

WEST PARLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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Change of Councillors

Unfortunately Cllr Kieran Ryan has had to resign from the Parish Council due to work pressures but we are pleased to announce that Cllr Malcolm Plascott has joined us. He has brought some fresh ideas about how to improve things in the village. One of these is to have placed a food bank in the Country Club. Although it states 'Kinson and West Howe' on the container, the items actually go to the Trussell Trust who distribute them in our area where they are most needed.

Vandals have struck.

We are very upset to find that 6 trees have been damaged, around Ellesfield Drive, Fitzpain Rd, Cammel Rd, Berkeley Drive and Glenmoor Rd. Unfortunately we also have reports that other problems have occurred in that area over the last few weeks.

Our EDDC councillor Barbara Manuel said:

"I am very concerned to read your email. We spend a lot of time trying to reassure residents that West Parley is a safe place to live but a series of incidents as you describe shatters that message. I am copying in PCSO Steve Winning in to this email in the hope that a greater police presence can be made in the Ellesfield Road area and also request that these incidents are put out on the Dorset Alert. I have also copied in Julia Howlett the Community Safety Officer at East Dorset."

Support your local shops

New Road will be closed to traffic from 2nd March for 3 weeks and no doubt there will be a considerable amount of disruption whilst the essential road maintenance work is being done. However, there will continue be access to all the shops and businesses at Parley Cross throughout the road closure. It is a difficult time for them all so it is hoped that residents will continue to support the businesses now and in the future. We all know the saying 'Use it or Lose it' applying to businesses and this is particularly relevant at present.

The changes that have taken place at Glenmoor Road shops have improved the whole area. An extended hairdresser and a new coffee shop mean that all the shop units are occupied. A number of large planters have been put in place in recent years so the whole area looks the best it has been for some time. The new 20 mph speed limit signs are now working in front of the shops and close to Parley First School.

Neighbour Support Scheme

.A Good Neighbour Scheme has been launched by the Partnership for Older People Programme and will cover Ferndown and West Parley. The aim is for resident volunteers to carry out minor jobs, such as changing a light bulb, moving small items of furniture, dog walking if ill etc. This work is done for a donation to cover the volunteers expenses. Clients wishing to use the scheme should phone 01202 834034.

Scheme organisers are looking for local volunteers to help with this work. West Parley already had a network of volunteers who help with community tasks, such as litter picking, leaflet distribution and work on the appearance of the village as well as helping with our Volunteer Drivers transport scheme.

This new scheme is a great way to meet other residents, especially those in need. Anyone interested in volunteering to help out should contact the Co-Ordinator, John Muggleton on 01202 861832.

Volunteers continue to work hard

The board walk in Parley Wood is now finished but our indefatigable volunteers are continuing to work for the community on a twice - weekly basis. Last year they clocked up 1400 hours of voluntary work! If you, or anyone you know, has a little time on their hands, please get in touch with any member of the Parish Council – contact details on the WPPC website – and offer your services. Newsletter delivery people are urgently needed as we have lost a few along the way; it's a twice-a-year job and means delivering between 12 and 40 leaflets depending on where you help.

Care and support charges – have your say

Dorset County Council is asking residents for their views on charges for social care ahead of changes introduced by the Care Act in April.

Although most of changes the Act will bring are legal requirements, there are some aspects councils can decide at a local level

A spokesperson said, "The results of the consultation will help us shape how the Care Act legislation is delivered at a local level. "

Log onto www.dorsetforyou.com/care-act-consultation and complete the on-line survey.

Hard copies are also available in public libraries or you can call Dorset County Council on 01305 224646.

Spreading the word

Remember to send in details of any events in West Parley that you would like mentioned on the WPPC website.

For www.westparley-pc.gov send details of news and events to Paul Heaslip, p.heaslip@outlook.com

We also have a facebook page which is the online equivalent of the Parish Notice boards – and the items on it don't go soggy in the rain!!