

Test Valley Borough Council

Picket Twenty Resident Newsletter



My name is Claire Robinson and I am the new Community Development Worker for the Picket Twenty Development. I am able to:

- Provide information to residents about the development, local facilities, services and community activities in and around Andover.
- Set up and support community groups and clubs.
- Organize activities.
- Promote the Community Travel Plan and establish the travel needs of the community to confirm the infrastructure in the area is effective.

For information about the development or if you have any suggestions for community activities, then please contact Claire Robinson, Community Development Worker on:

01264 368622 / 0787 689 8079
or crobinson@testvalley.gov.uk

I look forward to meeting you and working together to make P20 a thriving community.

Claire



Housing Occupations

Latest figures obtained from the developers' sales offices showed that over 290 homes, of the overall 1,200 homes planned, are now occupied at Picket Twenty.

Development Update

Bus underpass opened at Picket Twenty

A new underpass, which provides a convenient and direct route for buses to travel from the new neighbourhood at Picket Twenty to Andover town centre, opened on 7th May.

The hourly P20 bus service, which is operated by Stagecoach with support from HCC, is already proving popular with residents. It links the new neighbourhood to Admirals Way, Vigo Road, Andover town centre, Weyhill Road, Andover Rail Station and Tesco Extra. There are also specially timed journeys to, and from, Picket Twenty, for children travelling to Winton School and Vigo School.

All other road users, with the exception of cyclists and pedestrians, are not permitted to use the underpass, which is controlled by traffic signals triggered by the approaching bus.



Persimmon are currently constructing a Footbridge over the A3093, with a path down to the Underpass. It is expected that the bridge will be put into place on the 26th of July. The bridge will be delivered and assembled at the beginning of that week and the Public Art figures will be attached to create a feature on this entrance to Andover. The bridge will

be made in two sections and bolted together on the A3093, so there will unfortunately be a reduction to single lane traffic on the A3093 for a week or so, with temporary traffic lights. The road will be closed for a very short period on the night of the 26th while the bridge is lifted into place. Persimmon apologise for any inconvenience caused. It is hoped that the bridge should be opened for use by the public in September.

The planning application for Phase 3 will be submitted in the summer and a copy will be made available to look at in the Temporary Community Centre, as well as on-line on the Council's website. Phase 3 is located on the Southern end of the site, fronting Forest Lane, and is accessed through the current Phase 1B. The landscape buffer between the site and Forest Lane has been planted in advance of this.

Family Fun Day

A BIG thank you to all of you that came along to support the first Picket Twenty Fun Day, at the temporary Community Centre on 15th June. Despite the inclement weather, the day was a glorious success. The resident's coffee group regulars who organised the event, raised £228 which has been split between Myeloma Bone Marrow Cancer Charity and the Residents Group and this will be used for future community activities.

Picket Twenty Allotments

Have you ever wanted to grow your own veg? well if there is enough interest we can approach the Town Council

for more information and to register your interest email

picket20allotments@outlook.com



www.picket-twenty.com

School Update from Amanda Johnstone, Headteacher

Time is simply whizzing by now and my feet are barely touching the ground! Members of the Governing Body, Hampshire Local Authority, the Diocese of Portsmouth and Winchester and I, are all working incredibly hard to ensure that our amazing school is ready to open it's doors to you in September.

Building

I visit the site once a week and meet with the project manager and on-site supervisors, in order to hear about the work that has taken place during that week and what is planned for the following week. I am also afforded the privilege of a brief tour, the opportunity to ask questions and to make decisions about issues ranging from where to place the paper towel dispensers, to ratifying the images that will be placed on the internal windows and doors. My job is certainly many and varied!

Externally: The hard playground is ready, the adventure play area and amphitheatre installed and the rain has helped the grass seed on the field to grow well. The acres of block paving are currently being laid and the pathways, wild flower meadow, orchard and Early Years outside area created.

Internally: Painting is almost complete, the carpet has been laid in the classrooms, heating and lighting are in place and working throughout, finger safe devices have been fitted to all doors and the hall flooring will be completed by the end of this week. We are hopeful that the building will be handed over to us on the 29th July – then the really hard work will begin! From this date, we start an intense programme of fitting out the vast array of IT, furniture and all the resources that I have ordered for the school. August is certainly going to be busy!

There has been a slight delay to our fibre internet and telephone installation and we would therefore ask that you continue to use the email address and mobile phone number at the top of this letter for contact until further notice. We would also kindly request that you do not try to visit the school during the summer period, except for our special summer event days (see next page), as there will be lots of comings and goings in and around the school site and we wish to ensure everybody's safety. Thank you for your co-operation.

Staffing

We have now employed 2 teachers, a HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant), a Senior Administrative Assistant, a Finance Officer, an MSA and a caretaker. We hope to employ a Learning Support Assistant next week and are currently recruiting for a Lunchtime Leader and further Midday Supervisory Assistants. Details of these vacancies can be found on our temporary school website, as well as Hampshire's job vacancies page if you, or someone you know, is interested in applying.

