help with the problem.

Who can I report anti-social behaviour to?

Police

Call **999** if you think there's a crime being committed or if you think anyone is being hurt. If the police don't need to come immediately, or you want to log something with them, call **101**.

Test Valley Borough Council

You can contact the Anti Social Behaviour Officer via the switchboard on 01264 368000 or using the online reporting form found on the Community Safety webpages at:

www.testvalley.gov.uk

Housing Associations

There are a few different housing associations that have properties on the development, however each one will have a housing officer covering Picket Twenty and they may be able to assist.

Reporting crimes and incidents

Residents are encouraged to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour using the **101**, non emergency, telephone number.

For any safety matters residents can email PCSO Natalie Lock:
natalie.lock@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

To contact the Council's Community Wardens email **wardens@testvalley.gov.uk**

Crime Stoppers **0800 555 111**

Safer neighbourhoods team
andover.sector@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Neighbourhood watch meeting

The next neighbourhood watch meeting is on **Thursday 14 November at 7pm** at the Picket Twenty community centre.



How to get in contact

For information about the development, or if you have any suggestions for community activities, please contact Claire Robinson, Community Development Worker for Picket Twenty, on:

01264 368622 / 0787 689 8079 or crobinson@testvalley.gov.uk

Picket Twenty Community Travel Plan

1. Q1 - How many adults live at your address?

- 1 2 3 4 or more?

2. How many children (under 18) live at your address?

- 1 2 3 4 or more?

3. On a normal day, how would you travel to work?

- Car Driver (sole occupant) Train Bus
 Car passenger Car Driver (with passengers) Don't work
 Motorcycle or Moped Car (dropped off)
 Walk Bicycle

4. What area Postcode do you travel to e.g SP10

5. If you normally drive to work on your own, would you consider car sharing?

- Yes No

6. If you have children, what method of transport do they travel to school/preschool?

- Car Bus Other (please specify)
 Taxi Bicycle
 Walk Lift

7. Do you use any of the following methods to travel to visit local families, shops, leisure etc.

- Car Driver (sole occupant) Train Bus
 Car passenger Car Driver (with passengers) Other
 Motorcycle or Moped Car (dropped off)
 Walk Bicycle

8. With regard to travelling to/from Picket Twenty are there any initiatives or improvements that would encourage you to use your car less?

9. Any other comments or suggestions you would like to make?