



Valley Park
Parish Council

Merry Christmas

VALLEY PARK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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

Winter Bulb Planting

School Children from St Francis and Knightwood primary schools planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs on 3rd November at two locations in Valley Park. They were assisted by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Alan Dowden and the local MP Sandra Gidley also turned up to assist.



The Parish Council also had a further 2,000 bulbs planted along Templars Way. Test Valley Borough Council staff helped to prepare the ground and Veolia provided free compost.



Valley Park Parish Council: Parish Rate 2010/2011

Valley Park Parish Council cut it's, parish tax rate by 10% this year and it is pleased to be able to hold that position and seek no increase in the Parish Council tax next year. The Chairman, Cllr. Dowden, said "the Council is now in a financially sound position through prudent management of resources."



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Glendowan Road Car Park

The Parish Council is pleased to see that Test Valley borough Council at long last has, after much lobbying by local councillors, resurfaced this car park to a very high standard.

The Parish Council hopes that parents of children attending the knightwood school will make full use of it in order to improve highway safety within the locality.



Youth Provision And Volunteers In Valley Park

Hampshire County Council Accredited Community Safety officer Clive Fortune is pioneering a scheme to provide youth provision for children in the Valley Park area of Test Valley. A room has been donated by Chris Hughes of the Knightwood Leisure Centre which will provide a base to give local children something to do on a Friday night.

Clive Fortune said: "I have been patrolling the area now for just over a year and one thing I have noticed is the number of teenagers on the streets on a Friday night causing us problems within the community. The majority of the children are fine and well behaved, but one thing they are very conscious of is that there is limited provision for them in the area and they get bored and disruptive. I am looking for volunteers willing to give up a few hours on a Friday night to take this project forward and give children within Valley Park a central meeting point and sense of belonging within their community."

HCC, Cllr Alan Dowden said: "The County Council and the Valley Park Parish Council are committed to increasing opportunities for young people and helping them lead safe, positive lives. They help foster a real community spirit in a healthy and relaxed environment. Hampshire's ACSOs have an important role and this is a great example of working for the benefit of the community, especially the younger residents."

Anybody interested in helping can contact Clive on 07793 759045 or e-mail

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Raglan Close to School Lane along Templars Way

A Parish partnership has been agreed between the Parish council and Hampshire County Council to provide a new footway at the above location to make it easier for pedestrians. The works should start in the new year.



Knightwood Leisure Centre

Knightwood Leisure Centre offers a diverse selection of activities for all generations. Children can enjoy a range of sporting activities, as well as fabulous birthday party options. For adults they currently run studio fitness classes and courses throughout the year. Senior activities include tennis and short mat bowls in a friendly, sociable atmosphere.

For more information please contact 02380 276254 or visit www.valleyleisure.com. Leisure Centre staff look forward to seeing you soon.



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