Picket Twenty Resident Newsletter

Housing occupations update

Housing occupation figures obtained from Persimmon and Charles Church show that as of the end of June there were 522 properties occupied at Picket Twenty. This figure includes private homes and housing association properties.

Included with this edition of your residents' newsletter, you will find a Neighbourhood Questionnaire. As a resident of this new neighbourhood, you will have views about the needs of the community which can be used to help Test Valley Borough Council and other agencies to plan services and help shape the future provision on Picket Twenty.

We would be grateful if you could spend a few moments of your time to complete this questionnaire either in the paper version or online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/Neighbourhood_Questionnaire

Entries submitted will be entered into a free prize draw to win a three day leisure pass for Andover Leisure Centre or The Rapids of Romsey.

Thank you, we appreciate your time and ideas.

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Dear residents.

Since beginning my role as Community Development Worker at Picket Twenty in April I have been lucky enough to meet a number of you and I have been made to feel very welcome — so thank you. I'm already really enjoying working closely with the Picket Twenty Community Association Trustees, who are working extremely hard towards opening your new and fabulous Community Centre, which is set to be a superb venue for daytime groups, evening classes, community events and so much more!

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you over the coming months and hearing your ideas of how you would like to get involved and work together in your community.

Best wishes, Jenny







Picket Twenty Community Association Update

Introduction to the Picket Twenty Community Association (PTCA)

Back in autumn 2013, a request went out from the Council for volunteers interested in forming a new Community Association and charity to run the Community Centre, and enhance community togetherness.

Over the course of winter 2013 and the start of this year, the new Community Association was formed, and we were recently awarded Charity status, which was a lengthy process.

The current board of trustees is made up of eight Picket Twenty residents and two others who are close by. We are also supported by advisors from Test Valley and Hampshire councils. Jenny also attends all our meetings to help ensure we deliver a co-ordinated plan for community activities and opportunities.

All the trustees are unpaid volunteers, fitting what can be a lot of PTCA work around full time jobs. As such, we are still looking for trustees with business experience. For those who would like to help out on a more informal basis, we need you too! Please contact any of the PTCA Admins on the Facebook group, or Jenny at the temporary Community Centre if you wish for more details.

Picket Twenty Facebook and Website

In a very short space of time, a thriving Facebook group for Picket Twenty has sprung to life. If you are a Picket Twenty resident, come join us at Picket Twenty CA. Here you will find posts on events, community news, hints and tips for those who have just moved into the development, and lots more.

We also have a growing website on which we post news and links too. We also are able to offer opportunities to advertise via the website, for a very reasonable rate. If you are interested, please get in touch via the website or Facebook.

www.ourpickettwenty.org



Picket Twenty Community Centre Update



Above: The new Picket Twenty Community Centre on Picket Twenty Way

The new Community Centre is nearing completion with the final touches being made now. The completion of the legal transfer from Persimmon Homes Ltd to Test Valley Borough Council is almost complete too. Once this is finalised the Community Centre will be leased to the Picket Twenty Community Association (PTCA) who will manage the centre on behalf of your community. Whilst we are not able to give an exact date of the opening of the community centre, things are progressing well and we will keep you informed, for example via the Picket Twenty website, www.ourpickettwenty.org

The PTCA has already had a great deal of interest from a variety of local groups who wish to run some fantastic regular classes for residents in the centre. We will keep you informed about these classes as soon as they are finalised. PTCA and Test Valley Borough Council are also planning to host some great daytime and evening events in the future and will advertise these in due course.

If you have a booking enquiry please email the PTCA: bookings@ourpickettwenty.org.uk

Creating new community groups

We really want to hear your ideas about what groups and facilities you would like to see on offer at your new community centre! We would also love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved in setting up and running new groups.

To ensure your views and great ideas are taken into consideration please complete the Community Centre Survey attached and return via the pre-paid self addressed envelope or complete it online via the PTCA website:

www.ourpickettwenty.org

Picket Twenty Play Parks

Since the last newsletter the deadline for companies to submit their applications for the contract to design the Picket Twenty play parks has closed. We had a great deal of interest from companies and the standard of their designs were very high.

We asked all companies to submit a design for the Quicksilver Way play park, based on the results of the survey you completed. Thank you to all of you who completed these surveys as it is very important we know what you and your children would like.

With the help of members of the Picket Twenty Community Association, all of the designs for the Quicksilver Way play park were scored according to how well they met your criteria as well as other vital standards such as the quality, variety and age appropriateness of the equipment.

