



HOLYBROOK PARISH NEWS

Serving the communities of Fords Farm and Beansheaf Farm

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Holybrook Parish Council is aware of concerns regarding 'responsible dog ownership' and, perhaps, some confusion over what this means in real terms. The Council has, therefore, asked West Berkshire Council's Animals Wardens to provide a definitive guide which is detailed below:

Please remember....

All dogs must be under proper control at all times, preferably within a few yards of the owner or the person in charge. If in doubt, keep your dog on a lead.

Do not let your dog foul public areas. If it does, clear up the mess and deposit it in the bins provided or take it home to dispose of.

Worm adult dogs at least every six months.

All dogs in public must have an identification tag showing the name and address of owner, even if the dog is microchipped or tattooed.

All dogs must be microchipped and details registered on a Government approved database.

Do not let your dog stray. It could cause a road traffic accident where you could be held responsible. It could also attack people or other animals.

Unnecessary noise can be a nuisance. A continually barking dog may result in prosecution.

Show consideration for others in public places. Not everybody likes dogs, so do not let your dog approach other people or dogs unless invited. Do not let your dog disturb wildlife. Many of the plants and animals are protected or are rare species.

Do not leave your dog alone in a car (particularly important in warm or sunny weather) or outside a shop.

Ensure your dog is vaccinated against Parvovirus, Hepatitis, Distemper and Leptospirosis. Remember, a yearly booster is required.

All dogs require training. It is never too late to start. Your vet could recommend a training club or contact the Animal Warden for advice.

For more information see - <https://publicprotectionpartnership.org.uk/environmental-health/animal-warden/>

or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/publicprotectionpartnershipuk



Report dog foul using the website:

<https://publicprotectionpartnership.org.uk/.../dog-fouling/>

from PPP Animal Wardens

Kennet Valley Primary School

Kennet Valley Primary School was privileged to have the opportunity to be a centre for the collection of donations for our neighbours in Ukraine, many of whom have lost or had to leave their homes in frightening and violent circumstances. This opportunity came as a result of our partnership with Astra Recycling who run a school clothes bank and have links with Ukraine.

Staff at the school were overwhelmed by the generous response of the local community and extend our thanks and love to all who donated.

The school's fantastic House Captains were very keen to help and filled two vans with donations! These will be on their way to Poland soon. The Astra team is optimistic that by Wednesday, our donations should have arrived and will be distributed. Further information on the progress of the donations will be posted on the Astra Recycling Facebook Page.



Dr ELLERTON'S CHARITY**FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE IN NEED IN THEALE AND HOLYBROOK**

Doctor Ellerton's Charity is a small organisation that was set up some 200 years ago for the benefit of "the poor and needy of Theale and Holybrook." It has been helping people, within the parish boundaries' since then and is run by a board of trustees within the Charities Commission's rules and guidelines. We own the allotments in Theale and oversee the running of them (although they have their own committee to handle day to day matters).

I have been the chairman for about 12 years and during that time we have helped many people who have been in need. Unfortunately, our charter is very defined, and we can only help people who live within the parish boundaries. We have been able to help the schools within our boundaries in many ways as well as people who have fallen on hard times due to ill health.

If you know somebody in need of our charity's assistance we may be able to help them depending on their need and financial circumstances. There is an application form you can download from our website:

www.drellertonscharity.co.uk

Richard Anderson, Chairman, Dr Ellerton's Charity

Have you spotted a pothole or out of order street lamp in Holybrook?

Do you know who to contact when you need to report an issue?

With different councils providing different services in our area it can be difficult to determine who to contact for help. This is a rough guide.

Typically, anything to do with the Highway, including footpaths and footways should be reported to West Berkshire Council (WBC) This includes fly-tipping, street lights not working and potholes. WBC is also responsible for the Linear Park.

