



Charlton Village Monthly News

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The Charlton Village Monthly News is published on the Parish Council website and on Charlton Community Chat Facebook page. For those who aren't able to access it electronically, copies will be posted on the Village Notice Boards. If you have anything you wish to include in the Monthly News please send by email to cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk or post it into the letterboxes on the Notice Boards.

Commemorative Oak Tree



The picture shows the Mayor of Test Valley planting a commemorative Oak Tree. He was accompanied by the Mayoress and a number of residents turned out to hear the Mayor reflect on the affects of the pandemic so far. He made special mention of all those volunteers who had stood up to help the vulnerable and elderly. He was pleased to be told that the Support Group in Charlton would continue to offer support when and where it was needed as part of ongoing 'neighbourliness' that had manifested during lockdown.



Charlton Community Support Group

The Charlton Support Group (local volunteers) remains in place and is ready and willing to collect prescriptions, shop, run errands or just be a listening ear. So, if you need anything, please contact Clive Ward cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk 07538596344 or Ian Smale cllrismale@charltonvillage.org.uk 07421354874

Newsletter Delivery

Second Request. A couple of our regular deliverers have moved or are unable to continue with deliveries. If you could help once a quarter to deliver a batch of Charlton News, please contact Clive Ward cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk

Editor Charlton News

Jacqueline Smith our Parish Council Chair has taken on production of Charlton News (at least for the time being). Our thanks again to Gilly Summers the outgoing editor. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please get in touch with editor@charltonvillage.org.uk

Bra Recycling

Well done. To all concerned. The Bra Bank at Charlton Convenience Store is full and Bbas will be collected by DPD shortly. Great idea and easy to do. New Bank will be available soon so get sorting out your old bras.

Feeding the Ducks and Geese

Duck food is still available from the Charlton Lakeside Café. Better for birds than bread and all proceeds go to charity - Andover Foodbank <https://andover.foodbank.org.uk> or SSAFA – The Armed Forces Charity <https://www.ssafo.org.uk/hampshire> SSAFA provides lifelong support to those who are serving or have served in the British Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines or the Royal Air Force, and to their families

Events 2022

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2 June Beacon Lighting with Music in the Park 7-11pm Early sessions Test Valley Brass, then its Midge and finally Kilcannon, with a break for the Beacon Lighting by the Mayor of at 945pm. The Village Pub tent will be available throughout and Advance tickets are £2 per head available from 1 March. £3 on the day.

5 June Picnic in the Park 1-4pm Informal bring your own picnic to Charlton Lakes.

9 July Charlton Village Community Day (aka Fete) 12-4pm – bigger and better than the first one The Events Committee needs more willing and able (or just willing!) volunteers to help make these events the success we all deserve. Next meeting for community-minded volunteers is on 22 Feb @730pm in the Foxcotte Room. Please drop in even if you can't stay.

Update. The Beacon is now ordered – stands about 4m tall with an impressive basket - very exciting and will be positioned in Charlton Lakes for the event. It will then be repositioned on the grass by the Millennium Stone and host a wonderful hanging basket – subject to planning permission. But it's heavy and we will need help to transport and erect this lasting memorial. I am particularly interested in anyone in the village who has access to a 'cherry picker' or the like.

Speedwatch

Second Request. Speedwatch needs to be reintroduced to increase the effectiveness of our Speed Indicators. Please contact Clive Ward if you would be willing to offer 30 mins of your time on a rota basis – probably once per month.

Climate Change

Unfortunately, Mike Cripps has had to step back from leading for Climate Change due to other commitments. Thanks Mike, for getting us this far. The **Greening Campaign** <http://www.greening-campaign.org/> is backed (and subsidised) by Hampshire County Council. It is not a political organization and not linked to any political organisation or affiliated organisation. Charlton Parish Council judges this to be something we should adopt and has bought into the scheme. Can you help to take this forward? If so, please contact cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk and he can give you some more background.

Notices

Feb 2022	
Parish Council	Parish Council meetings take place in Charlton Church Hall (not the Foxcotte Room) at 745pm and no longer by zoom. Meetings will be every 3rd Tue of the month except August and December. Agendas will be posted to the website and notice boards but can also be obtained by contacting The Parish Clerk, Heather Bournier on 01264 773976 or by e-mail clerk@charltonvillage.org.uk
St Thomas' Church	Details of church services can be found on the Pastrow Family site: www.pastrowfamily.org.uk Revd Alex Randle-Bissell , Rector 01264 512161, revdalex@pastrowfamily.org.uk Judith Appleby , Benefice administrator 07999 352585 admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk