



HURST Villager

HURST VILLAGE SOCIETY

E- ZINE: March 2017

SPRING MAGAZINE

Copy for the **Hurst Villager Spring Magazine** should be forwarded to Jane Disney (citweddle@aol.com) as soon as possible.

Have you any events coming up in the next month you would like to publicise in the **March/April E-Zine**? Please e-mail: communications@hvs.org.uk



This information has been sent on behalf of Thames Valley Police

Recently police undertook a traffic operation from the Twyford crossroads to Charvil and the crossroads into London Road. Within **one hour** 15 vehicles were stopped and dealt with, some had advice given to them whilst others had fixed penalty tickets issued for the use of a mobile phone or for not wearing seat belts. In Lodge Road, Hurst a speed indicator device was used and in **one hour** 45 vehicles went through and 15 were in excess of the limit. These are being followed up by the police.

In one hour between 45/50 vehicles were dealt with enabling the police to continue their commitment to making communities safer.

Some useful advice for young people about staying safe online:

- ❖ Keep personal information private - address, phone number, email and where you go to school.
- ❖ Never feel pressured into doing something you don't want to, (sending photos of yourself that you would not want others to see).
- ❖ Check privacy settings on social media (don't accept friend requests from people you don't know).
- ❖ Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are. Do not arrange to meet someone you've met online without taking a trusted adult with you.
- ❖ Never share or reveal your passwords. Make sure you use strong passwords that are at least eight characters long and include a combination of lower and upper case letters, numbers and characters.
- ❖ Watch out for suspicious emails: An email from a stranger, with an attachment – it could contain a virus.
- ❖ Don't post anything that is cruel, nasty or offensive. Treat everyone with respect. If someone upsets you, block the person if possible, tell an adult and if appropriate, report them to the website.
- ❖ Respect the law – use reliable services to make sure that you are access legally regarding copyright laws.



Beware of Bank Scams!
Banks do not ring you and ask
for personal details
or by E-Mail



Twyford Neighbourhood Policing Team Update

From PCSO Jessica Howells



Spring is nearly upon us, the days are getting longer and warmer. As a result more people will be using the local parks, spending more time in the garden and enjoying the outdoor life.

Spring is historically a time where we see an increase in thefts from sheds and outbuildings, with garden equipment and electrical items being stolen. Criminals will damage your shed, green house and outbuildings in order to gain access to equipment. The more difficult it is for them to gain entry, the more likely it will put them off. This is an ideal opportunity to take a little time to look at the security of your gardens, garden equipment, sheds and outbuildings.

Parking

Parking remains an issue and we continue to receive complaints. As a neighbourhood team we continue to take action where appropriate. Please consider where you are parking. In many incidences you may be parking your vehicle in a position where you cause an inconvenience to others whilst you are shopping, at work or visiting friends. Please refrain from parking in resident permit holder bays, outside the school or on double yellow lines and please remember single yellow lines are a no waiting zone between the times stated.

Anti-social Behaviour

Reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) are down as a whole aided by the winter weather. We will continue to patrol those ASB hotspots known to us and would encourage you to contact the team with any information or concerns you may have.

Speeding and Road Safety

The team continues to enforce traffic offences across the neighbourhood. A large number of people have been dealt with by the team for various offences, including using mobile phones whilst driving, not wearing seat belts and speeding through the villages. Keeping to speed limits avoids penalties and keeps us all safer.

Rogue Traders

Door to door sales people, are a blight on our community. Invariably the products or services provided at the door are inferior. We refer to these people as rogue traders. Thames Valley Police are holding a general fraud awareness evening on

Monday 13th March 2017 from 6.30pm to 9.30pm at the Piggott Senior School, Wargrave RG10 8DS

The police, council and Trading Standards will be attending to discuss issues as well as outcomes from our investigations into fraud and rogue trading in the area. Trading Standards and PC Harrison will discuss how they investigated an infamous rogue trader from Wokingham, which resulted in him going to prison. Detective Inspector Tyrell will explain about identity fraud, what to look out for, and what we can do to help.

We will also welcome back BBC Watchdog and Rogue Traders presenter Matt Allwright to talk about rogue trading with his "*Out of the blue, Not for you*" presentation. This event is free and open to all residents, if you have any questions please contact PCSO Jackie Daniels on 07976 989 283 or e-mail:

Jackie.daniels@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Contact us

To contact the neighbourhood team, please call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or via email at Twyfordnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. If you have an emergency, please call 999.

If you have information about crime or anti-social behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Twyford Police Station is open Wednesday 2pm - 6pm and Saturday 9am-1pm and is manned by volunteers. They are there to answer any queries and pass messages to the rest of the team. To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk. Follow us on twitter at @TVP_Wokingham.

