

Sparsholt Community Newsletter

Decorate a Christmas Tree for Sparsholt



St Stephen's would like to brighten up the Village for Christmas by asking villagers to decorate a small Christmas Tree and put it on their drive or in their garden so that everyone can see it.

The basic idea is:

- ❖ Trees could be decorated by anyone - a family, an individual, a club, any age.
- ❖ Trees should be small – 80cms-1m would be ideal.
- ❖ You can use your own tree, or the church has some that have been given to the village and so are free for any of us to use. If you would like one, please ring Alastair or Caroline on 01962 776844.
- ❖ Decorate it any way you want – lots of colour and energy, a bit wacky! We'd love you to use homemade, unusual decorations - trees we've seen before have had pasta and knitted decorations!
- ❖ Give your tree a Christmas name – e.g. 'Santa McSanta Face' !!
- ❖ There will be small prizes for joining in and for wackiness, originality and artistic flair.
- ❖ Put it in your garden or at the end of your drive for everyone to see by December 18th. It would be great to have them spread around the village to be jolly for Christmas.

A Message from The Plough

Just to say we will **be opening our doors on Wed 2nd December.**

However, Tier 2 dictates just one household per table whilst sitting inside and we can only serve alcohol when dining.

However, we do have a "passport to a pint" offer which will be a "substantial smaller meal" for a fiver for folks wanting a **swiftie early doors between 5pm and 6.30pm or between 9pm and 10pm.**

Tier 2 still allows up to six people sitting outside from multiple households, but they still need to be dining!!

All to be reviewed again on the 16th when with much hope we will be allowed to revert back to Tier 1 with less restrictions.

We are so much looking forward to getting open at last!

Mayor of Winchester Local Hero Awards

RESIDENTS, community groups and businesses across the district sent in nominations for the Mayor's Local Hero Award.



In addition to the parish council, certificates were also awarded to:

- Sparsholt Parish Shop and Post Office
- Janette Davies (individually in addition to the one for the shop)
- Winchester Mutual Aid (Elaine Chapman, Sparsholt)

Many thanks for all the support provided by everyone and also to those who took the time to nominate the recipients.

Shop News and Opening Hours

Sparsholt village shop are now taking orders for a full range of Festive food. From homemade Christmas puddings, to homemade cranberry sauce, bread sauce, sides of local smoked trout, local cheeses and much more. You can also order your turkey and other meats from Hursley butcher through the shop. Hampers and veg boxes also available on request.

Christmas opening hours are:

Usual shop opening hours (Mon - Fri 8-1; Sat 8-12)

Usual post office hours (Mon - Fri 9-12)

Except:

Christmas Day - closed

Boxing Day 10-11am (PO closed)

28th December 10-11am (PO closed)

New Year's Day 10-11am (PO closed)

Thank you for your continued support.

All at the shop wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year

Quiz Night



The BIG Quiz!

**Friends of the Family invite you, your friends and family,
to take part in our online fundraising Quiz Night!**

Have fun testing your general knowledge from the comfort of your own home!

**Taking place on
Monday 30th November 2020
at 7pm**

All you need to do is click on this link to take part on the night:

<https://zoom.us/j/94267170659?pwd=UmYyRklleFcxOWFPOXovdWw1NVpydz09>

There are no tickets for this event but we would be grateful for a donation.

Click on this link to make a donation:

<https://www.justgiving.com/friendsofthefamily>

Quizzers can look forward to 6 rounds of questions, set by Quiz Master Richard Morse, on History; Geography; TV and Films; Sports and Games; Music; Maths; Science and Nature.

All funds raised will go directly towards our work providing support and friendship to children and families across the Winchester district.

www.fotfwinchester.org

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SPARSHOLT WI'S RESPONSE TO LOCKDOWN

Above all else the ladies of Sparsholt WI are a group of caring friends and we have been looking out for each other as friends do when things are difficult.

Many of our members live alone so throughout lockdown we have ensured that everyone gets regular emails and phone calls if they don't do emails. Many readers of this village newsletter will be aware that living alone can be just that - lonely. Of course, this has been aggravated by the restrictions imposed on us all by Covid 19. One of the most painful things to deal with is that it has robbed us of certainty in life and the joy of anticipation.

We have committed to stay safe and not meet formally until well into 2021. Many of our members do not have internet access so it would be cruel to arrange events via Zoom when not everyone can join in. However, we have found some ways to make up, e.g. instead of our popular garden meeting in August we shared photos of our gardens. I have gathered them all and when we are free to meet, we'll talk about them and what our gardens meant to us especially at this time.



In addition, we are a gifted group and have been sharing photos of the amazing things that have been made or done - truly inspiring. Christmas is normally such a joyful time at our December meeting, and we are actively looking for ways to spread joy over the feast.

