

WHITCHURCH VILLAGE NEWS



Dear Fellow Villager...

Happy New Year to you all.....

Firstly a very special welcome to all our new residents. We send a number of Newsletters each year to keep everyone up to date on events and issues concerning Whitchurch Village and we always welcome any feedback or input.

1. West of England Joint Spatial Plan (JSP) Examination

Eight local people spoke at a recent B&NES Council meeting to put the case forward from the Village that the plans for 2500 dwellings on green belt land, included in the JSP, were not acceptable.

B&NES Council made a decision to withdraw from the JSP and to continue with a Local Plan. This does not mean the Village is now reprieved – but we have ensured that our views and voices have been heard and that we will scrutinise any plans that involve our Village and lives.

Once again a huge thank you to all those who have been involved with this.

2. Community Clean Up

We all like to see clean streets! For the past few years we have organised a Community Clean up once or twice a year. We would love to see some of you get involved. The next clean up being held, in conjunction with The Great British Spring Clean, is on Saturday 28th March from 10.00am – 12 noon. Please come along and join members of the Village Council keep our village tidy. Just turn up at Whitchurch Village Community Centre just before 10am, all equipment will be provided.

3. Free Community Library

In our last Newsletter we told you about plans for a Village Community Library box at last we have secured a location. This will be on the wall adjacent to Smartmove with thanks to the generosity of a local resident. The box should be installed in the next couple of weeks. Please pop along with a book and swap it for another.

4. Village improvements

At last the Millennium Clock has been refurbished and moved into the Centre of the Village, we hope you like its new location.

We are currently working on the Playpark refurbishment and the plans should be available to be viewed and consulted on in the next few months. Watch this space!

5. VE Day 75th Anniversary

Thanks to a small group of volunteers, events to ensure our Village marks this historic day are in the planning and will take place on the 8th, 9th & 10th May to celebrate and commemorate this important anniversary.

8th May

3pm - A Piper will open VE Day 75 by joining those around the world in playing Battle's O'er & VE Day 75 Years. This will be at the British Legion.

7pm - The church bell will ring out alongside those around the country in a collective celebration.

8pm - A celebration and party will take place at Whitchurch Cricket Club, with music, drink and food available. Thank you to the Cricket Club who have offered to host this event, we have booked an excellent band! So please come and help us celebrate this momentous event. It will be a great opportunity for a Village get together!

9th May

The Royal British Legion will hold a fun day with a brass band and barbeque.

10th May

3 - 5pm - A Tea Party will be held in the Whitchurch Village Community Centre, with food, drink and live music, with a 1940's theme.

Please save the dates - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW....

6. Christmas Lights

Lastly - thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas lights switch on and to the pupils of Whitchurch Village Primary School who never fail to make the evening so special with their amazing singing.



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Whitchurch Village Council members look forward to your support and see you at our Village Events!