

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 cilrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk or post it into the letterboxes on the Notice Boards.

Charlton Neighbourhood Plan – Referendum at last!

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Charlton Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 6 May 2021. A Neighbourhood Development Plan contains policies for the use of land in a designated neighbourhood area. In 2014 Charlton Parish Council decided to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and public consultation has taken place on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Charlton Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared for the designated Charlton Neighbourhood Area, shown below and on the Councils website at: <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-andbuilding/planningpolicy/neighbourhood-planning/charlton-neighbourhood-plan>

There is a statutory process which must be followed for the making of a Neighbourhood Plan. The process involves the holding of a Referendum. The question, which is specified in the Regulations, which will be asked for the Referendum is:

'Do you want Test Valley Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Charlton to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood area?'

If more than half of those voting in the referendum vote 'Yes' in response to the question above then the Neighbourhood Plan must be 'made' (adopted) by Test Valley Borough Council and the Neighbourhood Plan will be part of the Development Plan for the Borough. This means that the Plan will be used in the determination of planning applications for the designated area of Charlton Parish.

Recycling



The Parish Council is actively engaged with TVBC to try and improve recycling opportunities for the village. Tesco has been asked to confirm its recycling policy and facilities. A battery recycling facility is available but it is tucked away by the Post Office counter.

Communications

Thank you for those who completed the online survey or the questionnaire in the spring edition of Charlton News. Not a huge response and so it is difficult to draw firm conclusions. But:

- Confirmed Quarterly Charlton News delivered to households was liked.
- Newsletter is available on Parish Council website and so suggestion that individuals should be able to opt out of paper copy (saves paper). The mechanics of doing this would be considered.
- Some support for moving to a Community website with Parish Council as a page but no volunteer webmaster has yet come forward so this may be difficult.
- A Charlton App had some support and may be looked at further.
- Charlton Chat is useful.

Book Exchange/Library

Books are still being dumped in large numbers. Please just take the books you want and replace with a similar number. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Climate Change

Become a Sustainable Charlton
Volunteer



Bored during lockdown? Fancy saving
the world a little bit?

Come along and help to form a happy band of environmentally aware villagers. It can be as little or as much as you like - you choose. You could join a one-off project team, one of the main groups, or just help at a one-off event. We can match a role to your skills and time available. At the moment, everything can be done on zoom or phone, so it can all be done from home. Do you love social media? Good with words or artistic? Making short videos? Funky little graphics? Could you help us with some design? Or have some good ideas for posts?

Contact: Mike Cripps michael.cripps@btinternet.com

Charlton Community Support Group

Despite the easing of lockdown, the Charlton Community Support Group (15 local volunteers) remains in place and is ready and willing to assist residents. So, if you need anything, please contact Clive Ward cllrcward@charltonvillage.org.uk 07538596344 or Ian Smale cllrismale@charltonvillage.org.uk 07421354874

Litter Pick – Provisional date Sat 26 June

CPRE the countryside charity is promoting the 'Great British Spring Clean' <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean> and is very much in favour of organised litter picks. Whether we get involved in this national scheme or not, the Parish Council acknowledges that littering is a growing problem for the village and the area around Charlton Lakes. The current COVID restrictions makes organising community litter picks impossible however the Parish Council will address this issue once restrictions are eased.

Notices

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Parish Council	The Parish Council will meet by video link on Tue 20 Apr - details of how you can attend will be published in advance.												
St Thomas' Church	<p>With the continuing reduction in virus cases and the Government's easing of restrictions, we are glad to say St Thomas' Church will re-open for public worship during April. Social distancing rules will still apply and pre-notification of attendance is required (call Jean Milne on 391504) but we would love to see as many back in church as we can safely manage.</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>4 Apr – Easter Sunday service</td> <td>}</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 Apr – Holy Communion</td> <td>}</td> <td>@ 10am</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18 Apr – Morning Prayer</td> <td>}</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>25 Apr – Holy Communion</td> <td>}</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Live streaming of services from the Pastrow Family of Churches will continue. Details and links are on www.pastrowfamily.org.uk</p> <p>Revd Alex Randle-Bissell, Rector 01264 512161, Vicar@pastrowfamily.org.uk Judith Appleby, Benefice administrator, 07999 352585 admin@pastrowfamily.org.uk</p>	4 Apr – Easter Sunday service	}		11 Apr – Holy Communion	}	@ 10am	18 Apr – Morning Prayer	}		25 Apr – Holy Communion	}	
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