

Test Valley Borough Council

# Picket Twenty Resident Newsletter



This bi-monthly newsletter is to provide information about the development, activities and events to residents at Picket Twenty. For further information about the development or if you have any suggestions for community activities please contact Sharon Goodridge, Community Development Worker:

**01264 368622 [sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk)**

## About Picket Twenty

The Picket Twenty development sits in the parish of St Mary's. Local councillors are: Iris Anderson, Katharine Bird and Nigel Long.



### *Housing Occupations*

Latest figures obtained from the developers' sales offices showed that over 200 homes, of the overall 1200 homes planned, are now occupied at Picket Twenty.

### *Driving around the neighbourhood*

Residents and contractors are asked to please drive carefully around the development as children may be playing near the roadside.

**Please help keep the Picket Twenty neighbourhood clean by clearing up after your dog - thank you.**

It is actually an offence if you do not clear up after your dog and owners may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80. Authorised council officers patrol throughout the borough including your neighbourhood.

Stickers to remind dog owners to clear up after their dog have been put up around Picket Twenty.

If you know of an area that suffers from dog fouling or you have seen a person not clearing up after their dog, call Test Valley Borough Council on: **01264 368000**.

Persimmon are funding two bins at the development which will be installed in the near future. This will help residents dispose of bagged dog mess.

## Community Information

### Community Centre

The temporary facility is now sited next to the Persimmon site office, at the end of Picket Twenty Way. Furniture for the temporary community centre has kindly been donated by Spectrum Housing Association.

Once the developers have prepared it for use and building permission has been granted, we will be able to access the centre and hold an Opening Event for residents.

Until the permanent Picket Twenty community centre is built by the developers, at 400 homes occupied, the temporary centre will be used as a venue for information about the development, local facilities, services and community activities in and around Andover.

We plan to set up a resident coffee group for neighbours to meet each other. We welcome suggestions from residents for other activities and events at Picket Twenty.



### Community Litter Pick

As local residents, please spare an hour of your time to help keep the development and parkland litter free.

Meet Sharon at the Persimmon Sales office, Picket Twenty Way on Saturday 17th November at 10.30am.

Litter 'grabbers', rubber gloves and rubbish bags will be provided.

For further information please contact Sharon.

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Come and join the Party

# Countdown to Christmas!

Andover High Street  
Friday 16 November, 4.30pm – 7.30pm

Live Music & Entertainment on the BIG TV stage with Steve Randall of The Breeze Andover:

Portway Junior Glee Club	Common Ground
The Dragon Fly Rhythms	Jake Ward
Holly & Laura	Allowance, Andover Pop Factor winners

Father Christmas \* Still Walking Snowmen \* Chair-o-Plane Ride  
Hoop la la Laser Dance Show \* Fabulous Festive Food  
Chantry Centre Firework Finale

## Update from Persimmon Homes

Planning Permission for the Sports Pavillion and Permanent Community Centre has been approved by the Council.

The community centre proposals include a small secure landscaped garden. Construction is expected to begin early 2013. Both buildings and contributions towards their future upkeep are to be delivered to the Council as agreed before 400 homes are occupied.

The Urban Park playing fields are being shaped up at the moment.

The underpass is on track to be completed by the end of October 2012. Instructions have been given to Hampshire CC to instruct their contractor to paint the murals. The London Road Roundabout is due to be completed by then as well.

The footbridge has been designed and tendered, subject to some redesign during the tender process to reduce the road closure requirements. It should be usable by the trigger point of 275 homes occupied.

## Neighbourhood Watch



A group of enthusiastic residents are keen to establish a Neighbourhood Watch scheme at Picket Twenty. In order to establish a scheme, 50% of residents in any road/area need to take part by displaying NW signs/stickers and keeping an eye out for the safety and security of their neighbours and their property.

We are currently establishing a contact list of residents interested in supporting Neighbourhood Watch. If you would like to get further involved or find out more information please contact Sharon.



