

## **BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE – FEBRUARY 2021**

### **Play Area Repairs**

Following recent play area inspections the Council has approved a number of repairs which will be taking place over the coming weeks.

### **Census**

The census is coming on Sunday 21 March 2021.

By taking part, you can help to inform decisions on services that shape your community, such as healthcare, education and transport.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) will send you a letter in the post with an access code and instructions, enabling online completion of the Census. Paper questionnaires will be available for those who need them.

You can also get help from census staff in the contact centre over phone, in a web chat or on social media, plus there is a Census website. Additional support includes accessible census guidance and language support. Remember, if you, or anyone you know, needs help, there's plenty available.

For more information, visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

A reminder to please report any crimes or anti-social behaviour to the police. Without a full picture of what is going on in the area they cannot ensure that their resources are patrolling in the right locations.

Call 999 if a crime is happening at the time.

Call 101 if a crime has happened.

Visit <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/contact-us-to-discuss-something-else/> if you wish to report general concerns.

### **Police Presence**

The number of dedicated police officers for our area is increasing. Within the next few months there will be one sergeant, four PCs and three PCSOs who cover this area.

### **Scams**

Please watch out for scams and cons. This can be people knocking at your door, calling you on the phone or contacting you by email. There are frequent reports of people receiving automated messages telling them they are about to be arrested for income tax fraud, or that you are about to receive a rebate. If in doubt, contact Trading Standards at their website: <https://www.tradingstandardscrime.org.uk/news/>

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm online. For all other meeting details and information please visit the Parish website.**

*For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk: David Wheal by email: [clerk@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:clerk@bishopstokepc.org) or visit the Parish website at: [www.bishopstokepc.org](http://www.bishopstokepc.org)*