We are very pleased to confirm, that following a very competitive tender process, HAGS/SMP has been appointed as the Council's preferred supplier for all play facilities across the Picket Twenty development.

Shipwreck at Quicksilver Cove

Below: Shipwreck at Quick Silver Cove

Work to construct this first play area will commence in early September. In advance of this two sets of swings will be installed at the Quicksilver Way open space on 11 August and will remain here until the new play area is fully completed.

HAGS SMP HAGS SMP Inspiring all generations

HAGS SMP has over 50 years experience and have installed over 10,000 play areas in this time. They care passionately about the physical and social development of all children, putting their needs and enjoyment foremost when creating play facilities. They pride themselves on working with communities to provide high quality play areas and are already looking forward to working with residents at Picket Twenty. To read more about HAGS SMP visit their website at: www.hags-smp.co.uk



This is the winning design for the Quicksilver Way play area, designed by HAGS SMP Principle Play Architect, Liz Townsend. This area is tailored for children between the ages of 2 and 13. It has been given a shipwreck theme and offers an outstanding variety of high quality play equipment. The children are going to love it!

Future play parks - we want to know what you would like!

Once the Quicksilver Way play area has been completed, work will commence on the other play areas on the development, which will cater for children of different age ranges.

HAGS/SMP and Test Valley Borough Council would like to know what you would like the remaining play areas to look like and so we will be inviting you to take part in a consultation where you can tell us your ideas and thoughts. HAGS/SMP Principle Play Architect Liz Townsend and Area Sales Manager, Sarah Alexander will work closely with you to ensure your children have the best design and quality play areas to enjoy for years to come. We will be in touch with residents about this consultation soon.

If you have any queries about the play areas or the consultation process please email me: jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk or call 07876 898 079

Come along to an existing group at the temporary community centre

Resident drop in: every Thursday afternoon, 1pm to 3pm





Picket Twenty Youth Club

Due to popular demand we are very pleased to say that we plan to re-establish a Youth Club at Picket Twenty in the future. The pilot youth drop in sessions, which took place last year, were very popular and so we are well aware of how many families would like to have a Youth Club at Picket Twenty.

We are busy making plans and we will keep you all informed as to when we are able to start the Youth Club, which will depend on being able to recruit a sufficient number of volunteers.

Would you like to volunteer at the Youth Club?

We hope to run the Youth Club on a weekly basis and depending on the level of interest and number of volunteers, we hope to eventually run one for 7 – 11 year olds and one for 12 – 17 year olds.

If you would like to volunteer or ask any questions please contact me, Jenny:

Tel: 07876 898 079

Email: jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk

Andover Youth Town Council



We are a group of young people who have come together to give the youth of Andover a voice!

Please fill out one of our surveys to let your voice be heard and change Andover for the better.

Please like our 'Facebook' page for more information about us and a chance to win some great prizes.

"Andover Youth Council"

Every fiftieth liker on our Facebook page will win a prize.

Picket Twenty Youth Club funding and support

Picket Twenty Community Association recently applied to the 'Have Your Say' Test Valley Partnership grant for vital funds for the Picket Twenty Youth Club.

They applied for the community grant in order to buy games, books, equipment and resources for the children attending the Youth Club to use and enjoy. Thank you to all the children, parents and PTCA Trustees who helped create the poster for the public vote.

This was a public voting scheme and the deadline to vote was 25 July, so thank you to all of you who voted for the Picket Twenty Youth Club. Unfortunately we were not successful but we are exploring other avenues for funding. Details of which groups received funding can be found at: www.testvalley.gov.uk/news/2014/aug/say-funding-allocated

If you or someone you know would like to support the Picket Twenty Youth Club by assisting with funding please don't hesitate to contact me, Jenny:

Tel: **07876 898 079**

Email: jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk



Community Woodfair 2014

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Saturday, 30 August 2014, 10am to 5pm

a beautiful woodland setting. and take part in activities in traditional woodland crafts 14th annual Woodfair! It's a great chance to see Come along to the

A fun day out for all the

Officers on 01264 368000 or visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/valleyparkwoodlands For more information please contact Test Valley Borough Council's Countryside

Test Valley Borough Council



- Children's workshops
- Chainsaw artistry
- Face painting and story telling Bushcraft demonstrations

Local Nature Reserve,

Zionshill Copse

Where:

Chandlers Ford,

SO53 4SJ

Zionshill Copse

- Herbalist
- Traditional woodland crafts Conservation tent with displays by local and national groups

Next to Knightwood

Leisure Centre.

