

Picket Piece Resident Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Picket Piece newsletter and welcome to new residents.

If there is anything that you would like to contribute to the next newsletter that you think might be of interest to residents then please let me know.

Please also contact me if there is something that you would like to have provided for residents of Picket Piece such as an over 50's group or a coffee morning?

I have heard from a few residents that they are interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.



Please contact me if you would like help in setting this up.

Contact **Andrea Harris**:
Email: aharris@testvalley.gov.uk
Tel: **07790 755104**

Picket Piece Village Hall



The Village Hall has currently undergone a freshen up.

In March, a team of over 20 volunteers from Simply Health spent a day painting the entrance hall, main hall and committee room, with materials kindly donated by Simon Potter from the Andover Patio Centre. Simply Health run a programme each year when they give their time to helping the community and Picket Piece were chosen this year.

With the edition of some new pictures on the wall, the hall is looking good and is available to hire with or without the bar for parties and other social gatherings. CCTV has also recently been installed for the safety of hall users.

A baby changing table is due to be installed into one of the ladies toilets very shortly.

Please see the events list at the back of this newsletter for listings of clubs.

For more information on booking please contact:

Email: picketpiecehallbookings@gmail.com

Mobile: 07775 466686

Website: picketpiecevillagehall.org

Sparkle Day

Sparkle Days are part of our Love Where You Live initiative run by TVBC.

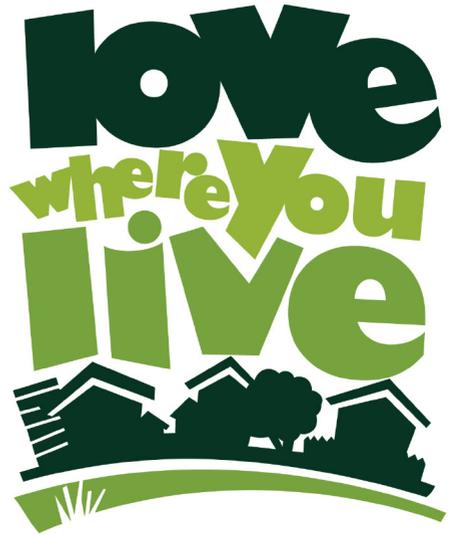
We aim to hold around 10 Sparkle Days across the Test Valley during the year. Their purpose is to add that extra bit of sparkle to an area.

Many activities will take place during each Sparkle Day, for instance roads and paths will be swept, signs will be cleaned, grass will be cut and shrubs tidied etc. We will also help residents with any questions they may have on dealing with their waste and recycling.

Friday 20th April saw the Council's Environmental Service visit Picket Piece and Walworth Business Park in Andover to carry out its latest Sparkle Day. The Sparkle Day team swept the roads and paths, washed signs and collected litter. In all, the team collected five tonnes of waste. The team also provided waste and recycling information to 52 homes in the area.

The team were joined by a couple of residents, Cllr John Cockaday and Community Development Worker Andrea Harris.

If you feel that this is something you would like to help out with in the future please contact us.



As local residents, please spare a few moments of your time to help keep our area litter free.

For details contact: Environmental Services:

Tel: 01264 368000

Email: environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk

Baby and Toddler



In June, we celebrated our first year of Toddler Group at Picket Piece with a cake and interactive story telling to mark the occasion. A big thank you goes to Sue and Karen who help out each week at the group.

Every week we aim to provide different activities for the children such as play dough, sand, craft and planting seeds as well as inviting outside agencies to come in and do messy play, health education, music and story time to name a few.

Now that we have more storage space, we have increased the amount of toys we have available too.

The session begins with free play until around 11am with a variety of toys, and a dedicated area for small babies and their parents/carers. A choice of snacks and drinks are then available for children and adults from our 'Snack Mat' dedicated area. We start to pack away the toys from about 11.45am if we are having music time which is lead by one of our volunteers.

