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# HOLYBROOK PARISH NEWS

## August 2025

Dear All,

It's wonderful to be able to report more achievements in this silver anniversary year of the council. We are absolutely delighted to have the new refreshment kiosk in the Linear Park. It's been a long time in the brewing! Enormous thanks to everyone involved in helping this project come to fruition making the Linear Park an even better place and experience for our residents and visitors. Please see our special report inside for information on the official opening ceremony. Through the newsletter there is information on some upcoming projects.

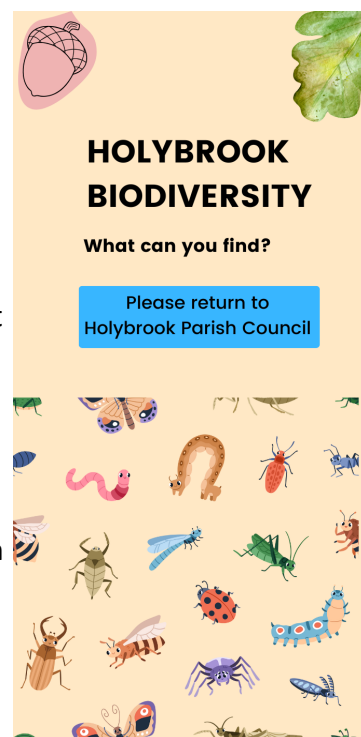
There are currently 5 vacancies on the Council so, if you are interested in joining us, please do contact the Clerk or have a chat with any of the councillors to find out more about what's involved. The Council is resolutely and stringently apolitical and any explicit or implied collaboration or involvement seen in political party media posts or leaflets is unauthorised.

Our range and number of Community and Environment activities and events throughout the year continue to grow so there's plenty of opportunity to get involved and/or lead an activity without long term commitment. Details of our autumn events to be announced.

Why not get involved in our biodiversity spotting initiative this summer. Head to our website or pop into the Parish Office to pick up an easy-to-use spotters guide and simply tick what you see when you are out in your garden or spending time in our beautiful Linear Park perhaps.

Best wishes

Claire Tull, Chairman



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### Meetings

Parish Council meetings are open to the public\*. All meeting dates are published on the Council's website: [www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk](http://www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk) and in the Council's noticeboards.

\*subject to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960.

## Calcot Infant and Junior school

This term we have celebrated Sports Week and Creative Arts week, both are important weeks in our school calendar.

Highlights from Sports Week included the climbing wall and inflatable course! Throughout the week children had the opportunity to experience a range of new and varied sports and physical activities. However, the main highlight of the week was our cave. Lots of children overcame their fears and showed great determination to get through the cave.



Opportunities during Arts Week included drama, dance and music workshops with external professionals. Some of our infant children also spent time learning the Gamelan. This amazing instrument will be staying with us for a while and children will use it during music lessons next year. Children created their own collaborative art pieces and had live music concerts everyday. The week ended with our whole school Carnival, there were performances throughout the afternoon from our children and professionals to celebrate the week. We ended the day with a colour run arranged by our PTFA. Thank you to all the providers, professionals and coaches who came in to give our children these wonderful opportunities.

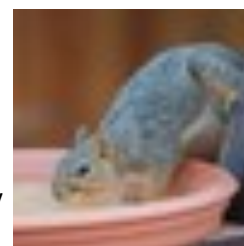
We have also said goodbye to our lovely year 6 pupils, they ended their time with us by putting on an amazing performance of "Oliver". We wish them all the best of luck in their secondary schools.

## Support Wildlife in Your Garden This Summer

During the hot summer months, garden wildlife can struggle to find clean, accessible water.

You can help by placing a shallow dish of fresh water in a quiet, shaded spot in your garden.

Add a few pebbles or stones to create a gentle slope, allowing smaller visitors to drink safely without risk. Clean plastic food trays work perfectly, just ensure they're regularly topped up and rinsed out.



A simple gesture like this can make a big difference to your garden visitors.

## FREE Emergency at Work First Aid Training Course – 3 Places Available!

We have three remaining spaces on the Emergency First Aid at Work course being run by First Aid Matters on Saturday 6th September, from 09:00 to 15:30 in the Beansheaf Room., Beansheaf Centre.

