



Bishopstoke Parish Council Newsletter

August 2022

*The Newsletter from Bishopstoke Parish Council for Bishopstoke residents
with news of the Parish Council, local voluntary organisations and residents*

In This Edition

In this edition we have more information about Bishopstoke Carnival on September 11th, a call for help from the Highbridge Conservation Group, information about defibrillators and new benches, an update on how the Parish Council is using its grant money to help local groups and charities in Bishopstoke, a reminder about the Play Area Village Trail and some information from Hampshire County Council about available community transport services.

Bishopstoke Carnival

Carnival is nearly here again and this year the theme is Eco.

All of our events take place on Sunday 11th September and the duck races are moving from Toby Carvery to Bishy Beach to keep everything together. The Meadow itself will be open from Noon with food, games, stalls and entertainment in the Arena. There will also be a fancy dress competition in the arena so if you feel like dressing up please do come and join us.

Keep an eye on the website and noticeboards for more information.

CARNIVAL TIMETABLE Sunday 11th September 2022

BISHY BEACH

**River Floats from 10 am
Judging at 11 am**

Duck Races from 11:15

GLEBE MEADOW

Fete and Stalls from Noon

Arena events from 1pm

If you are interested in helping for Carnival 2023 in any way please do get in touch either on the email address below or by talking to one of the team on the 11th. All help is appreciated whether big or small. We look forward to hearing from you.

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

You can find us on www.bishopstokepc.org . We're also on Facebook.
The Parish Office is currently closed but appointments can be arranged if needed.

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Highbridge Conservation Group

The Highbridge Conservation Group has been set up by Lyndsey Rowe, who used to run the Legacy Festival at Highbridge Farm. Working with the landowner there they are trying to preserve the water meadows – the habitat for the Southern Damselfly, which is an incredibly rare insect.



The group was started in January and although they only had a few volunteers to start with their numbers are growing. At the moment they really need the help of a carpenter, as well as generally increasing the number of people who can help.

Plans for the future include a log cabin headquarters, a website featuring livestreams of cameras on birdboxes, and bird feeding stations so that everyone can learn about the wildlife in this beautiful area.

There are several ways to get involved. You could join the Facebook group to have a look (type “Highbridge Conservation Group” into your Facebook search box or go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2399614323509246>); you could visit their GoFundMe page and make a donation (type “Highbridge Conservation Group” into the gofundme.com search box or go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/eastleigh-sssi-conservation-group>) or just email HighbridgeConservationGroup@btinternet.com.

However you can help it will really be appreciated.

Defibrillators

The Parish Council is working with the Bishopstoke Community Fund to install five new defibrillators around Bishopstoke. They will be placed at Stokewood Surgery, Bishopstoke Methodist Church, the Bishopstoke Community Centre, Underwood Road allotments and another location not yet decided.

We will be publishing a full map of all the defibrillators in the area in a future newsletter as well as on the website and we are hoping to be able to run training sessions on their use. If you would be interested in free defibrillator training, please contact the Parish Clerk to register.

Council Updates

Blackberry Drive

The new Jubilee benches were installed before the summer holidays along with some raised seating around the main open space. The new picnic area should be in soon and once the holidays are over the play area is being revamped.



Allotments

The Parish Council has been disappointed with the lack of progress at the two new allotment sites at Sewall Drive and Bow Lake Gardens.

A recent inspection by Parish Council officers found that there is still a lot of work to do to make the Bow Lake site ready before the Parish Council can agree to take it over.

The site at Sewall Drive appears to be more ready and we are waiting for news from the Borough Council before taking that on.

If you would like an event you are holding, or a club you run to be included in the next newsletter, or on the website, please contact the Clerk. Bishopstoke Parish Council is happy to publicise all community groups and events within Bishopstoke.

www.bishopstokepc.org/whatson

Village Trail – Play Areas

We hope you all had fun finding the different plaques on the Play Area Village Trail. Don't forget to send us your completed entry form, or bring it to Carnival, for a chance to win a ticket for up to 6 people to visit the Winchester Science Centre.

Grants

With £15,000 available for community projects and local charities this year the Parish Council has already helped seven organisations with their work in Bishopstoke.

If you are running a local charity or community group and have a project that needs funding, please do get in touch – all the details you need are on the Parish website.

Grant Update - £5,000 already spent helping local groups

So far this year we have helped

Bishopstoke History Society
Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley
Asian Welfare & Cultural Association
Eastleigh Gurkha Nepalese Association
Victim Support
Eastleigh Citizen's Advice Bureau and
Bishopstoke, Fair Oak and Horton Heath
Street Pastors.

We have also provided funding for 5 new defibrillators across Bishopstoke by working with the Bishopstoke Community Fund.

Community Transport

Stoke Common 42 Taxishare

Did you know there is a Taxishare service in Stoke Common that will take you to Eastleigh Bus Station? A Taxishare is similar to a bus service but you will travel in a taxi, and you will need to book in advance. The Taxishare can pick you up from any of the following bus stops along the route: Drake Road; Jockey Lane; Foresters Arms; Mount Hospital; St Mary's Church.

The service runs on Wednesday and Fridays and passengers will be dropped off/picked up from Eastleigh Bus Station. The service currently costs £2.50 for a single journey and £4.50 for a return. If you have a Concessionary Travel Bus Pass you may use it on this Taxishare service in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

This service is funded by Hampshire County Council and passengers must register in advance to use this service. If you're interested in this service, please email Hampshire County Council on community.transport@hants.gov.uk or call on 01962 846785 for further information and to register to use this service. You can also visit:

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/alternativetransport/carshares.

Eastleigh Dial-a-Ride and Parish Link

The Eastleigh Dial-a-Ride, jointly funded by Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council, is bookable door-to-door transport service for individuals with mobility or sensory impairments who are unable to use or access public bus services.

You don't need to be registered disabled to travel on a Dial-a-Ride. Minibuses are specially adapted with handrails and low steps to help passengers. Each vehicle is equipped with a lift or ramp to assist wheelchair and walking frame users. Trained drivers are also available to assist you when boarding if required.

For further information and to register, please contact One Community on info@1community.org.uk, call 023 8090 2450 or 023 8090 2432 or visit www.hants.gov.uk/transport/alternativetransport/dial-a-ride-and-call-go

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings of the Parish Council and its Committees are currently taking place at the Bishopstoke Methodist Church on Sedgwick Road. More details about the meetings can be found on our website,

www.bishopstokepc.org.

NEXT MEETINGS

Full Council: 13th Sept, 8th Nov

Finance: 11th Oct, 13th Dec

Planning: All dates above

Assets: 27th Sept, 22nd Nov

Human Resources: 25th Oct