It is also a great place for expectant Mums to come and meet others and

pick up handy hints from other new parents.

The group will continue to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am-12 noon at a cost of £1 per adult, 50p per child which includes coffee and snacks. As with all Toddler Groups it is a stay and play so that adults are responsible for their children.

Regular emails are sent out to keep families informed of what we are doing each week.

Thank you to those who have already offered their help and to the regular volunteers. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with either the running of the group or making refreshments, whether you have pre-school children or not this would also be very welcome.

We can offer DBS checks and First Aid training.

If you have any unwanted toys please contact me.

Contact Andrea Harris:
aharris@testvalley.gov.uk or
07990 755104.

Community Speed Watch Update

The first Community Speed Watch meeting was held at Picket Piece Village Hall in April.

We had a good number of volunteers come forward who are keen to take part in the scheme but we are now looking for a few more residents to help us to run it successfully.

Also in attendance were PCSO's; Stacie Quattromini and Richard Sanders who will be working with us on the scheme.

We are working with the Police as they will be providing training on how to use the camera and agree the positioning of them within Picket Piece.

A few of the group met with Monxton Parish Council one evening to look at their Speed Watch camera and understand how it works. They are willing to hire it to Picket Piece and we are currently looking into how best to fund this project as this is something that the Police will support but can no longer fund.

If you know of any groups or companies who would be willing to financially support this then please let me know.

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Mobile: 07990 755104**

Dog Mess

It has been brought to my attention that some people are still not picking up their dogs mess.

Please, please can you pick it up and place in a bin.

Thank you to those who already do.

Please report any issues to the Animal Welfare Officer Rod Mason:
01264 368000

Parking

Please can we remind residents to park considerately and not obstruct pavements or park close to the end of junctions.

The signs that were posted around the development a couple of months ago by TVBC formed part of a consultation for Traffic Regulation proposals which are for installing double yellow lines around Locksbridge Park and other areas in Andover.

Update on the development

There are now over 460 occupations within the new development.

David Wilson Homes continue with their side of the development which they aim to complete within the next 2 years.

Barratt Homes are in the process of their last phase of development of 25 homes at Errington Road which are near completion, with the first occupants having moved in at the end of June.

Work has temporarily stopped on the development of the Ox Drove allotments until the details have been confirmed with TVBC and the Town Council. You can still express your interest with Andover Town Council should you wish to have one: Andovertcallotments@gmail.com

There are no further details for the retail units since the last newsletter, which continue to be marketed by David Wilson Homes.

The transfer of some of the open spaces and play areas has now been handed over to Test Valley Borough Council from the developers, which means that they are responsible for the maintenance of these. TVBC will also now be responsible for emptying the bins throughout the development.

Due to the timing of the handover, TVBC were unable to complete

planting due to it being outside of the planting season but it will be in their schedule of works for next year.

The tennis court has now been painted and the nets installed so please do use it.

The sports pavilion has also been adopted by TVBC and once it is completed it will be ready for hire.

Remus are the Management company who continue to be responsible for some areas of the development as well as DWH responsible for areas that have yet to be handed over.

Locksbridge Road will eventually be adopted by HCC but this will not be until the whole development has been completed.

Should you have any queries about who is maintaining which areas then please either contact the sales team or myself and we will try and point you in the right direction.

My Test Valley



Test Valley residents can use the My Test Valley app to carry out even more tasks from their phone.

As well as being able to report missed bin collections, incidents of fly-tipped waste and overgrown hedges, users can also order or amend garden waste subscriptions, request their street to be cleaned, report any concerns they come across at playgrounds, and much more!

The app is simple to use, free of charge and even works with the mapping software on your phone so you can pinpoint exactly where in the borough you are reporting from. Residents can download My Test Valley from the Apple App Store, Google Play or the Windows Store.

If you don't have a smartphone, please visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/mytestvalley and follow the instructions to report your concern.

Bus timetable change.

Please note that the number 13 bus times have now changed.

