

# HOLYBROOK NEWS



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Serving the communities of Fords Farm and Beansheaf Farm



## Say NO to speeding in our Parish

During the last few months several traffic studies have been conducted in our Parish; Charrington Road and Carters Rise, with more planned in the coming months; Calcot Place Drive, Dorking Way and Underwood Road.

The speed Indicator device (SID), which has counted traffic flow and the speeds at which vehicles have been travelling, has provided some shocking results.

Fortunately, the mean average speed recorded in the Parish is 30mph or below but vehicles have been registered as travelling at speeds in excess of 55mph!

Here are some facts about speeding which you should consider before you next get behind the wheel:

- Around two-thirds of crashes in which people are killed or injured occur on roads with a speed limit of 30mph or less.
- At 30mph, vehicles are travelling at 44 feet (about 3 car lengths) each second. One blink and the driver may fail to see the early warning brake lights; a short glance away and the movement of a child behind a parked car will be missed. Even in good conditions, the difference in stopping distance between 30mph and 35mph is more than 2 car lengths.
- Half of drivers who were fatally injured were in an impact of 34mph or less.
- When cars are hit from the side, drivers are at a much greater risk: in a collision at 40mph, the risk of a belted driver being killed is 85%.
- A pedestrian who is hit by a car travelling at between 30mph and 40mph is between 3.5 and 5.5 times more likely to be killed than if hit by a car travelling at below 30mph. **However**, about half of pedestrian fatalities occur at impact speeds of 30mph or below.



**With a school and pre-schools in the Parish, what will it take to get you to slow down?**



There has been a recent spate of overnight burglaries in Calcot targeting vehicle keys and portable valuables. It seems that offenders are releasing front doors by inserting an implement through the letter box to depress the handle to gain access. Please ensure downstairs doors including patio doors are double locked if possible to prevent this. It is possible that a number of attempts have been frustrated by this simple measure. It is also recommended that keys for house and vehicles are not left by doors.

Now that it is getting dark before many people are getting home from work, it is also worth thinking about getting a light timer switch.

If you require any further crime prevention advice please visit our website <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/> or contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team: [pangbournenhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:pangbournenhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk).



We are looking for more people to set up Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Holybrook.

This can be anything from 6 homes upwards. The Co-ordinator receives free signs and stickers plus details of discounts available to all members in the scheme. Once a Co-ordinator is registered on the Police database they will receive e-mails giving information on crimes, scams etc to pass on to their neighbours .

Neighbourhood Watch has proved to be an effective method of reducing crimes such as criminal damage, burglaries, theft from motor vehicles and anti-social behaviour plus it is a good way to get to know your neighbours!

It is important that more schemes are set up to help combat crime and make the community a safer place to live.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about setting up a scheme, they can contact Angela Money either:

**by phone**

01635 40866

**or by e-mail:** [ajmy5m7@inbox.com](mailto:ajmy5m7@inbox.com).



## Can you help Theale Library by volunteering for a few hours each week?

Volunteers play an important role in helping West Berkshire Libraries. There are many reasons to volunteer: to support a cause, to gain new skills, to meet new friends....

Theale library are seeking Community Library volunteers to support the day-to-day operation of the library.

If you have a few hours to spare each week please do contact us:

[volunteerinyourlibrary@westber](mailto:volunteerinyourlibrary@westberks.gov.uk)

[ks.gov.uk](http://ks.gov.uk) or apply online at:

[www.westberks.gov.uk/](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/)

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## Winter is coming to the Park



On a lovely autumnal day at the end of October the Friends of Linear Park held a tree walk around the park, led by Adrian Lawson who has recently written a book on trees called 'The Shady Side of Town'. Our trees in Linear Park are not shady characters but we have some interesting species around the playing field and in the wood. As you walk round why don't you see how many you can identify.

