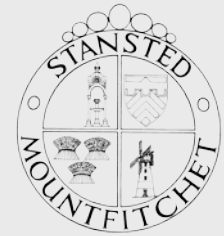


STANSTED NETWORK NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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PARKING ISSUES

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Parking Issues - Cambridge Road

We are aware that parking and traffic flows on Cambridge Road have become a particular issue in recent months. Following various discussions a request has been submitted to Essex County Council to revise the waiting restrictions on Cambridge Road., and to UDC to introduce one hour's free parking in the Crafton Green car park. We believe that these proposals, if implemented, will benefit businesses as well as local residents.

1. Junction protection markings for Clarence Road where it meets Cambridge Road, extending on Cambridge Road to the white zig-zag markings of the pedestrian crossing.
2. No waiting at any time restriction on the western side of Cambridge Road from the end of the pedestrian crossing zig-zag markings along to the junction with Croasdaile Road.
3. Reduce the length of the "no waiting at any time" restriction on the eastern side of Cambridge Road at the north end of the section outside the Green's Building.
4. Reduce the length of the bus stops on each side of Cambridge Road to increase available limited waiting areas.
5. Reduce the length of stay within the limited waiting areas from one hour to thirty minutes.
6. White line the limited waiting areas to show individual parking bays.
7. Introduce a Loading Bay restriction outside Tesco Express, 6am-6pm - this would serve both Tesco and the Co-op stores.

These proposals will have to be published by Essex County Council and will follow a statutory period of public consultation.

VILLAGE CLEAN UP

As part of the National Tidy-up Campaign, we are organising litter picks around the village on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March. All volunteers will be welcome and should meet up at Crafton Green at 10 am, to be issued with gloves, rubbish bags etc.

It would be helpful to know in advance how many people will be coming so please contact the Council if you are willing to take part. email - parishcouncil@stansted.net or Telephone - 01279 813214

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**23rd MARCH 2011
8 pm**

***Please join us for
your forum at The
Free Church,
Chapel Hill.***

Along with the Link you should have received the papers for use at the Annual Parish Meeting which describe the work of the Council, a Financial Report and future objectives.

STANSTED IN BLOOM

Last year Stansted in Bloom was once again a great success, thanks to all involved. This is just a reminder to watch this space for information about our competition for 2011. We hope to make it different in several ways. We would be very grateful for any new ideas.

Contacts: Cllr Valerie Trundle - 01279 813433 and Cllr Iris Evans - 01279 812524

TRANSPORT

A note to assure residents that the 7/7a routes are still in operation! As from 13th February 2011, a new company, yet to be named, will be the provider. The routes will be unchanged.

Contacts: Cllr Valerie Trundle - 01279 813433 and Mrs Joy Thomas - 01279 813871

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Details of our next public meeting will be in the April edition of the Link.

There has been a number of burglaries in and around the Stansted area so we would urge residents to take note of all the information that NhW provides and to come to our meetings to find out how you can protect yourselves from being a victim of these very distressing occurrences.

Will area co-ordinators please put their details in the printed panel provided at the bottom of the front page of the Observer leaflet so that residents can contact you if they have any concerns.

Contact: Cllr Valerie Trundle 01279 813433 and Mrs Diane Roberts 01279 813089

HELP AT HAND FOR DRINKERS

Help and advice is now available to target excessive drinking habits in the area.

A dedicated alcohol health service, established at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, provides people who are excessively drinking alcohol with advice whilst they are in the A&E department and if the person wishes referral to community-based alcohol services.

A local charity - Open Road - has been delivering drug and alcohol services in Essex for 20 years and this year has expanded its service to west Essex. The service, which is run at Princess Alexandra Hospital, has been commissioned by NHS West Essex and is supported by Safer Harlow Partnership and the Government Office for the East of England.

The long-term aims of the service are to see a reduction in alcohol-related crime in the area and in subsequent attendances to A&E. Data collected as part of the service will assist with the targeting of police and licensing resources to prevent alcohol related crime.

For more details, ring Open Road (West Essex) on 01279 452993.

SIR ALAN HASELHURST MP SURGERY

The next surgery date is Friday 11th March 2011
In the Parish Council Offices, Crafton Green and 5.45 - 6.30 pm.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

On the weekend of 10th, 11th & 12th June 2011, the RBL will be encouraging individuals/groups to hold a Great Poppy Weekend party in celebration of the Legion's 90th birthday. The party weekend is to support the Legion in all the work over the next 90 years to help those men and women serving our country at home and abroad, many of whom do so through difficult circumstances.

Further details and a registration form are available at www.thegreatpoppypartyweekend.org.uk

SOUTH UTTLESFORD MULTI-AGENCY FORUM

Come along on Tuesday 1 March 2011 to Helena Romanes School, Parsonage Downs, Great Dunmow, CM5 2AU, 7.30 pm (parking available at the school).

Theme for the evening will be Localism - what does it mean to do - how can you get involved?

Community Safety Survey - what are your priorities for the coming year?

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT OF ELMS FARM

The Gemmill Family are holding a public exhibition into the potential for residential redevelopment of Elms Farm, Church Road on Saturday 26 February 2011 at the Stansted Day Centre between 9am - 4pm. All members of the public are welcome to attend, community views will be sought and all comments received will be used to inform the planning process. Chris Tivey on 01621 868404/07835 927754 or Chris@ctaplanning.com

NEWS FROM UTTLESFORD D.C.

