



Valley Park Parish Council Newsletter

2025 - Autumn Edition

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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 and our Facebook Page @ValleyParkPC

Green Flag Award 2025

Valley Park Local Nature Reserve has once again been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award for 2025, following a recent full inspection. The Green Flag Award is the international benchmark for well-managed public green spaces. Judges assess entries annually against eight criteria - including cleanliness, safety, environmental management, community engagement, and biodiversity. Receiving this award is a testament to the exceptional quality and dedication invested in Valley Park.



Key highlights from the assessment:

- Visitor experience: a welcoming, well-maintained environment
- Safety and accessibility: robust standards, clear signage, secure facilities
- Sustainability: strong environmental practices, waste reduction, biodiversity initiatives
- Community engagement: active participation and educational outreach

This accolade not only affirms the hard work of the team and volunteers but also enhances public confidence and encourages continued use. It showcases the value of green space management in our community.

Grants Offered

"I am writing on behalf of St Francis Church to thank Valley Park Parish Council for your grant of £500 towards our fundraising campaign for replacement of our lighting. Your donation towards our target is very much appreciated and I would ask you to pass on our thanks to all concerned. By replacing our aged lighting fittings we will reduce our risk of fire and our carbon footprint." (*St Francis Church*)

"We are thrilled to announce that Valley Park Parish Council has generously agreed to offer a grant of £1000 to support several meaningful initiatives:

- Establishing the Bereavement Support Group
- Creating the Reflection Garden
- Training the Mental Health Ambassadors: Equipping students and staff with the knowledge and tools to promote mental health awareness and provide peer support.

This generous grant will help us make a real difference in the lives of those affected by grief and mental health challenges. We're excited to move forward with these projects and grateful for the council's support." (*Toynbee School*)

In Memory of Cllr Ray Bryan



It is with deep sadness we announce the death of Cllr Ray Bryan who has served the community as a Parish Councillor since May 2008. Ray also was a member of the Community Association and he volunteered in St Francis School.

Help Shape Local Health & Care and be in with a chance to win a £25 Gift Card!

Action Hampshire is working with Healthwatch Hampshire to gather feedback from people across the county about their experiences with health and social care services. We especially want to hear from underrepresented groups such as rural communities like yours.

Maybe you've had a great visit with your local GP, or perhaps you've struggled to get a dentist appointment. You might have had support from a social worker, or needed help from a paramedic. Whatever your experience, we'd love to hear about it. Your feedback helps make sure services are working well and meeting the needs of local communities.

As a thank you, you'll have the opportunity to enter our free Autumn Prize Draw to win one of three £25 One4All gift cards – perfect for a little treat.

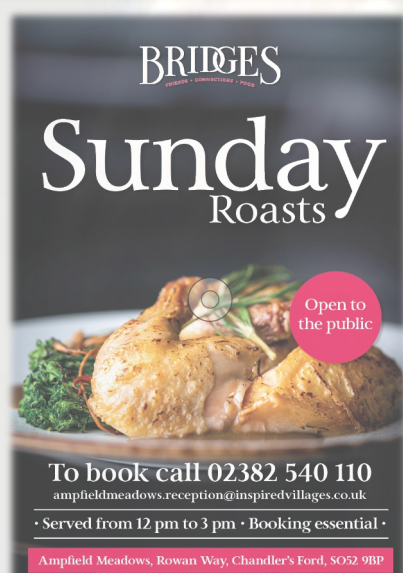
1 Deadline: Sunday 26th October at midnight

2 Share your feedback here: bit.ly/AutumnPrizeDrawHWH

Let's make sure rural voices are heard – your story could help shape better care for everyone.

News in Brief

- The Public Consultation for Test Valley Borough Council's Local Plan 2042, involving the proposed housing development at Land at Velmore Farm and North of Flexford Road ended. You can find your Parish Council response on our website or Facebook page.
- A new bollard has been installed to prevent access of Wicklow Drive Playground, following concerns raised by a resident regarding the security of local spaces.
- The footpath onto Sutherlands Road has been closed because the timber bridge crossing Monk's Brook suffered damage from vandalism. Upon inspection, Hampshire County Council were unable to repair it, the structure was no longer safe to use and the decision was made to remove the remains as soon as possible. The County Council understand the importance of this route and would like to prioritise its replacement. A time scale at this stage cannot be given. The bridge and footpath are within the constituency of Eastleigh Borough Council.
- Police were invited to report back to the Parish Council. In response to a series of troubling incidents in Valley Park throughout March and April involving antisocial behaviour, public order offences, vandalism, intimidation and arson. A group of youths have been issued Community Protection Warnings and Community Resolutions. There are reasons to believe this group is linked to multiple cases of arson, which understandably has caused the community huge concern and fear.
- Cllr A Dowden has asked Test Valley Borough Council's officers to look into providing EV chargers in Valley Park. Watch this space!



BRIDGES
SUNDAY ROASTS

Sunday Roasts

Open to the public

To book call 02382 540 110
ampfieldmeadows.reception@inspiredvillages.co.uk

Served from 12 pm to 3 pm • Booking essential •

Amfield Meadows, Rowan Way, Chandler's Ford, SO52 9BP

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Whether you're looking for senior homes to rent or to purchase, Ampfield Meadows retirement village offers a unique opportunity to be part of a forward-thinking community without compromising on comfort or style.

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*To ensure your reservations are secured, please make your bookings at least 48 hours in advance.

Dining – open to residents and the public

We're open 7 days a week, our restaurant serves up everything from hearty breakfasts to elegant afternoon teas. Whether it's a casual catch-up, a family outing, Sunday roast, or a festive feast — we've got your table ready. **Menus include:** Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner • Sunday Lunch • Afternoon Tea • Christmas Festive Specials

Why not pop in for a coffee and cake?

Wellbeing – offering a select number of memberships to the public

Residents of the village and members enjoy full access to our fabulous gym, swimming pool, steam room, and a selection of invigorating classes. It's all under one roof — designed to support your health, wellbeing, and happiness. *T&Cs apply.

Please call reception on 02382 540110 or email ampfieldmeadows.reception@inspiredvillages.co.uk for bookings or more information.