The number 13 is still a hail and ride so you can stop it anywhere along the route and therefore not just at the designated stops.

We would ask that passengers be considerate when waiting for the buses if stood near to resident's property. We have had reports of children running around other peoples gardens whilst waiting and also litter being dropped.

For information and timetables contact: Wheelers Coaches **02380 471800**
www.wheelerstravel.co.uk

Service 13 Andover Bus Station to Picket Piece via Tesco and River Way

Monday to Saturday, not Sunday or Bank holidays

	NS	MF	SAT															
Bus Station	07:54	08:04	09:04	10:04	11:04	12:04	13:04	14:04	15:04	16:04	17:04	18:04						
Bridge Street	07:56	08:06	09:06	10:06	11:06	12:06	13:06	14:06	15:06	16:06	17:06	18:06						
Tesco	08:00	08:10	09:10	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10	14:10	15:10	16:10	17:10	18:10						
River Way Calder court	08:02	08:12	09:12	10:12	11:12	12:12	13:12	14:12	15:12	16:12	17:12	18:12						
Picket Piece	07:08	08:08	08:18	09:18	10:18	11:18	12:18	13:18	14:18	15:18	16:18	17:18	18:18					
River Way Calder court	07:11	08:11	08:21	09:21	10:21	11:21	12:21	13:21	14:21	15:21	16:21	17:21	18:21					
Tesco, River Way stop	07:13	08:13	08:23	09:23	10:23	11:23	12:23	13:23	14:23	15:23	16:23	17:23	18:23					
Bus Station	07:16	08:17	08:27	09:27	10:27	11:27	12:27	13:27	14:27	15:27	16:27	17:27	18:27					

MF = Monday to Friday

SAT = Saturdays Only

NS = not Saturdays

All services are financially supported by Hampshire County Council

Car Share

Ever thought about car sharing to work?

You can register on the Hants Car Share Scheme and find other people in your area who may be driving the same way as you to work.

This can save you money as well as helping the environment.

<https://hants.liftshare.com>



For information about live bus and rail departures and travel updates visit:
<https://myjourneyhampshire.com>

Abandoned Vehicles

What is an abandoned vehicle?

People often confuse an abandoned vehicle with a nuisance and/or untaxed vehicle. The Council only has the powers to tackle and remove genuinely abandoned vehicles.

For a vehicle to be classed as abandoned and be dealt with by the Environmental Enforcement team, it should be untaxed plus at least three of the following:

- vehicle is just a shell
- burnt out
- doors open
- doors missing
- bonnet open
- seats and inside fittings missing
- windows broken or missing
- windscreen broken or missing
- wheels missing
- flat tyres
- signs of vandalism
- evidence of vehicle having been stripped for parts, for example bumpers and tyres missing
- vehicle full of rubbish
- signs of a tow rope having been used
- missing registration plates
- evidence of vehicle not having moved such as birds mess, dust, weeds, no windscreen wiper marks
- evidence of neglect and poor condition, for example rust, very dirty, scratched or dented

- vehicle has never been seen in the location previously but appears to have been unattended for three days.

Where the vehicle is untaxed, but does not appear to be meet the criteria above, please report it to the DVLA via the GOV.UK website.

If a vehicle is abandoned, the Council has the power to remove it.

If you consider a vehicle to be abandoned please report it to us. Remember to give us as many details as possible including:

- the vehicle registration number (if visible)
- the make, model and colour of the vehicle
- the exact location of the vehicle
- if the vehicle is on private land, the name and address of the landowner (if possible).

Please note the paper tax disc no longer exists. You can check if a vehicle is taxed on the GOV.UK website.

Please check the information under 'What is an abandoned vehicle' below before reporting it.

You can report an abandoned vehicle online, using the My Test Valley App, or alternatively, contact Customer Services on 01264 368000 or 01794 527700.

Walking for Health in Picket Piece.