- Wood carving demonstrations
 - And much more!

Please note there

are limited car









@TestValleyBC







Community Sport

Free Community Sports Sessions
Pilgrims Way Open Space, Andover

10 Free sports sessions, from 2–4pm taking place every Tuesday in the school holidays, running from February to October half term.

For further information contact Community and Leisure Online:

www.testvalley.gov.uk

Email: community&leisure@testvalley.gov.uk

Telephone: 01264 368000 Facebook: Active Test Valley

Twitter: @TestValleyBC #communitysport









Egg Nursery Update

At the time of writing, we are close to finalising times with Egg Nursery. When they are able to begin days in the new Community Centre depends largely on Ofsted, but we are both working towards this being as soon as possible. The latest information can always be seen on our Picket Twenty Community Facebook group.

The aim is to offer a nursery in the Centre until Egg's own building is ready for occupation (currently expected to be autumn 2015).

Preschool Provision and families entitlement

All Children are entitled to early education places offering 570 hours a year over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year for every child from the term after their third birthday. The part-time, free early years education places are available in school nursery classes, state or private nursery schools, day nurseries, playgroups and pre-schools and with accredited child minders who are part of a quality assured network.

Children must attend an early years education service in Hampshire that is registered with the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted), and approved by Services for Young Children.

Some two year olds are also eligible for 15 hours free funding from the term after they are two. See attached poster

If you need any further information on Early Years Funding and childcare in your area you can access this on:

www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/childcare/parents/cis/eye.htm or

www3.hants.gov.uk/familyinformationdirectory

Alternatively you can phone your local Childcare Development Coordinator – Sheila Sahota on **01264 387443**

Summer holiday activities

For a list of local activities in the summer holiday visit: www.mumsintheknow.co.uk/andover

Army Family Federation



AFF South Hampshire Co-ordinator

Alison Hunt

If you are a Military family and would like support or advice please do contact Alison:

Tel: **0752 749 2803**

Email: southhants@aff.org.uk

Covering: Worthy Down, Thorney Island, Middle Wallop, Gosport, Marchwood and Andover

Responsible dog ownership

As the summer threatens to make an appearance dog owners should take care to –

- Ensure that their doors and garden gates are not left open so that your dog can stray.
- Make sure your dog is chipped and tagged and all of the information is up to date.
- Check for ticks and give the dog a good check over after every walk.
- Never leave your dog in your car in the summer. It may be raining now but if the sun comes out, in direct sunlight a car can very quickly become a death trap for a dog.
- Make sure there is shelter and water in your garden – dogs are not as good as us at cooling down and will hide from full sun if they can.
- If it is very hot walk your dog when it cools down.
- Remember to have bags with you at all times to clear up after your dog.

If you have lost or found a dog with no tag then you should call 01264 368000 to speak to the Animal Welfare Officer.



If it is outside normal office hours then please press the option for the emergency out of hour's service.

For a peaceful Picket Twenty

It is in a dog's nature to bark and it is unrealistic to hope that a dog will never bark! So inevitably dogs will be heard barking on occasions across Picket Twenty as they are up and down the country. However, it is unfair to dogs and neighbouring residents alike to allow dogs to continue barking for prolonged periods of time, especially at unsociable hours of the day or night.

To help keep Picket Twenty a peaceful place to live we encourage you to tend to you dogs needs to keep their prolonged barking to a minimum.

Keeping Picket Twenty a dog foul free community

Whilst the vast majority of dog owners are diligent in picking up their dog's waste and disposing of it correctly using the bins provided, it is apparent that there is a small minority who are not.

Please can we remind all residents with dogs that they are permitted to dispose of their bagged dog waste in any of the black and gold litter bins around the development as well as in the red dog waste bins and their household black waste bins.



These black and gold litter bins can be used to dispose of litter and dog waste.

We encourage you to make use of the bins provided in order to keep Picket Twenty clean and safe and politely remind you that by **not** cleaning up after your

dogs you are at risk of receiving an £80 fine.

The Borough of Test Valley is a designated no fouling area under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

We would recommend all responsible residents to call Test Valley Borough Council on 01264 368000 if they see people not cleaning up after their dog.

Information such as a description of the dog, description of the person in charge of the dog, the location of the dog fouling and the time of day it occurred will help us tackle this unpleasant problem.