The course is free to three Holybrook residents, with a £25 refundable deposit (returned on attendance), and includes certification valid for 3 years. A light lunch is provided.

Topics covered include:

- Managing emergency situations
- CPR and AED (adult)
- Dealing with unconscious casualties
- Heart attacks, choking, shock
- Burns, scalds, seizures, and more

To book one of the final spaces, contact [admin@holybrook-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@holybrook-pc.gov.uk) or call 0118 9454 339.





## Rainbow Trust, Thames Valley Support Team – making a referral

School holidays can be a challenging time for parents. But, these challenges can reach seemingly impossible proportions for families living with a very sick child. This is where we, at Rainbow Trust ([www.rainbowtrust.org.uk](http://www.rainbowtrust.org.uk)), can help. We're a charity that supports families where there is a child with a life threatening or terminal illness. We're here, not just for the school holidays but, throughout the year to provide emotional and practical support 24/7 including safe transport to medical appointments, keeping a very sick child company during hospital stays and sibling support.

Our Thames Valley team has recently expanded meaning we are able to bring this support to more families in your local community. Anyone can refer a family, as long as the family has given consent for. To make a referral, or find out more, <https://www.rainbowtrust.org.uk/support-for-families/ask-for-support>.



The recent community litter pick, held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July in Fords Farm, was a resounding success, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our incredible volunteers.

Together, we collected eight bags of litter, making our shared spaces cleaner and more enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for your help in helping to improve our community. We couldn't have done it without you; your efforts have made a significant difference.

We look forward to continuing this positive momentum at the September litter pick at the Beansheaf Centre. Keep an eye on our noticeboards for the date.

### Update



Two Community Speed Watch sessions were recently carried out on Charrington Road from 08:00 and 09:00. During these sessions, any drivers recorded exceeding the speed thresholds, set by Thames Valley Police, were reported through the official system.

We'd like to remind everyone that the role of your Community Speed Watch team is not to 'catch you out'. Our aim is to raise awareness about the speed limits within our parish and encourage safe, responsible driving.

A heartfelt thank you to all who consistently drive within the speed limit and adjust your speed to suit the road and weather conditions. Your care and consideration help keep our community safe.

### Help Keep Our Paths and Signs Clear This Summer!

As we dive into the heart of summer, gardens and hedges are bursting with growth, which can sometimes spill over onto footpaths or obscure important road signs.

We kindly ask all residents to take a quick look outside and check that the foliage from your property isn't creating any obstructions. If it is, please do trim it back to help keep our community safe and accessible for everyone.

Spotted overgrown foliage on Council land? You can report it through West Berkshire Council's "Report a Problem" page: [westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem](http://westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem)

## Good News – Exciting improvements are on the way!

- **New Footpath:** A new path link from Linear Park car park to Otter Drive – completion expected mid-August. In partnership with West Berkshire Council.
- **Solar Panels at Beansheaf Centre:** Installation expected by late August, part funded by the Levelling Up Fund via West Berkshire Council.
- **Improved Road Signage:** New signage and road markings from Junction 12 to the Sainsbury's/IKEA junction, delivered by West Berkshire Council.
- **Footpath Upgrade – Angus Close/Graham Close:** Improved path access, provided by West Berkshire Council.

# New Refreshment Kiosk 'The Garage' now open!

## Fresh Brews & Friendly Faces—open to all

A brand-new refreshment Kiosk is now open behind the Beansheaf Community Centre in Linear Park!

Once a humble tractor garage, the space has been beautifully transformed into a welcoming local pitstop. Run by a passionate and friendly independent operator; you may know their award-winning café Dee Caf in Tilehurst, the Kiosk serves up delicious drinks and snacks including creamy New Forest Ice Cream. And there may even be delicious treats available for your dogs too!

There's a handful of tables and chairs under a charming pergola, making it the perfect spot to relax, refuel, and watch the world go by.

Although the Kiosk quietly opened on Monday 4th August 2025, the official launch will take place on Saturday 30th August at 11:30am. Please do join us for the celebration!

In the meantime, why not stop by and enjoy a taste of what's on offer at this delightful new addition to your local park?

**Opening hours: 8am—4pm daily.**



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The Garage Kiosk at Linear Park

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