## Sports groups/activities in Andover

Information about local sports groups such as Football Clubs can be found on the Sport Hampshire web site.



## Well Baby Clinics in Andover

Spring Meadow Children's Centre, Tuesdays 9:30am to 11:30am.

The Lights Studio Theatre, Wednesday 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

If you have any queries please contact Nicola Robinson: **01264 353855**

## Public Art

A series of consultations are being held to gather people's thoughts, ideas and insights into public art both in the Test Valley and further afield, with a view to developing a Public Art Strategy for Test Valley.

As part of this consultation residents are asked to spare a few moments of time to complete an on line survey to say what you like, what you don't like and identify communities and places in the Borough that might benefit from public art projects. The link: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/JCQYC5X](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JCQYC5X)

**Thank you** - Alex Hoare – TVBC Arts Officer

## Message

*from Glenn Peacey, Senior IT Consultant, Hampshire Broadband Programme*

*"Openreach are working with Persimmon Homes to ensure that the Picket Twenty development benefits from a sustainable infrastructure offering the widest choice of communications providers and varying services which includes Fibre Broadband. All being well the Openreach Fibre Service should be available on site by the end of this year."*

[www.hants.gov.uk/broadband](http://www.hants.gov.uk/broadband)



## Education

### *Picket Twenty Primary School*

The construction of Pilgrims Cross Primary School at Picket Twenty has begun and the school is expected to open in September 2013. The school is intended to serve the Picket Twenty development and initially will welcome local children in Year R, 1 and 2 classes.

You can apply for a place at Pilgrims Cross from November 1st 2012 to January 15th 2013.

[www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) or call **08456 035 623**

If you would like details about Pre School Provision in Andover please contact Sheila Sahota - Childcare Development Coordinator for Test Valley on **02380667360** or [sheila.sahota@hants.gov.uk](mailto:sheila.sahota@hants.gov.uk)

## Reporting Crimes & Incidents

Residents are encouraged to report any incidents of Anti Social Behaviour or other non emergency incidents using the 101, non emergency, telephone number.

For any community safety matters residents can contact TVBC Community Wardens at [wardens@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:wardens@testvalley.gov.uk)

Crime Stoppers **0800 555 111**

## Disposing of rubbish

**Refuse collection day at Picket Twenty is on a Thursday.**

Following the collection of kerbside rubbish from Picket Twenty properties, TVBC request that all bins are taken back onto your property as soon as possible so the development is kept looking tidy.

For information on waste and recycling visit [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk)

If you would like to report any litter or environmental issues please text 'love' to 60060 explaining what you've seen and where, call **01264 368000** or email [environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk)

Information available online at: [www.testvalley.gov.uk/love](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/love)



## The Lights Theatre, Andover

The contemporary Lights Theatre in Andover, features a 242 seat auditorium, a large Arena Hall with an outside canopied decking area, a suite of business rooms, a dance studio and function rooms, all complemented by a stylish cafe area and wine bar.

The Lights offer a full professional programme of music, theatre, comedy and dance together with an arts related education and training programme, community group performances, exhibitions and gigs.

December will be a busy time at Andover's Lights Theatre.....

### **Saturday 1 December - 'Wrapped Up'**

the annual Christmas craft fair. Entry is free. There will be over 30 varied stalls, creative workshops and live music.

**Wednesday 5 to Saturday 8 December - 'How to Catch a Star'** a family Christmas show. Blunderbus Theatre Company have taken Oliver Jeffers bewitching story and turned it into a show with music, puppetry and storytelling, just perfect for the season.



If you are looking for a great party night out with friends or colleagues then the **Christmas Party Night Disco**, the **AC/DC tribute band Dirty DC**, or **Magic A kind of Queen** would be a great choice, and if you book 10 tickets you get the 11th ticket free with our group booking discount.

