



# HURST Villager

**HURST VILLAGE SOCIETY**

Founded 1972

**Monthly Newsletter**

## Hurst Village Shop

### Use It or Lose It

The Hurst Village Shop is over 110 years old and is a fundamental part of the village community.

However, the shop has had a decline in footfall since the pandemic and now faces the threat of closure by its owners – Bestway Wholesale - if business does not pick up enough in the next 2-3 months.

Jayne Overington has been manager at the shop for 12 years now and has a team of 10 people working with her. They provide a warm welcome and are well known to all in the village.

A new regional manager - Patrick - has been appointed and, working closely with Jayne, new ranges are being ordered and stocked, display shelves are being reorganised and more fresh produce is now available. In the next weeks they expect to show more improvements to the range of items available, including full meal offerings.

Business is already picking up, which the owners are encouraged by. It now needs all of us to commit to support Jayne and her team to ensure the longevity of the business and, ultimately, fund more improvements inside and out.

To help support the shop, HVS is also funding "Use it or lose it" banner to be displayed in the village.



## Planning Update

### Tape Lane - East of Lodge Road

Hurst came out in force to oppose the planned development and we are all very grateful that the appeal was dismissed. So many people donated time, effort and money (as per HPC minutes a total of £33k was raised, this included £7k from HVS. HVS also paid the Just Say No banners).

### Current Undecided Planning Applications

#### Broadcommon Road ([223805](#))

Application for outline planning permission for 33 Self Build homes, including 17 affordable homes. Original application refused Jan 22, 'improved' proposal



### Wokingham Local Plan

This is still being worked on by WBC

submitted Feb 23. Decision expected imminently.

### **Willowmead (230074)**

Land adjacent to School & Orchard Road

Application for outline planning permission for 24 houses.

### **15m Telecoms Mast on Broadwater Lane**

This has previously been refused, but is now the subject of a further Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate (Appeal APP/X0360/ W/22/3311026).

### **Hurst Neighbourhood Plan**

The decision was taken at the April Hurst Parish Council Meeting to suspend work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

### **Information on HVS Website**

Details of all current and historic planning applications and letters can be viewed on the HVS [website](#).

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## **Support Hurst Businesses**

We are lucky enough to have 6 pubs in Hurst. To keep these going we all need to support them.

The Green Man has just reopened and is now serving food again. For details go to their [facebook page](#).

See other local businesses on the [HVS Skills Register](#).



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## **Coronation - Saturday 6 May**

To celebrate the Coronation, HVS is giving a Coronation Mug to all pupils and teachers at St Nicholas Primary School.

St Nicholas Church are having cream tea (with cakes donated by HVS) on Monday 8th May, 2-4pm.

The Castle Inn and Wheelwright Arms are also holding celebratory events.

Click [here](#) to view more details.



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## **HVS AGM - Monday 22nd May**

**7.30pm, Stanlake Wine Shop, RG10 0BN**

All HVS members are welcome to attend and will need to register their intent to attend at [secretary@hvs.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hvs.org.uk). Space at Stanlake is limited so to avoid crowding, attendance is on a pre-notification basis.

Nominations to the Committee can be made and seconded by any paid-up member of the Hurst Village Society and must be counter-signed by the nominee

using the [Nomination Form](#). Nomination forms must be returned to: [secretary@hvs.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hvs.org.uk) not later than noon on 7th May 2023. All paid up members attending the Annual General Meeting are eligible to vote on relevant matters.



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