



VALLEY PARK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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TEST VALLEY IN BLOOM



One of the first successful events delivered by the new Valley Park Parish Council was the Valley Park in Bloom feature. When Valley Park was part of North Baddesley the then Chairman Alan Dowden had the floral show running for 10 years. Now as Chairman of Valley Park he is committed to continuing the scheme in Valley Park as it is so appreciated by local people.

This year the scheme got off to a fine start being launched by the former Saints Boss Lawrie McMenemy. Once again it was a spectacular floral production with 280 hanging baskets and a dozen large boxes.

The backing of local business was sought and this year Councillor Dowden won support from Wimpey Southern Limited, Tesco Express and Asda.

Pictured at the launch are children from the nearby Knightwood School, Lawrie and Alan with the business representatives

SPEED LIMIT DEVICES

These devices are to be installed by Valley Park Parish Council in September on Knightwood Road and then moved to School Lane and Shannon Way. It is intended to alternate the location of these devices between the sites.

The limiters will indicate a vehicles speed with the intention of slowing any vehicles which are speeding, to the recognised speed limit.

NEW ALLOTMENTS FOR VALLEY PARK

The Parish Council is in negotiations with Test Valley Borough Council to acquire land for use as allotments. Residents wishing to apply for a plot should contact the Clerk to the Council at the address above as soon as possible. Plots will be let on a first come first served basis.

NEW SAFETY GUARD RAILS

Another safety measure success for the Parish Council is the provision of safety guard railings at the pedestrian crossing on School Lane. The Parish Council has been advised by Hampshire County council that the installation should take place late August/September.

NO – DRINKING ZONES COME A STEP CLOSER

Chairman of the Parish Council, Alan Dowden, won a partial victory in his efforts to create alcohol free zones in Valley Park after Test Valley Borough Council's executive agreed that Valley Park should be included in the Council's review of alcohol- controlled zones.

In addressing the Executive Councillor Dowden explained that something had to be done to prevent the growing amount of damage caused by young people who had been drinking in the area. In particular he referred to:

❑ The health issues surrounding underage drinking;

❑ The general issues of vandalism which had arisen through this problem;

❑ The fact that Valley Park has the worst drug and alcohol problem in the southern part of Test Valley and that a County Youth Services Officer has indicated that alcohol and drug use was open and blatant;

❑ The youth shelter which had become a magnet for young people to meet and drink alcohol as evidenced by the litter left there;

❑ The Borough Council's Executive had therefore agreed to work with Valley Leisure to improve security at the leisure centre and to erect "no alcohol signs" around the site. Police would also be asked to enforce underage drinking laws in the area.

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NEW PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish Council is working to develop a new website. All information relevant to the Parish will be posted on the site. You will also be able to access minutes and agendas of the Parish Council. Please visit www.valleyparkparish.org from time to time to check progress.