



Charlton Village Monthly News

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COVID-19

Charlton Community Support Group by Mike Cripps

At the time of writing this short article, the country is now in its 4th week of movement restrictions that are assisting in limiting the spread of the Coronavirus. These are having a significant impact upon our lives and routine, but by all accounts, appear to be effective. If we can all keep up with restricting our travel to the barest essential, not mixing with others outside our immediate household we will be continuing to help protect the NHS and other care providers.

Earlier on this year on 22nd March came the call from Jackie Smith: Volunteers required to help in the local community. Stepping forward was easy, stepping back would have been even easier. So, a band of 20 or so individuals formed up, very quickly becoming a team under the coordination of Clive Ward and Ian Smale. Tasks such as shopping, prescriptions and posting letters are shared out and off we go. Accustoming ourselves quickly to the Soviet style queuing for prescriptions and basics yet also marvelling at the variety in the contents on shopping lists, essentials aside! And upon delivery of the goods, just to see the joy on the faces of the vulnerable and self-isolating is so rewarding.

After recently delivering your second Support Group newsletter; through some biting letter boxes, our hands left resembling bare-knuckle fighters, carefully negotiating rickety gates, and at the same time being mindful and wary of some dodgy dogs – only to find they were 'yorkies': and all the time gaining respect for the great job our posties do for us.

It was terrific to hear the cheering and clapping on the first Thursday of 'clap for the NHS' and as this has now become a regular event it would be remiss not to give a massive thank you, by the way, to the binmen of Charlton (and Andover), supermarket and corner-shop workers, delivery drivers and all the others who are doing their damndest to preserve some semblance of normality during this madness. Order has finally returned to supermarkets - we all queue now and respect distances (opportunity for keep-fit classes?) although some get disturbed when invading their space by even a centimetre.

Surely if we all stick together our sacrifices will not be in vain and in the end will help many people get through these challenging times.

And finally - At the time of reading this who knows where we will be, but remember: 'Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise'.

Charlton Village Community Day now postponed until 19 September 2020

Everything is on 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.

The Bridge from Foxcotte Road to Charlton Lakes

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has delayed the start of the bridge build. I am assured things are going on behind the scenes. Good things come to those that wait!

Crazy Golf

A planning application for a new Adventure Golf facility to replace the existing one has recently been submitted by Places for Leisure. This is instead of the High Ropes and Zip Wire proposal that was soundly rejected by residents. The Parish Council has indicated its support in principle for the new Adventure Golf facility and will comment on the planning application in due course.

Fly- tipping – Don't be Tempted



Tips for waste removal

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste. It's a crime that damages the environment, risks public health and costs taxpayers to clean up.

Householder responsibilities

You could face an unlimited fine if your rubbish is found fly-tipped – even if you didn't do it yourself.

You must use a licensed waste carrier to dispose of waste, or take it to a household waste recycling centre (hants.gov.uk/recyclingcentres).

You must show you took reasonable steps to prevent your waste being fly-tipped. This is called your duty of care.

Using a licensed waste carrier

1. Check if your waste carrier is licensed. You can do this quickly with their name or licence number at hants.gov.uk/fly-tipping.
2. Ask what will happen to your waste. A licensed waste carrier should not object to this.
3. Keep a record of their waste carrier licence number by taking a photo of the licence, or take a screenshot when you check online.
4. Keep a waste transfer note or receipt to say where the waste was collected from, by who, and where it is going.

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Neighbourhood Plan

CLr Clive Ward – Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The Charlton Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to the independent Examiner and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (fine body of men and women) is working up responses to assist the Examiner in his deliberations. You should be aware that Gladman (the developer) is challenging our line about only being able to accept a further 50 homes within Charlton. There are some other less worrying comments and the Steering Group hopes to be able to convince the Examiner to allow the Plan to be put to Referendum as soon as restrictions are lifted – currently not before May 2021. Watch this space! Once the Plan is 'oven ready' it will carry considerable weight even though the Referendum is delayed.

Land by Carter's Meadow



The land by Carter's Meadow shown in RED is Unregistered and is Public Open Space. This means that residents and visitors are welcome to walk and sit (subject to lockdown) in this area. Equally the land beyond this boundary is Private and residents and visitors must respect this.

Photographic Competition

The winner for April 2020 is Ros Lucas



Our judging Panel says: The lighting is great and the picture has an obvious focal point on the petals – good job.

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

Notices

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The Parish Council will meet by video link on Tue 19 May – details of how you can get involved to follow.

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.

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