We have been running Health Walks from Picket Piece for a year now with a few residents attending.

The walk is free and is a great way to get fit and lasts for approx 1-1 ½ hours, depending upon the pace of the walk. It is open to everyone but if you do have any health issues then please check with your GP to make sure it is suitable for you. It is buggy friendly and mostly on footpaths.

The route is just over 3 miles long and will take us from Picket Piece Village Hall, through Finkley Down Farm to Augusta Park and then back via River Way, through Walworth Industrial Estate back to the Village Hall.

We now have another route which takes us from Picket Piece through the development to Ox Drove, along to Picket Twenty, Ladies Walk, along Micheldever Road, back to Picket Twenty and then to Picket Piece. Please contact me if you know of any safe circular routes around Picket Piece.

They run on the third Tuesday of each month leaving Picket Piece Village Hall at 10.30am. To register please come at 10am, wear sensible footwear, weather appropriate clothing, bring a water bottle and sun cream if required.

Next Health Walk Picket Piece.

The next health walk will be on Tuesday 18 September.

Join us back at the village hall afterwards for coffee and biscuits.

Contact: aharris@testvalley.gov.uk

Mobile : **07990 755104**

Visit the website to find out more about Health Walks:

www.walkingforhealth.org.uk

Together the Ramblers and Macmillan Cancer Support run Walking for Health, helping more people – including those affected by cancer – discover the joys and health benefits of walking.

The Ramblers' Association is a registered charity (England & Wales no. 1093577, Scotland no. SC039799) www.ramblers.org.uk
Macmillan Cancer Support is a registered charity (England and Wales no. 261017, Scotland no. SC039907, Isle of Man no. 604) www.macmillan.org.uk



Supporting you to
get active and stay active

Andover's Three Twin Sisters

Each time you enter Andover, the 'welcome' sign reminds you that our town is one of a twin. In fact we are twinned with three sister towns: Redon in France, Goch in Germany and Andover in Massachusetts, USA. But what does twinning mean? How long have we been twinned? And how can you establish your own social links or exchange visits with our friends overseas?

The twinning of British towns with European sisters goes back to the end of the last war, when it was seen as a way of fostering harmony through an understanding of each other's cultures. But it was not until the 1970s that twinning really took-off. International travel had become affordable, and similar towns all across Europe were being paired, creating new friendships and furthering tourism and trade. Elaborate ceremonies and grand certificates were the order of the day – and for Andover too.

In 1977 we signed our first twinning agreement with the ancient and beautiful town of Redon in Brittany which combines agriculture, light industry and a scenic canal network. Alternating years have seen parties from Andover making cultural visits and excursions to France, and then our French friends returning to enjoy

reciprocal hospitality in our own homes. Fast-forward 40 years and many visitors are now the children of the original 'twinners' who have known life-long relationships with their own peers abroad.



And it is the same with Germany too. In 1980 Andover twinned with Goch, a rural town in the northern Rhein district of Kleve, close to the Dutch border. Goch was completely destroyed by Allied bombing in 1945 but today it thrives and its typical German character is evident once again.

But twinning is not only about visits and tourism. The Andover Town Twinning Association, which coordinates the activities, also promotes links between schools, sporting clubs, cultural societies and businesses. And when it is not busy with this, ATTA also organises an annual programme of talks, trips and dinners for its members.

Our biggest ceremony took place in 2000 when large numbers of visitors and the Prince of Wales' band came together to celebrate our twinning with

Andover, Massachusetts. Andover MA sits on the Merrimack River only 23 miles NW of Boston, an area recently seen in Michael Portillo's TV Railroad Journeys. The town was named after Andover UK in honour of early settler, John Osgood, a farmer from Cottonworth near Wherwell who left England with his family in 1638. Andover has since had a rich history which embraces the Salem Witch Trials and the American War of Independence. To mark the twinning, a Portland stone sculpture of native American Chief Cutshamachie was also unveiled in the park near Andover College. The 7-foot Chief points westwards towards his distant home across the Atlantic, where our American friends have also dedicated a Twinning Park which incorporates a friendship bridge.

