



Merry Christmas

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The Valley Park Parish Council wishes all residents of Valley Park a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Valley Park in Bloom



Mick Channon (ex Saint's and currently a famous horse racing trainer) has agreed to launch Valley Park in Bloom next Summer.

This will be an opportunity for local people to meet 'Mick' and an opportunity for businesses to make donations towards the floral displays. Mick Channon will promote those businesses who support this venture.



New Parish Notice Boards

Councillor Alan Dowden pictured with Councillor Ray Bryan at the installation of the new Notice Board.



Chandlers Ford Post Office Bournemouth Road

Valley Park Parish Council have strongly objected to the closure of the Chandlers Ford Post Office.



Allotments Update

Test Valley is to produce a plan for 30 plots for allotment use. However the Borough Council will need approval from developers. The Borough Council also has to advertise the proposal in the local newspaper in accordance with regulations. When these matters are finalised the land will be transferred to the Parish Council by way of a long lease. It is hoped the allotments will be available from next summer.



Council backs Alcohol-Free Zones

Councillor Alan Dowden's motion to introduce alcohol-free zones was approved at Test Valley Borough Council.

It will implement Designated Public Places Orders in areas where there was evidence that members of the public had been adversely affected by alcohol related crime or anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Alan Dowden told the Parish Council



"The orders once approved by the Home Office will provide the Police and accredited Community support officers the powers to confiscate alcohol from anyone within the designated area whether it was perceived as an anti-social behaviour or otherwise. The Police & Accredited Officers will though, take a common sense approach to its enforcement"

A public consultation is planned to take place early next year.



St Francis School Children



Local Test Valley Councillors Alan Dowden, Louise Guy & Andrea Dyde helping to plant 600 trees with St Francis School children as part of a community safety scheme in Valley Park by Test Valley Borough Council.



Disabled Persons Independent Living Bill

Councillor Alan Dowden gained approval for the following motion at Hampshire County Council: *"While Hampshire County Council fully supports Lord Ashley's Disabled Persons Independent Living Bill, it writes to the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, to ask that government takes on the sponsorship of the Bill and extends its scope to cover vulnerable groups in society including frail, elderly people whose numbers are growing, allocates sufficient Parliamentary time to it and funds, to implement its provisions"*

Councillor Dowden said *"the crisis in social care has a solution and its called **independent living**. Instead of cutting back support we should be investing in more choice and control for disabled people and their families for the good of our society and the good of our economy"*.