COFFEE MORNING & Spring Shopping Event for Daisy's Dream

at the Hurst Cricket Club

Friday, 17th March from 9am – 12 noon

Please join Vicky and Becky for coffee and cake to raise money for Daisy's Dream, a local Charity that supports bereaved children.

We will be serving refreshments in exchange for a donation for Daisy's Dream.

There will also be a small number of stalls to browse who will be donating a percentage of sales to the charity; flowers & plants, jewellery, clothing, cards & stationery and skincare products.



For further information please contact: Vicky 07957 150543 or Becky 07809 148922

Wine Tasting Evening

Friday, 24 March 2017 at 7.30pm

St Nicholas School, School Road, Hurst

Hosted by St Nicholas PTA and Thames Valley Wine School

Work in teams with guidance to taste and identify fine wines
Wine tasting including 7 quality wines, cheese nibbles and a welcome drink (plus cash bar)

£20 per person

All welcome. Why not bring a group of friends?

By advance tickets only. Contact: helenmidworth@gmail.com



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

SELF-SERVICE STARTING IN SIX BOROUGH LIBRARIES

Self-service is starting in six Wokingham Borough Council libraries, including Twyford, from 3rd April for easier check-out and return and free up staff time so these libraries can open an extra 17.5 hours per week combined. New opening hours will be available on the borough council's website, and included in the next libraries what's on guide.

Staff will still be on hand to help people get used to self-service, or for those who prefer face-to-face.

Wokingham library only must close for a few days to install the self-service kiosks and new counters from Wednesday March 15 and reopens Wednesday March 22. The changes at Winnersh Library are earmarked for half-term to avoid any disruption to school activities.

When the libraries reopen they will offer a new range of self-service facilities alongside those services people are used to seeing. This will include a range of children's events during Easter:

<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/whats-on-in-our-libraries/>

INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT TO HELP BOROUGH COUNCIL COPE WITH FUNDING CUTS

Wokingham Borough Council continues to face severe financial challenges as it prepares for the complete withdrawal of the general government support grant by 2020.

The council needs to make savings of almost **£19million by 2019/20**. But rather than a slash and burn budget, the borough council is instead undergoing a radical reorganisation to reduce running costs and is proposing a plan based on efficiencies, innovation and a focus on priorities supported by the public.

The proposed budget, which will be discussed by council on Thursday February 23, envisages:

- A massive programme of investment in capital projects that will bring long-term revenue funding and supports residents' health and well-being
- Ongoing efficiency saving through restructuring and improved IT to allow residents easier access to services. The restructure will save £4million per year on staff costs and more than £9.5million per year in non-staff savings by 2019/20
- Continued focus on protecting our most vulnerable residents and prevention services (both overwhelmingly supported in last year's public budget engagement sessions)

Cllr Julian McGhee Sumner said: "Although we are facing severe financial challenges, we are proposing a balanced budget to protect services that residents most value. We are continuing to focus on protecting vulnerable people and investing in prevention services along with an investment in IT to reduce staff costs and provide a better service to residents."

By 2020 the borough council will see the complete withdrawal of the general government support grant meaning that even more local services will be funded from the council tax payer.

The Council is proposing some major infrastructure projects over the next three years, the council will be investing:

- More than £90million in its highways
- About £46million in its schools
- About £23million in council and other affordable housing

The final decision on the budget and financial plan will be made at the Council Meeting on 23rd February. The proposed budget is based on a general council tax increase of 1.94%, (48p a week for a Band D property), and a social care precept levy of 3% (75p per week). The social care precept levy will generate an additional £2.5million this year to make sure vulnerable adults get the support they need.

Message from NHS Berkshire Health Network

You are invited to a public event to find out the latest news about your local NHS services and get answers to any questions you may have from local healthcare commissioners. **Thursday 9th March**

The events includes:

- A presentation on the challenges the NHS faces locally and our innovative plans
- Q and A session on these plans, with local NHS officials.
- "You said, we did" - Update on progress on the issues raised around the NHS locally.

South Reading Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and North & West Reading CCG

10.30am – 12.30pm on Thursday 9 March,

The Concert Hall, The Town Hall, Blagrove Street Reading RG1 1QH

Book your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/join-your-reading-cggs-to-learn-about-plans-for-services-this-year-tickets-31964131578>

HVS Membership Subscriptions - 2017

Polite reminder

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Cheques to: The Membership Secretary, 8 Dorndon House, School Road Hurst RG10 0GD

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