After the Trim Trail, our next project is to provide some Interpretation Boards for the park to show what fauna, foliage and wildlife there is in the park to see. At present we are seeking funding and will be holding some fundraising events, so keep checking the notice boards for further information. In the meantime, don your scarf and gloves and pull on the woolly hat and enjoy the park whatever the weather!

Winter is coming and the 'Friends' workgroup have been busy clearing Pooh bridge and other debris that has been left by the high winds and rain. You will have noticed the Rock Kindness Garden has been very creative over the last few weeks brightening up the Community Garden.

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Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

-The Bible, John 8:12

You are warmly invited to our Christmas Services at



Christmas Market: Sat 8th Dec 3pm-6pm  
Musical Nativity Service: Sun 16th Dec - 10.30am  
Carols by Candlelight: Sun 16th Dec - 5pm  
Advent Service: Sun 23rd Dec- 10.30am  
Christingle Service: Mon 24th Dec - 4pm  
Christmas Celebration: Tues 25th Dec - 10.30am

And why not join us carol singing on Wed 19th Dec around the Fords Farm estate. Meet at the church at 6pm. Refreshments afterwards at the church.

All welcome!

For more information, contact: Graham Cooke (Pastor) on 0118 954 2071  
Centers Rise, Fords Farm, Calcot, Reading, RG31 7TT www.kvfc.org.uk

Registered Charity No: 317602

This Christmas at **Kenna Valley Free Church** we are excited to announce that we will be having a **Christmas Market (8th Dec 3-6pm)** alongside our other festive events.

Why not also join us for some **carol singing around Fords Farm and festive nibbles afterwards on Wed 19th Dec @ 6pm.**

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**Green Bin Charges**

You may have seen news recently regarding a reduced rate charge for green bin waste. The option to pay £25 rather than £50 offers

provision of a reduced service for a half year rather than a full year and begins in March 2019. The same process should be followed via the WBC website where the relevant option can be selected. At the time of writing, overall uptake of the service had reached in excess of 25,700 households across West Berkshire.

**Good Causes Lottery**

A new West Berkshire Lottery will be launched early next year to benefit new causes across the district. This 'local' lottery will give the ticket purchaser the chance to select their preferred Good Cause or to a general fund if they prefer not to select a single cause, with 60p in every £1 going toward the local causes. More details will be available on the WBC website.

**Winter Plans**

On 1<sup>st</sup> November West Berkshire Council activated both its **Winter Service Plan** and **Severe Weather Emergency Protocol**. The former to be prepared for icy weather and ensure the primary routes across the District are clear for travel, the latter to ensure the District's most vulnerable residents have the support they need during the cold weather. This in particular brings partnership working with other organisations to help rough sleepers and the homeless in the area gain access to warm, safe accommodation. More detailed information is available on the WBC website.

**Speed Surveys and Access**

Your District Councillors are in full support of the reviews that have been undertaken with Holybrook Parish and are committed to support measures that will aid road safety across the area. This and careless parking are issues which have been reported previously and we look to all drivers to be mindful and respectful to their fellow residents.

Access points at either end of Fords Farm are for buses only and yet still we hear constant reports of drivers taking other vehicles through against the signs that are in place. These points will continue to be monitored and we will continue to discuss how more permanent measures can be put in place to address these drivers.

**Planning Applications**

The Dorking Way planning application remains undecided pending confirmation of an appeal, further information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

**Ward Surgery dates**

A reminder that we continue to hold monthly surgeries on the second Saturday of each month at the Beansheaf Community Centre, next dates are 8<sup>th</sup> December, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> March. No appointment required, the kettle is always ready.

**Christmas**

Finally, as it's fast approaching - we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year

*Cllr's Peter Argyle, Manohar Gopal, Richard Somner*



**Parish Council Meetings:** For an up-to-date list of all Parish meetings, including sub-committees, please visit: [www.holybrookparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.holybrookparishcouncil.co.uk). All meetings are held in the Beansheaf Centre.