Community Litter Pick

If you are interested in joining forces with fellow residents to make a positive contribution to your neighbourhood and take part in a community litter pick then please email Jenny at: jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk or call 07876 898 079

Please could parents continue to encourage their children to dispose of all litter in the bins provided or take their litter home to ensure Picket Twenty remains litter free.

Love Where You Live



If you would like to become a Community Litter Picker on a more regular basis please email environmentalservice@ testvalley.gov.uk or phone 01264 368000.

If you would like to report any litter or environmental issues please do so via our website at www.testvalley.gov.uk/love with details of what you've seen and where. Alternatively you can text 'love' to 60060 with an explanation of what you have found and where.

Join in. Recycle. Be a Recycling Star!

It's the school holidays and if this hot weather remains for the next few weeks. lots



Picket Twenty Community Centre. Join us on

well as recycling news and hints and tips.

Facebook too, we have lots of competitions as







Local Recycling Centre

Glass recycling facilities are now available at Picket Twenty and 2 mixed glass bins are situated in the car park beside the new community centre.

Test Valley Borough Council hope to expand on these recycling facilities wherever possible in the future and already have plans with the Salvation Army to provide a clothing recycling bank in the near future.

For more information about waste disposal and local recycling centres please visit: www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/wasteandrecycling



Above: The mixed glass recycling bins in the car park near to the new community centre. The black and gold bin can be used to dispose of litter and dog waste.

Picket Twenty household waste collections

For those of you that are new to Picket Twenty, Test Valley Borough Council collect kerbside rubbish from properties on Fridays, alternating between household waste (black bin) and recycling (brown bin). Please leave your bin at the edge of your property by 7am for collection and return to your property as soon after it is emptied as possible, to help keep the neighbourhood tidy and safe.

Please refrain from disposing your household waste beside other resident's bins across the development as this is not permitted and encourages foxes and rats.

Disposal of any household or business waste anywhere on the development other than in your own black or brown bin is classed as 'Fly Tipping', which is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and comes with a maximum penalty of up to £50,000.00.

Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation

Hampshire County Council is carrying out a consultation on its household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) and wants your views on the future of the service.

We have been looking at different and innovative options for running the HWRC service, partly as a response to financial pressures. This is your opportunity to shape the HWRC service and to give your views on how any changes can be made to work best for you. The outcomes of this consultation will inform recommendations for the new HWRC management contract from April 2015. You can respond to the consultation online at www. hants.gov.uk/recycling from 2 June to 22 August 2014.

To request a paper copy, email: hwrc. consultation@hants.gov.uk or call Hantsdirect on: 0845 603 5634. Paper copies can also be collected from Hampshire libraries and local district and borough council offices.

Neighbourhood Watch

Picket Twenty is a new but ever growing neighbourhood, which makes the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme even more vital in keeping it a safe and pleasant place to live.



Neighbourhood Watch is a national scheme recognised by the Home Office and supported by the Police. Each watch is an independent local group run by local residents with the primary objective of creating safe, attractive, friendly places to live where crime is less likely to happen and people are less likely to turn to antisocial behaviour. Typically a watch covers a street, part of a street or a block of flats. Each watch appoints its own volunteer coordinator who is the point of contact with the local police beat officer and with its area association.

Picket Twenty Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is looking for more volunteers to become Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators for their areas. It is not a huge time commitment but will involve attending an evening meeting of Coordinators approximately every 8 weeks.

For more information please contact Jenny at: jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk or call 07876 898 079

Help make Picket Twenty a No Cold Calling Zone

No Cold Calling Zones help combat the problem of doorstep crime.

They can deter unscrupulous cold callers from approaching people living in the zones, but more importantly, they can give people the confidence to say "No". Whilst the zones do not ban cold callers or create exclusion zones, they can be useful in dealing with any unwelcome cold callers.

Making your street a 'No Cold Calling Zone' is easy and can be done following these steps;

- · Complete a No Cold Calling Zone Request.
- Receive a No Cold Calling Zone Consultation Pack from Trading Standards.
- Formally consult every home in the proposed zone using especially designed leaflets, to demonstrate that at least 66% of residents in your street / area are in favour of it.
- Receive No Cold Calling Zone Resident's Packs (including No Cold Calling Zone stickers) for distribution to all households in the proposed zone.
- Zone is launched and the No Cold Calling Zone website is updated.
- Optional external signage can be purchased and erected.

