



Valley Park  
Parish Council

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## VALLEY PARK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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

### TVBC New Core Strategy

Residents are advised that no further development is proposed for Valley Park up to 2031. The Parish Council will be sending you further information on this subject when it is time to make your comments known to Test Valley Borough Council.

### Autumn Bulb Planting Event

The Parish Council organised a further bulb planting event during November. This involved children from Knightwood and St Francis primary schools planting 2,000 mixed daffodils along Knightwood Road, near the Shannon Way roundabout and opposite Brendon Care.

The event was sponsored by CooperVision and Veolia.

The photograph below shows Councillor Alan Dowden, Chairman of the Parish Council, with Councillors Andrew Beesley and Kath Tilling, a representative from CooperVision and children from the local schools. The children are holding two certificates which the Parish Council was awarded in the Test Valley in Bloom competition held during the summer.



The photo above shows all those involved in the event including Vice Chairman Councillor Clive Anderson, holding one of the certificates

## Parish Council Tax

The Chairman, Councillor Alan Dowden, is pleased to announce that once again there will be no increase in the parish element of the Council Tax next year. Through prudent budgeting, the parish element of the Council Tax, will remain 10% lower than when the Parish Council was first formed in 2007.

## Donnington Drive Play Area

After a successful consultation exercise with local residents, Test Valley Borough Council and the Parish Council will fund the provision of new equipment for this play area early next year.

## Highway Issues: Junction of Castle Lane with Pennard Way

The Parish Council has been successful in getting Hampshire County Council to approve and finance build-outs on Castle Lane, to prevent vehicles cutting the corner when turning into Pennard Way. The works are due to start in December this year.

## New Pedestrian Entrance off Knightwood Road

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that Hampshire County Council has approved a sum of £25,000 to assist Knightwood School in providing a new pedestrian entrance from Knightwood Road. This should alleviate some of the parking issues around the school and address parents' concerns about their children's safety.

## Eastleigh Community Services and Test Valley Dial-A-Ride

Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Alan Dowden, has suggested that these organisations introduce combined services, so that people living in the Test Valley area can access community transport services to locations such as Waitrose and Fryern Hill. As a result, the Eastleigh/Test Valley Borough Liaison Committee has asked that the community services work together more effectively for the benefit of local residents of Valley Park.

