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# Valley Park Parish Council Newsletter

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## Parking Issues And Traffic Regulatory Orders

Following the exhibition held at the Community Centre on 20th May 2015, officers at Test Valley and Eastleigh Borough Councils are now analysing hundreds of comments, with a view to finalising further proposals to alleviate the parking and traffic flow problems in Valley Park. Local Parish and Borough Councillors Dowden, Tilling and Beesley are seeking that the Hampshire Corporate Park provide more parking facilities on site. A meeting with Hampshire County Council Leader, Cllr Roy Perry, to discuss the implementation of the Traffic Regulatory Orders, will take place in October.

## The Future Of Great Covert

The future of Great Covert remains uncertain as the application to build 300 homes there is still to be decided. Strong opposition has been voiced by local councillors and objections have also been received from neighbouring parish councils and some 300 local residents. It is anticipated that the application will come before the Test Valley Planning Committee in October.



In the picture, Local Parish and Borough Councillors Beesley, Dowden and Tilling are visiting this play area which has been refurbished recently by Test Valley Borough Council.

## Blenheim Close Play Area



## “Public Waste Bins Are Multi-Purpose” Says Kath



Cllr Kath Tilling is working with officers from Test Valley Borough Council’s Environmental Services Department to replace and relocate public waste bins in Valley Park.

A review undertaken earlier this year revealed that some areas have numerous bins whilst others have very few. Cllr Tilling wants to ensure that every area has sufficient bins to accommodate both the disposal of dog waste and general litter. Bins will be replaced and moved where necessary and signage erected to remind dog walkers that ALL public bins can be used for dog waste, provided that the faeces are securely wrapped in a plastic bag.

This is the latest phase of a Parish Council project to reduce the number of reported incidents of dog-fouling and to raise awareness of Responsible Dog Ownership in Valley Park.





### Blooming Marvellous – Again!

Once again, Valley Park Parish Council has won two gold awards for its floral displays. This year the Parish Council was fortunate to secure Matt Le Tissier to launch the 2015 Valley Park In Bloom event, along with pupils from Knightwood and St Francis Primary Schools. Matt said “When I undertake my training runs through Valley Park I am always impressed by the beautiful floral displays. Not only are they a very attractive part of the landscape, they also show how much pride there is in the local area. These awards are well-deserved and I’m delighted that Valley Park has struck gold yet again.”



### New Astro Turf Football Pitches



Local Parish Councillors, Beesley, Tilling and Dowden lobbied Test Valley Borough Council to provide new astro turf football pitches at Knightwood Leisure Centre. This work was finished in July and in the picture, the Councillors are celebrating the completion of the project.

### New Footbridge

The Chandler’s Ford pedestrian level crossing, which provides a right of way between the residential areas of Valley Park and Hiltingbury, has been deemed dangerous by Network Rail. This is due to the high volume of users, the frequency of the rail service and the obscuring of the line of sight in both directions by the boundary fence and vegetation. A number of alternative access arrangements have been considered and the preferred option is a stepped footbridge with a cycle gutter, which will permit uninterrupted pedestrian flows across the railway. The footbridge will not be affected by the introduction of new train services and careful screening will ensure that it will blend easily into the local landscape. Residents will be consulted formally about the scheme before the footbridge is installed.

### Controlling Rats And Mice: A TVBC Guide To Preventing Infestations

- ✓ Keep gardens free from food i.e. pick up fallen fruit and residue from bird feeders, store pet food indoors and attach a board to the front of hutches to prevent spillage. Do not put food on a bird table.
- ✓ Remove any potential nesting sites, including heaps of rubbish and compost, and cut back any overgrown areas.
- ✓ Secure any gaps underneath external buildings, such as sheds.
- ✓ Cut back any trees or climbing plants so that they are not allowed to reach from ground to roof level.
- ✓ Ensure your home is in good repair – fill in any cracks or holes on outside walls (including under decking), seal gaps around pipes, replace worn or broken ventilation.