More information can be found at; www3.hants.gov.uk/tradingstandards/tradingstandards-nocoldcalling.htm

Individual streets can become 'No Cold Calling Zones' one at a time, so you don't have to get 66% of all Picket Twenty residents to participate at once. If you have any queries or would like to make your street a 'No Cold Calling Zone', please contact Jenny by emailing; jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk or calling; 07876 898 079

Reporting crimes and incidents

Residents are encouraged to report any incidents of anti social behaviour using the 101, non emergency telephone number.

For any safety matters residents can contact PCSO Natalie Lock

natalie.lock@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

To contact the Council's Community Wardens email wardens@testvalley.gov.uk

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

MOD Police Control Room (24 hours) **01371 854000**

Electric blanket testing

Electric blankets do deteriorate with age and wear and could present a fire risk. Free electric blanket tests are provided by Trading Standards, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and funded by TVBC as part of our commitment to home safety.

The test date for Andover is **23 October** and bookings must be made in advance by calling 01962 833 358.

For more details and a full list of testing dates across Hampshire, please visit www.hants.gov.uk

Landlord's Forum and Resident's Surgery

In January 2014, a landlord's Forum was set up in Picket Twenty. The aim of this is to develop appropriate professional relationships with partner agencies to provide a pro-active and effective housing management service to residents of Registered Providers living at P20. The Registered Housing Providers are:-Sovereign, Radian, Spectrum and Aster Communities.

Test Valley Borough Council, Police and Fire Service support this Forum. Concerns are discussed and effective solutions sought through effective partnership working. Key topics are:

- Housing management
- Promoting Community Involvement and supporting community initiatives
- Dealing with anti-social behaviour

In addition we have each month a Resident's Surgery that is open to all residents, who are invited to attend and share their views.

Held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 1pm to 2pm in the Community Centre. Topics generally discussed are:

- Getting involved with community events
- Understanding the rules of the development
- Parking and developing mutual respect with neighbours
- · Budgeting Advice

Anyone wishing to have any views raised and either of these meetings is invited to contact Sovereign Housing Officer, Shelley Honeyman on **01962833305** or via email to **shelley.honeyman@sovereign.org.uk.**



United Savings & Loans are a not for profit organization, and are offering a range of accounts, including loans, savings schemes and a "Jam Jar" account, which helps people to budget their spending for different areas. The Jam Jar account prioritises bills, including rent, and sends payments out to suppliers before you have access to the surplus funds. The surplus funds can be sent out to any designated bank account of your choice.

If you are struggling to pay your bills on time and are incurring bounced direct debit fees, speak to United Savings & Loans Credit Union who can help you avoid these unwanted costly fees.

Affordable loans from your credit union

People who would normally have problems getting a loan from a bank can now get affordable loans and full banking facilities from United Savings & Loans.

	Loan amount	Amount you pay back each week	No. of payments	Total you pay back	%APR
United Savings & Loans	£500	£11.49	52	£597.02	42.6%
Provident	£500	£17.50	52	£910.00	272.2%
Loansathome4u	£500	£20.00	41	£820.00	281.5%

Alternate Mondays at;

- King Arthurs Hall, King Arthurs Way, Andover 10am to 2pm (starting 23 June)
- Test Valley Borough Council, Weyhill Road, Andover 10am to 2pm (starting 30 June)

Visit our website for an updated schedule www.usal.org.uk

Be warned of Loan Sharks circling

"Take a 10 minute online challenge and win £100 of shopping vouchers!

Loan sharks are people who lend money without the necessary permissions. This is a criminal offence. They frequently charge high rates of interest and can harass, intimidate and beat up their victims to ensure re-payments. The Stop Loan Sharks project is run by Trading Standards and has been working across England for a number of years, raising awareness of the perils of using loan sharks, prosecuting them and supporting their victims.

The Stop Loan Sharks project have launched an online quiz, to give one lucky person the chance to win £100 of shopping vouchers. Two runners up will each receive a goody bag. It will take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. To have a chance of winning the prize please click on the link or go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/IMLTchallenge Good luck!"

Who can enter the competition? This is open to all residents of England, entrants must be over the age of 18 and confirm that they have read the competition's full terms which are listed at the bottom of the page. The closing date for all entries is **30th September 2014.**

REGISTERING ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL AT YOUR NEW PROPERTY

You need to register in order to be able to vote in elections and referendums. If you aren't registered to vote, you won't have the chance to have a say on who represents you.