Potholes: WBC has definitive guidance on what will and will not be considered for repair and, typically, *'will repair potholes that have a 50mm (5cm) vertical edge and are 300mm (30cm) wide'*. For more information, or to report a pothole, please visit WBC's website: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/reportapothole>

Fly-tipping, broken street lights, footpath defects etc: please use WBC's 'report a problem' webpage: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/reportaproblem>.

Holybrook Parish Council is responsible for the Beansheaf Centre, the bus shelters and the Holymead and Underwood Road play areas. To report issues to the Parish Council please either e-mail www.admin@holybrook-pc.gov.uk or phone 0118 9454 399 or 07704 66 33 97. Alternatively, you can contact one of your Parish or District Councillors whose contact details are on the back of this newsletter.

If you would like more details on the services and amenities provided by the Parish Council please do contact us or view our website: https://www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk/The_Council_25948.aspx

Beansheaf Pre-School



Beansheaf Pre-school, based in the Beansheaf Centre, has a "GOOD" Ofsted rating. We welcome children from 2 yrs and are pleased to offer up to 30 hrs funded childcare for eligible families. Our highly qualified team of staff ensure that children are safe, secure and nurtured during their time with us. As an inclusive setting, we offer a range of fun activities in-line with the EYFS and Covid-19 secure regulations. We are now taking registrations for September 2022.

Contact:

Mobile: 07504 956 168
Landline: 0118 9454312

Holybrook's Annual Parish Assembly

**Monday
16th May 2022
at 7.00pm**

The Annual Assembly is a gathering for residents to raise parish issues or concerns and hear about Parish activities over the last year.

The event will be held in the
Beansheaf Room
Beansheaf Centre, Charrington
Road, Calcot RG31 7AW.

Refreshments from 6.30pm.

Everyone Welcome!

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**For all those jobs you never have time to do
– just ring and ask**

YOUR HOLYBROOK COUNCILLORS

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

RICHARD SOMNER	07836 208382
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Friends of Linear Park: The Days Are Getting Longer



We have two new memorial benches in the park, one in the Memorial Meadow and one facing onto the football field. This means we now have around 26 benches in the two parks and ask that people respect the benches; please do not allow dogs on the benches (several have been dirtied by muddy paws) The benches are for people to sit

and enjoy the park.

The recent storms caused havoc in the park; where possible, the paths have been cleared with a few trees needing the expertise of the District Council in due course. Hundreds of saplings and whips have been planted, along with larger flowering cherry trees. Please help us to keep an eye on the trees as they grow. Spring is bursting out and birds are nesting. Please be aware of ground nesting birds, particularly around the balancing ponds, when walking your dogs.

Friends of Linear Park are holding their AGM at 11.00am on Thursday 21 April 2022 at the Beansheaf Centre, Charrington Road, Calcot. If you would like to join the committee, wish to attend or have any queries, please email folpcalcot@gmail.com.



E-Scooters

Legal use: It's legal to use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the land owner.

Penalties and offences: If you don't have a licence, or the correct licence, or are riding without insurance, you could face a Fixed Penalty notice. You could also be committing an offence if you're caught:

- **riding on a pavement;** Fixed Penalty Notice and possible £50 fine - **using a mobile phone while riding;** £100 fine and six penalty points - **riding through red lights;** Fixed Penalty Notice, £100 fine and possible penalty points - **drink driving;** the same as if you were driving a car; you could face court imposed fines, a driving ban and possible imprisonment.

If you're using an e-scooter in public, in an anti-social manner, you can also risk the e-scooter being seized under [section 59 of the Police Reform Act](#).

For more information on e-scooters please visit the Thames Valley Police website: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/>

To contact the Police in an emergency please dial 999. or, If you've witnessed or been the victim of crime please report it to the Police using the number 101.

Parish Council Meetings:

May: 16th (commencing at 19:00) - Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
23rd - Full Council meeting

Meeting dates are subject to change and a full list of Parish meetings, including any date changes, can be found on our website: www.holybrook-pc.gov.uk. Alternatively, please contact: admin@hollybrook-pc.gov.uk for more information. You can also find the Council's agendas and minutes on our website.