This year, visitors from our Andover will travel to Redon to coincide with an international music festival and will follow the Osgoods to explore Andover MA. We shall also receive and entertain guests from Goch.

Do search out Chief Cutshamachie and the elaborate twinning certificates in the Guildhall. And if you would like to become involved in adventures and activities with our twin towns (it is not necessary to speak another language) then please get in touch with ATTA via our website www.atta.org.uk.

General Data Protection (GDPR).

I expect that most of you are aware of the changes that have been made regarding Data Protection.

Due to this, I have removed many of you from my email circulation list unless you have given permission for me to have it.

If you would like to be kept informed about Community events (including those organised by the Sports and Social Club), Toddler group, Community Speed Watch then please do let me know.

Your details are never shared with any outside organisations.

aharris@testvalley.gov.uk

Volunteers wanted to support youngsters to stay on track

Children and young people don't always find growing up easy and this can lead to difficult behaviours or conflict within a family which, in the extreme, can lead to Children's Services intervention and, potentially, children coming in to care.

Hampshire County Council wants to do more to support families and avoid situations spiralling out of control leading to Children's Services having to become more involved. This is where you could come in.

We are looking for more people to join our countywide network of volunteers. By getting involved you are telling a child, young people and their families that they are not alone and that they have someone who wants to help them.

We are looking for volunteers in your area to mentor young people and also volunteers who can support parents with parenting skills.

Volunteers can give as little as an hour or two per week, or more if you have capacity. All volunteers will be given full training and helped to gain experience which could help to obtain new skills, keep active, change careers or enhance an individual's curriculum vitae.

For more information please email your name and contact details to innovation.volunteers@hants.gov.uk. Or visit www.hants.gov.uk to read more about available volunteering opportunities.

Picket Piece Sports and Social Club

Day	Time	Event	Contact
Monday	10.15am	MummaBfit post natal exercise class	Vicky Hawden 07917 035520 Facebook.com/mummaBfit
	4pm to 9pm	Slimming World	Zara Colwell 07519722385
Tuesday	9.45am to 11.45am	Sing and Sign	Jennie Roper 01264 359224 jennieandmark@hotmail.co.uk
		Third Tuesday of the month Health Walk	Andrea Harris 07990 755104 aharris@testvalley.gov.uk
Wednesday	10.30am to 12noon	Toddler Group	aharris@testvalley.gov.uk
	1.30pm-2.30pm	Baby Yoga	Remy Foster 07783 055004 remybibblebubble@hotmail.com
	6pm to 7.30pm	3rd Andover Brownies	www.girlguiding.org.uk/ Joinus picketpiecebrownies@hotmail.com
Thursday	10.00am to 11am	MummaBfit Post natal exercise class	Vicky Hawden 07917 035520 Facebook.com/mummaBfit
	10am to 12 noon	Community Development Worker drop in	Andrea Harris 07990 755104 aharris@testvalley.gov.uk
	7.15pm to 8.15pm	Pilates: Beginners and mixed ability classes	Lucy Baillie 07882 426845 lucy@3stepfitness.co.uk
Friday	7pm to 11pm	Sports and Social Club Bar open	
Saturday	9.30am to 11:30am	Sing and Sign	Jennie Roper 01264 359224 jennieandmark@hotmail.co.uk
		Country and Western night first Saturday of the month	Alex or Rose 01264 392977 or 07968 107150
Sunday	6pm to 10.30pm	Sports and Social Club Bar open	

Forthcoming Events

TBC	TBC	Sports and Social Club Christmas Party	
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For more details on any of the above events, or for details on membership for the Sports and Social Club, visit the website or Facebook page.

www.picketpiecevillagehall.org

www.facebook.com/PicketPieceSportsAndSocialClub



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24 NOVEMBER COLDPLACE

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