



# Valley Park Parish Council Newsletter

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For all information related to our Parish, please contact our borough and parish councillors and regularly visit our website at [www.valleyparkparish.org](http://www.valleyparkparish.org) and our Facebook Page @ValleyParkPC

*We wish all residents a Happy Christmas  
and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year*



## Information on Public Transport in Valley Park

### Test Valley Connect Service

Test Valley Connect is a weekly shopping trip providing a door to door transport service. It takes residents into Romsey to access local amenities and operates every Friday morning from Valley Park. The fare is £7 per return trip.

The service is available to anyone who meets one of the following criteria:

- Finds it difficult to use or access public bus services
- Lives more than 400 metres from an available bus service/stop
- Has no access to a car and there is no bus service running when they need to travel



To register for the Connect service please contact [transport@unityonline.org.uk](mailto:transport@unityonline.org.uk)

### Taxishare

Service 43 operates on a Tuesday (to Chandler's Ford) and Friday (to Eastleigh). £1 charge per person, per journey. This service is being withdrawn from September 2025 due to lack of funding from Hampshire Council.

### Local Buses

Service 46 (Winchester to North Baddesley via Valley Park) operates Monday to Friday. This service is being withdrawn from September 2025 due to lack of funding from Hampshire Council.

Bus 5 (Romsey to Eastleigh - Barton Peveril College) provided by Bluestar operates Monday to Saturday. No plans for this to be withdrawn.

## The Future of Transport in Valley Park

Valley Park Parish Council is committed to work to try and provide transport for our residents, especially given the withdrawal of some current services. We are in discussions with different providers to construct a proposal for future transport in Valley Park. We are looking for options to link Valley Park with current local buses and also connect residents with Winchester hospital and Peter Symonds College.



## Cyber Fraud Info

The Cyber Fraud Awareness event took place in October and residents of Valley Park learned about how to protect from, and report scams. All information and links are on our website under Cyber Fraud Awareness page:

<https://valleyparkparish.org/issues/cyber-fraud.aspx>



Forward a suspected text message (SMS) to 7726

Forward a suspected email to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

A safe way of contacting your bank is by calling 159 from landline or mobile phone.



Have you seen this lovely sign at Wicklow Drive, explaining about our community orchards?

## Barriers to walking and cycling

As part of Hampshire County Council's commitment to improve accessibility and enable more people to walk and cycle for short journeys, you are invited to help us identify where there are barriers to walking and cycling on your local streets.

We want to hear from all walkers and cyclists, including people who use mobility aids (including mobility scooters), pushchairs or buggies, people who use cargo bikes and trailers, or other adapted cycles.



### Have your say

The survey is open from 28 October at noon until 22 December at 11.59pm.

For more information, and to complete the survey:

Visit: [hants.gov.uk/barriers-walking-cycling](https://hants.gov.uk/barriers-walking-cycling)

Email: [engagement.feedback@hants.gov.uk](mailto:engagement.feedback@hants.gov.uk)

Phone number: 0300 555 1388



[hants.gov.uk](https://hants.gov.uk)

## Remembrance Day

**Remembrance Sunday** is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. Our poppies were up again along Knightwood Road this year to commemorate Remembrance Day in Valley Park.



## Pension Credit

Pension Credit is a means-tested benefit designed to top up the income of people over State Pension age, if your weekly income is below:

- £218.15 if you are single
- £332.95 if you have a partner

Even if your income is higher, you might still be entitled to claim it if you have a disability or care for someone.

The average Pension Credit award is worth £3900 per year and unlocks a host of other benefits such as: winter fuel payments, free TV licence (if over 75 years old) and support with rent/mortgage interest and council tax.

For more information and to apply for Pension Credit, please visit [www.gov.uk/pension-credit](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit) or call 0800 99 1234.

**The latest date to apply and still qualify for the Winter Fuel Payment is 21 December 2024.**

## Educational Project



Thank you to Councillor, Alan Dowden, who supported an application for a grant towards the provision of an educational resource by Barney & Echo. Mindfulness and Internet Safety is offered to the local schools. This will be delivered to children of age 9/10 at Knightwood Primary, who embraced the project and confirmed their participation.

## Pharmacies under Threat

Cllr A Dowden questioned a NHS Primary Care Director about pharmacy closures. Valley Park appears to be safe but many are not unless a better contract can be achieved.

## NHS Dentist

Many people find it extremely difficult to register with a NHS dentist. It may be of interest to know that the NHS Integrated Care Board have a few mobile dentistry teams that are starting to deliver services to the most deprived areas of Hampshire. These will be increased when more dentists have completed their training.