



Welcome!

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents up to date with activities, events, news and other community matters surrounding the development.

Please feel free to send anything you wish to be considered for inclusion in the next newsletter to **aharris@testvalley.gov.uk** or drop it into the Village Hall post box. The newsletter will be circulated approximately quarterly.

Neighbourhood questionnaire

Each resident should have received a neighbourhood questionnaire. Please may you complete this so that we can find out what you, the community, would like to see in your area. It is also available electronically. **<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9SBK8XP>**

Please return all completed questionnaires by Friday 18th December whereby they will be entered into a prize draw. **You could win either family or individual membership for the Picket Piece Sports and Social Club, or vouchers for Andover Leisure Centre.**

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Community Development Worker

As I mentioned in the Residents' Information sheet, I am Andrea Harris the newly appointed Community Development Worker and will be running a drop in for residents at the Village Hall on Thursday mornings between 10am and 12 noon commencing on Thursday, 5 November.

Please come along and meet other residents, have a cup of coffee and look at the plans for the developments within the village. I may not be able to answer all your questions but I will endeavour to channel them to someone who can!



Housing occupations

Figures obtained from Barratt Homes and David Wilson as of end of September 2015 show there were 167 new properties occupied.

This figure includes private homes and housing association properties. These figures are for the new build properties only.

Key pieces of infrastructure to be delivered throughout the development:

- children's play space
- allotments
- informal open space
- retention of areas of nature conservation
- enhancement to pedestrian and cycle links from the new development
- financial contribution towards enhancement of existing community facilities in the vicinity
- improvements to local road layout
- financial contribution towards primary school education in the vicinity
- provision of a local centre with shops
- financial contribution towards sports facilities within Andover.

Picket Piece Sports and Social Club

Family Christmas Party

The Sports and Social Club will be holding a family Christmas party on Saturday 12 December 2015 at Picket Piece Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start.

Entry by ticket only. Tickets will be available from Picket Piece Post Office and behind the bar at Picket Piece Village Hall - Friday and Sunday evenings from 7pm.

Ticket prices:

Members over 12: £1

Non members over 12: £2

Members 12 and under: £4

Non members 12 and under: £5

The bar will be open during the party.

Father Christmas will be giving each child under 12 years a present.

All residents are welcome.

The Social Club also holds regular family Bingo and Pool nights, so please check the notice boards or the website. www.picketpiecevillagehall.org



A big thank you

to everyone who helped and supported the Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 25th September, we raised **£280.61**. This was the first time that we have held the event in the Village Hall but hope to run it again next year.

Dog owners

Thank you for cleaning up after your dog around Picket Piece.

However, there still seems to be an issue with dogs fouling in the field behind the Village Hall. Please may we remind everyone to pick up after their dogs and place the bag in a bin or take it home to dispose of it. It can be placed in any litter bin, it does not need to be put into a special dog fouling bin. This will help keep the neighbourhood clean and tidy and reduce the potential for health risks, especially for children.



Commercial Centre

There are many businesses within the Commercial Centre so please have a look around.

The Post Office is situated within the Andover Patio Centre.

Post Office opening times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays, 8am to 4.45pm
Wednesdays, 8am to 3pm

Closed on Saturdays.



Bus services

The number 13 bus service runs from Picket Piece to Andover via Tesco and back and is provided by a company called Wheelers.

For information and timetables, contact them on: Wheelers Coaches:

02380 471800 www.wheelerstravel.co.uk

Car share

HantsCarShare is a web-based car sharing database for anyone to sign up to in order to search for others who share similar journeys to work.

www.hants.gov.uk/workplacetravel/car-sharing

Health Walks

Did you know that only one third of the UK adult population takes the recommended 150 minutes of exercise each week?

Walking can improve your health and your happiness. Joining one of Test Valley's Health Walks will give you the chance to explore the outdoors, get to know your local area and meet new people.

Information on Health Walks in the Andover area can be found at www.testvalley.gov.uk



GP surgery

Shepherds Spring Medical Centre is currently taking new patients and provides a range of services.

For further information, visit www.shepherdsspring.co.uk or contact them on the details below:

**Shepherds Spring Medical Centre
Cricketers Way
Andover
Hampshire
SP10 5DE**

01264 310777

Children's Centres

Children's Centres are run by Hampshire County Council. They provide a range of services tailored to meet the needs of families with children aged 0 to 5 years.

For questions and advice, contact Hampshire County Council on **0300 555 1384** or email childrens.services@hants.gov.uk



Join in. Recycle. Be a Recycling Star

In Test Valley, we collect waste from your black bin and recycling from your brown bin on an alternate weekly basis. Bins need to be placed out at the edge of your property by 7am on your collection day. Collection teams will only empty the bins designed for the collection service happening that week. Please do not put both black and brown bins out together. To help our collection teams return bins to the correct property, please clearly mark your bin with your house name or number.

Not sure what day or week to put your bin out? **Your bin collection day is Friday.** Search for more collection information and details of garden waste at www.testvalley.gov.uk/bins.

In your brown bin you can recycle paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, food tins, drinks cans and empty aerosols. But, did you know that there are even more items that you can recycle by taking them to your local recycling centre?

There are nearly 100 sites across the borough where you can recycle a wide range of materials. Your nearest local bottle recycling centre



is at Picket Piece Village Hall and Community Centre where you can take glass bottles and jars. Please remember to only put clean recycling into the collection banks. Unfortunately we can't take glass items in plastic bags, so please empty them into the bank and put the plastic bag in the litter bin provided. Alternatively, why not find a sturdy box or shopping bag that you can use over and over again?

In consideration for the neighbours, please do not use the bottle bank before 8.30am or after 8pm.

Want to find out more? Like our Facebook page for recycling news, helpful tips and exciting competitions!

www.facebook.com/recyclingstars

Picket Piece Village Hall and Community Centre

Regular events

Day	Time	Event	Contact
Monday	7.30pm	Slimming World	Zara Colwell 07519722385
Tuesday	9.45-10.45am	Sing and Sign	Jennie Roper 01264 359224
	6-7pm	Fit Camp	Lorraine Chivers 07920101664
Thursday	10am-12 noon	Community Development Worker drop in	Andrea Harris 07990 755104
	6-7pm	Fit Camp	Lorraine Chivers 07920101664
Saturday	9.30-10.30am	Sing and Sign	Jennie Roper 01264 359224

Upcoming events

Date	Time	Event	Contact
Saturday 12 December	From 6.30pm	Christmas Party	Details on page 3

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Christmas Holiday Activity

Monday 21st December 10am-12 noon



I am organising a children's Christmas craft session at Picket Piece Village Hall on Monday 21st December 10am-12 noon. Cost will be £2 per child. Under 5's need a parent to stay please, over 5's can stay without a parent!

If you are interested then please contact me as booking is essential.

Also if you are interested in any of the following events, or any other social activities for Picket Piece, then please contact me:

- Toddler group
- New mums' group
- Coffee mornings
- Neighbourhood Watch scheme



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