



Valley Park
Parish Council

Valley Park Parish Council Newsletter

2024 - Summer Edition

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Valley Park in Bloom

This year, our floral displays in Valley Park are provided by Windowflowers,, a family owned and managed horticultural nursery founded in 1947, specialising in the provision of plants and flowers to luxury hotels, offices and local authorities. They grow over one million plants each year, which they use to plant over five miles of window boxes and twenty thousand hanging baskets. Current clients include The Corinthia Hotel (over 15 years), Claridge's Hotel (over 35 years), The Houses of Parliament (over 10 years), The Ritz Hotel (over 20 years), the headquarters of The Royal Horticultural Society (over 35 years) and The Law Society (over 60 years). Our community orchards that we planted last year with children from St Francis and Knightwood Primary schools are now in full bloom alongside the wildflowers.



CYBER AND CYBER FRAUD AWARENESS SESSION

Cyber and cyber-related fraud (otherwise known as scams) makes up a substantial number of reported crimes each month and costs local residents and communities significant sums of money each day, week and year.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police Cyber Protect Team will deliver an interactive session covering a number of different aspects of both online and offline scams, methods to keep yourself safe and opportunities to spot behaviour which may be the start of someone trying to 'scam' you.

With a few simple tips you can help keep yourself safer and help spot these offences before they develop.

St Francis CoE Primary School

Wednesday 9th October 2024

18.00 - 19.00

Free Entry - All ages welcome

Green Flag Award 2024

Cllr Alan Dowden, Test Valley Borough Councils officers and the Executive member for Recreation and Leisure joined to thank the Friends of the Park volunteers for their hard work in maintaining Valley Park Woodlands, which resulted in being awarded the Green Flag Award for 15 consecutive years.



News in Brief

- We were informed that the work to resurface the car park at Valley Park Community Centre is hopefully due to take place at the end of the summer. The resurfacing of the car park will include work to "shape" the surface to encourage water run off to the drains, therefore reducing the amount of water seeping below ground which increases the chances of pot holes in the future. Thank you to Councillors Alan and Celia Dowden, who reported the state of it and requested the Borough Council to resurface it.
- We have listened to our residents and added a new bus shelter on Skys Woods Road for the Harvest Road bus stop.



- In response to the Climate Emergency, and to help make our green spaces more wildlife friendly, Test Valley Borough Council informed they would be relaxing the current grass cutting schedules across a number of sites in Valley Park between May and September. This will create urban meadows, which will provide a longer season of nectar for pollinators. This approach will reduce the number of visits for mowing and allow grasses and plants to develop, providing valuable habitat for insects and birds.

Guided Bird Walk

Test Valley Borough Council organised a guided bird walk at Valley Park. Residents had the opportunity to explore the diverse birdlife with the professional birder Keith Betton, Chair of Hampshire Ornithological Society, who lead the way, pointing out different bird species and sharing interesting facts along the journey.

