



Valley Park
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VALLEY PARK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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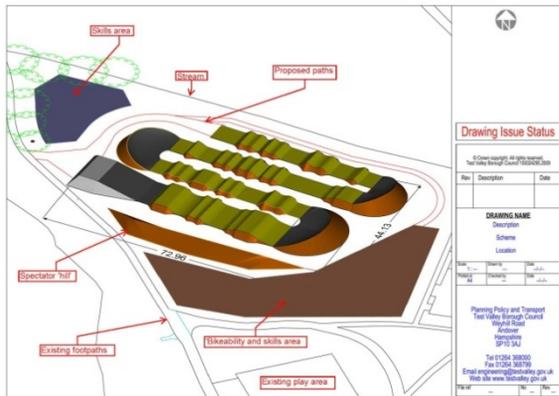
The Valley Park Council tax is now the lowest in Test Valley. This is due to prudent management of the Council's finances and in gaining business donations and grants.

Dog Bins

Borough Councillors Alan Dowden, Andrew Beesley and Kath Tilling have now been given a community budget and following requests from a number of parishioners they will be using this budget to provide new dog bins to assist responsible dog owners.

Knightwood Leisure Centre BMX Track up to National Standards

Test Valley Borough Council has come forward with provisional ideas for redeveloping the BMX track at Knightwood Leisure Centre. The plan below details the design and shows that the facility will offer a skills section together with an area for 'Bikeability Sessions' (cycle proficiency) and officers are engaging with local children to ascertain what they would like to see there.



New Bench Seat

A resident from the Leven Close/ Crummock Road recently asked if a seat could be provided on the open space land at the rear of Tweed Close. The Chairman, Councillor Alan Dowden persuaded Test Valley Borough Council to install the seat in this location. The resident concerned was very pleased with the result and with the way they had been involved in deciding where to place it. The seat has proved to be very popular and is frequently in use.



Valley Park in Bloom

Valley Park Parish Council has once again won a Silver award in the Test Valley in Bloom competition and in addition, was awarded the "Baverstock Trophy" by the Mayor of TVBC for its community work with local children in relation to the floral displays and bulb planting.



Bus Shelters

Two new bus shelters have now been installed, one in Knightwood Road and the other in Templars Way. There are now 16 bus shelters in Valley Park.



Winter Bulb Planting Scheme

This year's Winter Bulb Planting Scheme took place on School Lane, Valley Park, on Tuesday 16 October 2012. Some 4,000 miniature daffodils were planted by children from Knightwood and St Francis schools accompanied by David Gower OBE, (former English Cricket Captain).

The daffodils were funded by Waitrose and the compost provided free of charge by Veolia. Test Valley borough council once again kindly prepared the ground ready for planting.



Valley Park community consultation - have your say



Who better to decide the needs and priorities of a local area than the people who live there?

That's why your councillors are launching a pilot scheme, which aims to help residents identify and take the lead on delivering projects that will help improve their local towns and villages. And Valley Park is one of the first areas to take part!

To help kick-start the innovative community planning scheme, councillors want to find out what Valley Park residents love about where they live and what can be improved. Simply complete the online survey at www.testvalley.gov.uk/vpconsultation or send your responses to the questions below to the following address:-

Test Valley Borough Council, Community and Leisure Service, FREEPOST NAT8009, ANDOVER SP10 3BR

There are six questions and it will take just a few minutes to complete. This initial feedback will help identify the key projects you want to focus on. You have until Christmas to complete the survey, so before turkeys and tinsel take over, set aside a few minutes to help start shape the future of your local area.

- ✿ What's good about living in Valley Park?
- ✿ What don't you like about living in Valley Park?
- ✿ What would make it better?
- ✿ How do you find out about the community groups and activities that are available in Valley Park?
- ✿ If we could help set up new community groups or community activities in Valley Park, what would you like them to be and where?
- ✿ What skills or other type of contribution could you offer in helping us to take forward any new community projects in Valley Park?

Following the survey, councillors would like to be able to contact you to discuss your comments or proposals. If you are happy for us to get in touch, please include your preferred contact details below (for example email, telephone number or postal address)



Thank you for taking part in this survey

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