

### Valley Park In Bloom

This year's valley Park In Bloom event got off to a fine start being launched on 25 June 2008 by the former Saints and England soccer star Mick Channon. 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 the Parish Council won support from Asda, Bryant Homes and BMW Scotthall.

Mick Channon was full of praise for everyone who had played a part in setting up the displays and he said " It's great that the Parish Council takes such a pride in its area – great for the people who live here and for the ones just driving through." Mick met children from the Knightwood and St Francis Primary Schools.

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### Valley Park Wins "Test Valley In Bloom"

This year the Parish Council entered its floral displays in the Test Valley In Bloom floral competition and the Parish Council is proud to announce that it was judged the outright winner. The organisers, in their letter to the Parish Council, said "On entering Valley Park we were aware of the neatness – trimmed bushes, cut grass, no visible litter and of the colour provided by the hanging baskets and boxes. It was evident that many people are involved, local residents and children from local schools, all taking responsibility which is reflected in the lack of damage and graffiti in the area and it added up to a striking and worthwhile example of community involvement in the environment."



The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Alan Dowden, (pictured above) was very pleased with the result after all the effort put in by the Parish Council and he would like to thank the community for their assistance by helping to keep Valley Park neat and tidy.



## **Teddy Bears Picnic**

The Parish Council marked its first anniversary with a fun day Teddy bears Picnic for young children in the Parish on 5 July 2008. All those that attended had a very enjoyable day and the Parish Council has been asked whether this could be made an annual event.

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## **Traffic Issues**

The Parish Council has been notified that the Valley Park Waiting Restrictions and Prohibition of Driving Traffic Regulation Orders which were advertised on 8 May 2008 for consultation will now be implemented this autumn.

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### **Glendowan Road Car Park**

Following representations from the Chairman of the Parish Council, Test Valley Borough Council now intends to carry out repairs to the Glendowan Road car park in the very near future.

### **New Parish Members**

The Parish Council has now co-opted two new Parish Councillors. Details of all the Parish Councillors can be found on our website [www.valleyparkparish.org](http://www.valleyparkparish.org). For up to date information on the parish including details of our meetings please remember to visit the website from time to time.

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## **Allotments Update**

The Parish Council has received very disappointing news from Test Valley Borough Council that the trustees of the Chamberlayne Estates have refused to alter the legal agreement that would have allowed Test Valley Borough Council to utilise the public open space land which had been earmarked for allotments. TVBC and the Parish council will have to look for an alternative site. This means that allotment provision for local parishioners is now on hold until land becomes available.