Policing in Uttlesford

We have been recently informed that Inspector Mick Couldridge will be moving on as the local Inspector covering Dunmow and Stansted. He says that when he arrived in Dunmow just over a year and a half ago, the quote I heard most often was "Welcome, but how long will you be staying? You'll be our fifth new Inspector in five years. His response was that I was "here to stay for as long as Essex Police would let me and for as long as I had your support to remain." The Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Uttlesford will be Inspector Kevin Wakefield. It is very difficult for local communities and their representatives to establish a working relationship with police officers when they are in post for such a short time.

On a positive note, I was pleased to see on Cambridge Road, Stansted one Saturday morning no less than five police officers. They were carrying out an Automatic Number plate Recognition exercise. The purpose of which was to detect stolen vehicles, those vehicles without insurance and those drivers not wearing seat belts. I talked to the officers who were all based at Great Dunmow Police Station. They told me they had stopped a car carrying a stolen trailer. Additionally, a motorist who was not wearing a seat belt had been given a fixed penalty notice of £60. This apparently was their fourth such exercise in Stansted. This was news to me.

I also welcome the launch of the new website www.police.uk This give people access to details of crimes on their streets. Greater transparency on crime data must be good news. For the Stansted North area (which includes Stansted and the surrounding villages) there were 46 crimes and incidents of anti social behaviour recorded for December 2010. This is regarded as average compared with the rest of England and Wales.

We are still awaiting news about when Stansted Police Station is to close and what alternative arrangements will be made. Stansted Parish Council has written to Essex Police Authority seeking more information

Stansted to get a Community Information Centre

Councillors recently considered the Councils draft Corporate Plan for 2011-16. The good news for Stansted residents is that the Council is committing itself to providing a Community Information Centre in the village by December 2012. Part of the savings used by the termination of the "supaloos" contract will be used to fund it.

Other communities in Uttlesford such as Great Dunmow and Thaxted already have community Information Centres. At Thaxted it houses not only an information point about

the District Council, but also the Citizens Advice Bureau and a Police Surgery.

I have already been in discussion with District Council officers about providing such a facility for Stansted. It is a vision of mine to get a one stop shop for public services housed in Crafton Green. This will be contingent upon the clinic moving out to the new health centre when it is built.

Web-blog: <http://geoffreysell.mycouncillor.org.uk/>
(Cllr G Sell)

Most of us have been participating in weekly recycling for many years. Not all residents who live in flats have yet been offered green and brown bins. The council usually has to make contact with the landlord or a management committee to agree what will work at each location. Anyone living in accommodation without recycling bins can let me know so that I can arrange for council officers to visit you.

At the time of writing in early February the council was waiting for a planning application for the proposed redevelopment at the junction of Lower Street and Church Road which would include a health centre, supermarket and flats. Geoffrey Sell and I have raised concerns about the risk of traffic congestion, especially at the bottom of Chapel Hill if a stop junction is introduced.

The 7/7A bus service should be operated by another company by the time 'Link' drops through letter boxes. The county council had to find another operator after the incumbent pulled out of the contract. I hope this is not a sign that local bus services are at risk. There has been a lot of national publicity saying that subsidy cuts are a concern in rural areas. Whenever I have seen the new 300 'Tesco-Tesco' service it has had no passengers. The best way to ensure continued bus services is for people with cars to leave them at home. I find it's far more convenient to catch the bus into Stortford than having to bother to park the car.

There was an encouraging meeting with people from the Co-op and Tesco to plan better parking and no-waiting arrangements on Cambridge Road. The district council will be extending the hours of traffic enforcement people in February – so evenings and weekends will no longer be 'free-for-all' periods!

Catherine and I had solar panels installed at home in January. We now get electricity and hot water from the sun; at least we will when it starts shining! If you want to cut your fuel bills and your carbon footprint look on my blog or on the council-supported Herts Essex Energy Partnership's website <http://www.heepgrant.org/> or phone them free on 0800 980 6026.

Web-blog: <http://alandean.mycouncillor.org.uk/>
(Cllr Alan Dean)

NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE

As many people will be aware we have suffered a number of burglaries over the last couple of months at various locations in the village. Items being targeted have been mainly cash and jewellery. Police have been doing various operations including numerous ANPR operations which involved stopping vehicles travelling through the area and has resulted in several arrests and vehicle seizures. Other activities involve increased uniform and plain clothes patrols, leaflet drops in key areas, advice posters on notice boards and crime prevention visits.

The last couple of weeks has seen a fall in house burglaries but break-in's to sheds and out-buildings seem to be on the increase again. Items targeted have been garden equipment such as hedge trimmers and fuel. Most burglaries can be avoided by using simple security measures such as properly locking / securing doors and windows and keeping any valuables out of sight.

If you would like any information or advice please do not to hesitate to contact us on the numbers provided, also you can keep yourself updated with what has been happening crime-wise locally by visiting the NHW website which is updated weekly, www.stanstednhw.org.uk. By visiting the Essex Police website and clicking on "your area" you can see what the Police have been doing to combat any local issues as well as times and dates of our meetings. You can also find out about these on the village and shop notice boards.

(Stansted Neighbourhood Policing Team)

DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

9 March Full Council
23 March ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
30 March Finance

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