Some people also register to vote because they want to apply for credit. This is because credit reference agencies use the register to confirm where someone lives when they apply for credit in order to counteract fraud.

The way you register to vote has changed in 2014. Under the old system the 'head of the household' could register everyone who lived at their address. The new system means everyone is now responsible for registering themselves.

You can now register online:

- 1 Go to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
- 2 Fill in your name, address, date of birth and a few other details. You'll also need your National Insurance number, which can be found on your National Insurance card, or in official paperwork such as payslips, or letters about benefits or tax credits.
- **3** Look out for confirmation from Test Valley Borough Council to say you're registered.

If you don't have access to the internet or can't use it, please contact us on **01264 368000** and we will be able to help you to register. We can also be contacted on **elecreg@testvalley.gov.uk**















Parking

Please be considerate to your neighbours when parking your vehicle at Picket Twenty. Every



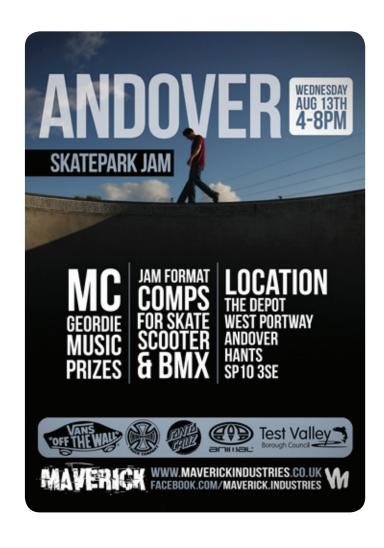
household has allocated parking spaces and residents should use these to park their vehicles.

Cars parked on roads and pavements make it difficult for pedestrians to walk safely and can be dangerous especially for children. Buses and emergency vehicles such as fire engines could also find it difficult to access some roads/houses where residents have parked inconsiderately.

Parked vehicles which are causing an obstruction at road junctions should be reported to the police using the 101 number.

Bus route

For residents that live along a bus route, please park in your allocated parking spaces and not along the bus route. This is not only dangerous but can also hold up buses that need to have a reliable and consistent journey time.



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this service is supported by Hampshire County Council

Please note during early mornings, peak periods and evenings buses may depart from bays/stands adjacent to those shown.

Routes P20 is operated by easy access low floor buses, although there may be exceptional circumstances when we substitute another bus rather than miss a journey. Special timetables usually apply during the Christmas and New Year period.



Andover Job Shop

Every Tuesday

1.30 - 3.30pm

at King Arthurs Hall, King Arthurs Way, Andover

An opportunity to access computers, information and advice on job searches, CV writing, interview skills and much more.

Free of charge.

For more information please contact Kath Calcraft on 01264 359062.

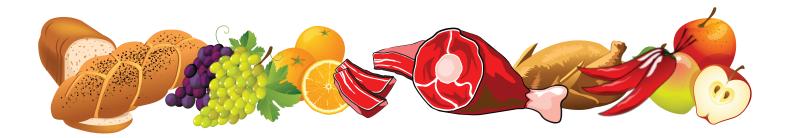








Market in your diary!



The bumper Andover Farmers' and Crafts Market is back in the High Street on Sunday 17 August from 10am to 2pm.

Visit the market and browse and gain inspiration for weekend meals; stock the cupboards with local, wholesome products; pack a picnic basket with tasty treats or add that individual touch to the home or garden. Over fifty stalls will pack the High Street with a wide range of produce and crafted goods.

There will be something on offer for the gardener, the gourmet, the craft enthusiast or just those who are looking for something a little bit different.

All of this will be set against the back drop of music in the Time Ring from local duo Dragonfly Rhythms.

Hot food will be available with home-made burgers from Oaktrack Smallholding

Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Carr, said: "The Andover Farmers' and Crafts market is a key event in the calendar aimed at keeping our High Street busy and vibrant and attracting people to the town. It provides local people with the opportunity to shop locally and support local businesses.

The first of these new Andover Farmers' and Crafts markets in March increased the number of visitors to the town by 28 percent compared to figures for a similar event the previous year, and we hope to continue to build on this success over the summer.

Other dates for 2014: 21 September, 19 October, 16 November and 21 December.



How to get in contact

If you have any news, reviews or achievements that you would like to share with the community and feature in the next newsletter, or if you require further information about any events/activities please contact Jenny Brain on 07876 898 079, email jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk.

Other useful contacts

St Marys ward Councillors

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