



Charlton Village Monthly News

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COVID-19

We are living in extraordinary times but it is good to see Charlton's community spirit alive and well. Residents seem to be heeding government advice and staying home unless absolutely necessary. You know the drill! During my one exercise walk per day it is clear that front gardens are looking weed free in many places!

In the village we have set up a group of volunteers and notes have been dropped through every door letting you know a local point of contact. They are standing ready to assist the over 70's and the vulnerable and those self-isolating by collecting essential shopping, collecting prescriptions, posting mail or by arranging a neighbourly telephone call. There are also other groups we can tap into if required so don't stay quiet, please ask.

I continue to attend regular telephone conferences hosted by Test Valley and Charlton is on the map of COVID-19 Community Support Groups. So if you have any lingering questions please fire them to me cllrward@charltonvillage.org.uk or 07538596344 and I will get them submitted.

Charlton Village Community Day now postponed until 19 September 2020

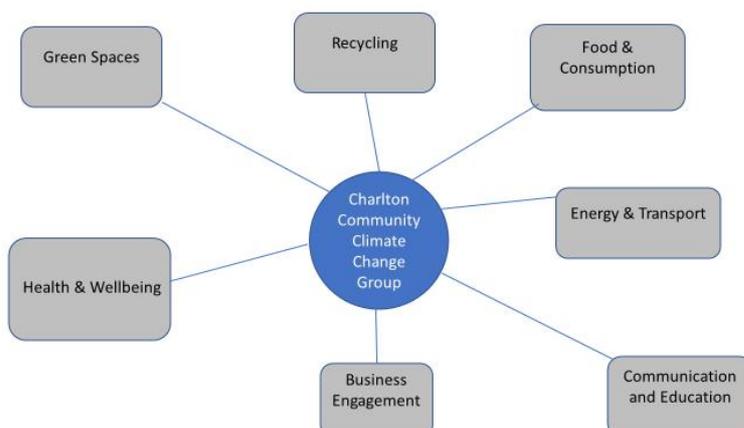
Everything is hold with many of our suppliers prepared to change dates rather than having to cancel and start again. Your committee will meet again in July to confirm the September date or cancel the event until 2021.

Charlton Community Climate Change Group

The global Campaign against Climate Change exists to push for the urgent action needed to counteract the catastrophic effects on the global climate. It is not certain how much irreversible damage has been done already but if we do not act now the harmful effects will be many times more devastating.

Mission Statement (To be confirmed) The Charlton Community Climate Change Group seeks to educate and inform residents and to identify and harness good ideas that can be enacted at a local level aimed at improving the way we steward the environment both in the short term and beyond. It seeks to set a good example and for Charlton to be held up as an exemplar parish within Test Valley.

The intention is to meet when we are allowed to, to firm up a Local Action Plan using some of the ideas that were offered at the 7 March village meeting. We think we will form some sub groups/working parties based on the model below but it is very early days and much will change as we get our heads together.



COVID-19 has stolen the limelight but if you want to contribute and get involved please email cllrjmulberry@charltonvillage.org.uk or visit the Charlton Community Climate Change Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=101301548125914&ref=br_rs

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Clive Ward – Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Charlton Neighbourhood Plan is now on its Reg16 circulation (circulated by TVBC to all statutory bodies and residents). Comments will now be seen and assessed by the Independent Examiner. In due course the Examiner will produce a report stating whether or not the Plan is fit to put before Residents in a Referendum.

Photographic Competition

And the winner for March is: Anne Szadorska from Mercia avenue



The picture shows good composition, no post editing, good lighting and movement. It's sharp in the front of the image as it should be. There's no overexposure on this bright day which is great.

Remember to post photos to www.charltonsnaps@gmail.com or via Instagram [CharltonSnaps](#) and state whether you are under or over 16.

The Bridge from Foxcotte Road to Charlton Lakes

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has delayed the start of the bridge build. Good things come to those that wait!

High Ropes and Zip Wire

Still not formally announced as TVBC has other things on its mind but the Zip Wire will no longer be pursued – thank you to all those who signed the Village petition. Places for Leisure are now substituting an upgraded themed Crazy Golf on the same site as the current one. The Parish Council wrote a letter of support for this. The consultation which would have involved briefing boards and Q&As has been delayed for obvious reasons.

Crime

Some interesting articles this month. Please see link to [Crime Prevention Bulletin March 2020.pdf](#)

Notices

<p>April 2020 Parish Council meetings cancelled until further notice</p>	<p>St Thomas' Church Following Government guidance all churches are closed for routine services, weddings and baptisms. The Pastrow Family of churches is adhering to this advice with the hope that we will be able to return to some form of normality in due course. However, we are now using modern technology to provide a range of services both on a Sunday morning and during weekdays. All these are delivered via the internet and can be accessed through the Pastrow Benefice website at www.pastrowbenefice.org.uk – a simple click on a link will let you access any of the services. Please join us. Revd Alex Randle-Bissell, Priest-in-Charge, 01264 512161, Vicar@pastrowfamily.org.uk Judith Appleby, Benefice administrator, 07999 352585 admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk</p>
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