

Winter Planting Scheme

During November a bulb planting event was held by the Parish Council with the help of school children from both Knightwood and St Francis primary schools. The event was also supported by some of the Brendoncare Residents.



The Parish Chairman, Councillor Alan Dowden, said "Schemes of this nature help brighten up Valley Park". The bulb planting comprised 500 blue and 500 purple tulips together with 500 daffodils and it was hoped that this would create a spectacular display during the spring.



Test Valley In Bloom Winners

As reported in our September news letter the Parish Council was judged the outright winner of Test Valley In Bloom. During October the Chairman of the Parish Council together with children from Knightwood and St Francis Schools attended an event hosted by the Mayor of Test Valley Borough Council and collected the award on behalf of the Parish. By coincidence the trophy plinth had been made out of wood from the Zionhill nature reserve in Valley Park.



New Accredited Community Safety Officers To Patrol Valley Park

Clive Fortune and Jason Sahota have been appointed the new accredited community safety officers for Valley Park. The Officers work to a shift pattern which covers both day and evening. They deal with local issues, targeting hotspot areas where anti-social behaviour, vandalism, low-level crime and fear of crime is highest.



Clive Fortune



Jason Sahota



The officers patrol in a marked van which is equipped with CCTV to record incidents that they encounter. Their powers include the ability to request the name and address of anyone acting in an anti-social manner, to confiscate alcohol and cigarettes from young people who are under-age. They can also issue fixed penalty notices for littering, graffiti, fly tipping and cycling on footpaths. ACSOs also issue 'yellow cards' for anti-social behaviour by young people, which generates a letter to parents about their behaviour, and this can help lead to an ABC (Acceptable Behaviour Contract).

The Chairman of the Parish Council had recently been on a day shift with the two ACSOs. From the information he had received there did appear to be a small amount of anti social behaviour problems in Valley Park. The Chairman would be joining the officers on a night shift in January.

If you ever need to contact the officers for help with any problems in your neighbourhood, then either phone one of them on 0845 600 1747 or email: communitysafety@hants.gov.uk.



Valley Park Parish Council: Parish Rate 2009/2010

Valley Park will have the lowest parish rate in southern Test Valley. When most council's are raising the amount of Council Tax they seek, the Valley Park Parish Council will be assisting people in times of hardship by reducing their parish rate by 10% .At the same time the Parish Council will seek a parish partnership scheme with Hampshire County Council for a new footpath on Templars Way and provide two new bus shelters on Shannon Way near Brendoncare. We will continue with our successful floral displays. This has been achieved by being prudent and seeking local authority grants and business donations.



Great Covert Planning Application

The Parish Council assisted local residents by outlining to them a number of valid planning reasons for objecting to this application. This generated some 336 letters of objection to TVBC