**Saturday 15 December** - Ballet Theatre UK presents **'A Christmas Carol'**.

### **Friday 21 December - CK Gospel Choir.**

This Christmas show includes gospel, soul and jazz, all accompanied by their live band.

If you'd like to know more about what's happening at The Lights have a look at [www.thelights.org.uk](http://www.thelights.org.uk) to see the full autumn season.

The Lights, West Street, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1AH



## Andover Rail Station

Refurbishment work continues at Andover Rail Station. The car park has been re-lined and re-marked and work to platforms one and two is almost complete. The forecourt work is well underway and a new, extended forecourt area and pedestrian crossing point has been installed. Snagging, minor painting, fencing and lighting are still to be completed.

Painting of the station building, fencing and out-buildings is also being undertaken.

## Picket Twenty Lane

Access by plots 40 and 48 was temporary for these residents and is now closed off, it is now an emergency access for emergency vehicles only.

## Picket Twenty Bus Service

In response to the Picket Twenty Resident Travel Survey we can reveal that the tender for a new bus service at Picket Twenty has been awarded to Stagecoach. Initially this service is likely to be an hourly service, connecting the site with the town centre.

Commencement of the new bus services will be once the underpass and London Road roundabout is completed.

There will be taster subsidised bus tickets available for residents at Picket Twenty, funded by the developer, details of which will be delivered to all households once finalised.

## Car Sharing

Drivers in Hampshire are being encouraged to save money and beat the recent rise in fuel prices by sharing their journeys rather than driving alone.

Many people are on a tighter budget these days, and every penny helps. With prices for petrol now averaging 140 pence a litre, and diesel now 144 pence a litre, many households are finding it tough to meet the cost of filling up at the pump. Car-sharing can save you more than pennies; many people who share lifts save hundreds of pounds a year! By finding others going your way through [www.hantscarshare.com](http://www.hantscarshare.com), you can halve your journey's fuel costs, as well as reducing stress levels and cutting your carbon footprint.

To join HantsCarShare for free, just go to [www.hantscarshare.com](http://www.hantscarshare.com), register your journey and start searching for someone going your way today!

## Health Walks

All residents are welcome for an hour long walk, lead by a Health Walk Leader, to help fitness and meet new people on:

**Tuesday 20th November and  
Tuesday 18th December.**

Please wear suitable footwear and bring a waterproof coat (if necessary) and a drink. We will leave from outside the Temporary Community Centre on Picket Twenty Way, at 10am.

For details please contact Sharon.





## Cycle Ride

We would like to offer group cycle rides at Picket Twenty. These cycle rides would be to keep fit and an opportunity to meet other local people. The routes could be as long or short as people wanted.

So far one resident is interested in establishing a cycle group – would you like to join in?

If you are interested in cycling with other residents of Picket Twenty please contact Sharon.

Road Closure information is now available on-line.

Information about road closures in Test Valley is now available to view on Test Valley's website:

[www.testvalley.gov.uk/publicnotices](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/publicnotices)

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

Vehicles parked on pavements which are causing an obstruction should be reported to the police using the 101 number.

For any information regarding the Community Travel Plan or local routes, please contact Sharon Goodridge, Community Development Worker  
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## Information for residents



### *Resident Newsletters*

Residents are reminded that they can view the bi-monthly resident newsletters and access local information about the development, local activities and events on the Picket Twenty page of the Council's website by accessing: [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk) Sharon can email or post you a newsletter on request or they can be collected from the Community Centre.

### *Contact us*

Residents can contact the Planning Policy Team at [planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk) or call **01264 368000** with any planning queries regarding the New Neighbourhoods in Andover. Please continue to contact Sharon (Community Development Worker) for local information and queries about any community activities or for local information **01264 368622 / [sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:sgoodridge@testvalley.gov.uk)**

A resident at Picket Twenty has set up a community website for neighbours with news, events and a community forum: [www.picket-twenty.com](http://www.picket-twenty.com)

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