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.

Subsidised Bus Passes

Following the commencement of the new P20 bus service connecting the development with the town centre, subsidised 'Andover Area Mega Rider' bus passes are available for residents at Picket Twenty, funded by the developer. Contact Claire for an application form and details about the scheme.

The P20, hourly, service links Picket Twenty, Admirals Way, Vigo Road, Andover town centre, Weyhill Road, Andover Rail Station and Tesco Extra.

Two drivers and an extra low-floor single deck bus are used to provide the new service.

Information from www.stagecoachbus.com/south or Traveline on **08457 484950**



Disposing of Rubbish

There is a mixed glass recycling bin situated outside the temporary community centre for residents to use.

Refuse collection day at Picket Twenty is Thursday.

Following the collection of kerbside rubbish from Picket Twenty properties, TVBC request that all bins are taken back onto your property as soon as possible so the development is kept looking tidy and ensure pavement and access to properties are not blocked.

For information on waste and recycling visit

www.testvalley.gov.uk

A free 'Green Guide to Recycling' booklet is available by contacting Claire. This contains information on recycling.



If you would like to report any litter or environmental issues please text 'love' to **60060** explaining what you've seen and where, call **01264 368000** or email environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk

Information available online at www.testvalley.gov.uk/love

What's Going On?



Residents Coffee and Chat every Thursday

These sessions are held every Thursday afternoon between 1–2:30pm in the Picket Twenty Community Centre. Why not come along to meet some new people, find out what's going on locally and share ideas and experiences. Local councillors and the Police are also often in attendance to listen and give advice. All welcome!



Parent and Toddler Group

Tuesdays from 6th August, 10am – 11:30am

Please drop in to make, play, sing and meet new people every Tuesday from 6th August in the temporary Community Centre.



Community Association Meeting

Tuesday 16th July at 7pm

- Interested in helping to organise events, activities in Picket Twenty?
- Spare two – three hours a month for your community?
- Fancy finding out more about creating a community association for Picket Twenty?

IF YES, then read on.....

A community association is about meeting the needs of the local community, hosting events, taster days and fostering community spirit. They also provide a focus for local people and are representatives highlighting any needs and issues of this new community.

In Andover there are four active Community Associations, all based within and managing community centres. A community association in Picket Twenty will also have the advantage of a new Community Centre to base their activities in.

You do not need any specific skills to help with this just a willingness to help and a little spare time, as there are a wide range of tasks that volunteers can get involved in.

The association will be supported by TVBC and HCC to ensure that the new group gets the support and advice they need to be successful.

To find out more, please come along to the temporary Community Centre on Tuesday 16th July 2013 at 7pm, refreshments provided.

For more information, beforehand please contact Claire Robinson.

Pilgrims Cross Parents Meeting

Wednesday 17th July, 4pm – 7pm

The Chair of Governors and the Headteacher Amanda Johnson will be holding another session for parents to meet at the Picket Twenty Temporary Community Centre on Wednesday 17th July between 4pm and 7pm. This will be an informal opportunity for you just to 'drop in' for a cup of tea or coffee at any point between 4pm and 7pm to ask any questions or queries that you may have about your child starting school with us in September. You will also be able to 'sign up' for a 1:1 chat Amanda and/or the class teacher during the summer break (on specific days), if you wish. If you have not yet shown your child's birth certificate and proof of your address, do please bring these documents along with you. Again, due to space restrictions at the centre, we would kindly ask that this drop in session be kept as an event for parents only.

Summer Playscheme

29th July, 5th August, 12th August & 19th August!

On the 29th July, 5th August, 12th August and 19th August, the Play Rangers will be visiting Picket Twenty.

Sessions will be from 1:30 – 3:25pm at the Picket Twenty Community Centre, for children aged 5–12 years. Session cost £1 per child, per session. No need to book, just turn up!

Or if mornings are better for you, head to the Community Centre at Augusta Park (next to Endeavour Primary School), for sessions on the same dates between 10am and 11:25am. If you would like further details about these sessions, please contact Claire Robinson, the Picket Twenty Community Worker.

The Great Big Bug Hunt

Friday 23rd August, 10am – 12noon

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, would like to invite you to 'The Great Big Bug Hunt', starting at the Picket Twenty temporary Community Centre.

This will be a fun family morning hunting for butterflies, grasshoppers, spiders and beetles in the meadow by Picket Twenty and finding out what is living on your doorstep! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential - please contact Sarah Lynes on:

01256 381186 or **sarahl@hwt.org.uk**

Neighbourhood Watch

The next neighbourhood watch meeting will be 10th September at 19:30 at the temporary Community Centre.



If you would like to be involved, please contact Claire Robinson.

Reporting Crimes & 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

or TVBC Community Wardens

wardens@testvalley.gov.uk

Crime Stoppers – **0800 555 111**