



Valley Park
Parish Council



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Parish Council Achievements during 2013-2014

- Set the lowest Parish Council Tax in Test Valley – 28% lower than it was seven years ago.
- Protected Valley Park from further housing development in the Revised Local Plan
- Sought to provide facilities for local children, including improved play parks, a BMX track and a youth club
- Enhanced the local area again through bulb planting and floral displays, assisted by local school children
- Continued to work to secure Traffic Regulatory Orders to address inconsiderate parking throughout Valley Park
- Reduced levels of anti-social behaviour
- Provided new bus shelters and more are planned



Valley Park in Bloom

Children from St Francis and Knightwood Primary Schools were joined by staff to assist Councillors Andrew Beesley, Alan Dowden and Kath Tilling to launch this year's 'Valley Park in Bloom' event. Some 275 hanging baskets, 12 flower containers plus barrel displays enhance Valley Park to make it a special place for local residents and for visitors to our parish.



'Let there be light'



Parish Councillors Alan Dowden, Andrew Beesley and Kath Tilling inspecting where a new street light will be installed. It will be placed on the pathway at the end of Pennard Way, to make the area safer for pedestrians to walk to St Francis School, the shops and the medical centre.

The cost of the works will be met by Hampshire County Council and Valley Park Parish Council.

Bellflower Way – New oak bollards

In response to concerns from local residents about inconsiderate parking outside Knightwood School, new oak bollards will be installed to prevent car drivers parking on the verges for the whole length of Bellflower Way. Thanks go to the County Council for providing part of the funding and also to County Councillor Alan Dowden for providing a third of the cost from his County Community Budget.



In the picture Local Councillors indicate the positioning of the bollards.



Bus Shelters

Councillors Andrew Beesley and Kath Tilling checking out one of the new bus shelters provided by the Parish Council.



Play Area Improvements



Ward Councillors inspecting the newly refurbished playground at the Knightwood Leisure Centre. Local councillors had asked Test Valley Borough Council to improve the play surface which had worn away and had become a muddy mess.

What's good about Valley Park? – Well, the children know!

Pupils at St Francis Primary School were invited to tell the Parish Council what they enjoyed most about living in Valley Park by writing a poem or drawing a picture.



The competition, which was judged by the public at an open day in the Community Café, attracted over 40 entries.

“The standard was exceptionally high “ said Parish Councillors Alan Dowden and Kath Tilling. The winners were awarded prizes funded by the Parish Council and all those that took part received a calculator provided by Test Valley Borough Council.