One thing this situation has taught us all is to count our blessings and for Sparsholt WI it is each other.

Guide Dogs – Volunteers required in Winchester



The local branch of charity Guide Dogs is urgently looking for new volunteers in the Winchester area. In particular they are in need of someone to run their central Winchester fundraising group, which organises community events and collections to help raise much needed funds. The charity relies on donations to keep its vital services running and has suffered with the impact of Covid-19 putting a dent in much of their face to face activities over the summer.

Guide Dogs has local fundraising groups all across the country. This means that people can volunteer in their local communities and make a difference, while getting involved with a fun and positive group.

While lots of activity is still happening online, some groups are able to get out and about in market stalls by following the charity's Covid-safe guidelines.

Hazel Kelly, Volunteering Coordinator for Guide Dogs says

"If you want to find a way to give back to a great cause and have some fun, then there is nothing better than joining one of our groups. It gives you the chance to connect with your local community, gain new friends and really make a difference to people living with sight loss."

There are around 2 million people living with sight loss in the UK. Guide Dogs supports people with a visual impairment to maintain their independence and live the life they choose. They provide a range of services from the iconic guide dog service, support for children and young people and volunteer-led services such as My Sighted Guide (a two-legged guide rather than a four legged one!)

To provide these services the charity relies on an army of incredible and dedicated volunteers, and in Winchester they urgently need a dedicated coordinator to lead the group.

Whether you have lots of spare time or just an hour a week, the group has room for anyone interested in getting involved. Full training and support is provided. To apply go to <https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/volunteer> or call the local team on 0345 143 0224.

WINCHESTER CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

WINCHESTER CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU has changed their phone line - it is now a FREEPHONE number: [0808 278 7861](tel:08082787861)

You can phone them if you need support or access to free independent advice through lockdown. Their trained team can help with queries on your finances, housing, benefits, employment etc. The service is available all through lockdown too, so helpful at this time.

Helpline for Hampshire Residents

Helpline for Hampshire Residents provides information, advice, and support for vulnerable people, including those who have been shielding.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus/volunteer-welfare>

The SILVER LINE

The SILVER LINE set up by Dame Esther Rantzen offers a FREEPHONE support-line for anyone who may be feeling lonely or isolated or in need of help/advice. It is a free and confidential service offering friendship and help 24 hours a day, every day of the year for older people. The FREE number to call is: [0800 4 70 80 90](tel:08004708090).

Our Regular Visiting Business – The Burger Van



Jon, the burger man will be in the Sparsholt Memorial Hall Car Park from 4pm until 8pm on Thursday 3rd December 2020 and the first Thursday of each month until further notice.

See <https://www.originalfryupmaterial.co.uk> for menu and online pre-ordering.

Also now available every Saturday 4-8pm at Weeke Community Centre (behind 69 Taplings Road). They don't deliver to Sparsholt but collections are fine!

Better Broadband



New funding has become available to help people living in rural areas get better broadband, and you may be eligible to apply.

Up to £3,000 is available to go towards the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband as part of the [Hampshire Top-Up to the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme](#). The scheme combines government and Hampshire County Council funding to make fast, reliable broadband more widely available in the region.

Gigabit-capable broadband (also known as ultrafast broadband) offers the fastest and most reliable speeds available – of up to 1000Mbps or 1Gbps. Final speeds depend on the package purchased, but the aim is to provide enough capacity for now and for the future.

To qualify for the scheme, you must live in a rural area, be unable to get broadband speeds of 100Mbps or more and **apply as a group of two or more premises**.

Email communications@sparsholtparish.org if you would be interested in pursuing this further.

COVID UPDATE

Hampshire (except Isle of Wight) is in Tier 2 from 2nd December



Vaccines



Ask the Experts webinar by the experts behind the Covid-19 Symptom App. See the YouTube recording here

<https://youtu.be/rD6t5OHbDN0>

Rules for Tier 2:

- you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space – this is called the ‘rule of 6’
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a [COVID-Secure](#) manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs
- pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals
- hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to:
 - provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol
 - close between 11pm and 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempt)
 - stop taking orders after 10pm
- hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- early closure (11pm) applies to casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls. Cinemas, theatres and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm
- public attendance at outdoor and indoor events (performances and shows) is permitted, limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and outside, subject to [social contact rules](#) and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- places of worship remain open but you must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors there, unless a legal exemption applies
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stonettings.
- organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue
- organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with). There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, which can take place with larger groups mixing
- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible
- if you live in a tier 2 area, you must continue to follow tier 2 rules when you travel to a tier 1 area. Avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3 areas other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through a tier 3 area as a part of a longer journey
- for international travel see the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [travel advice](#) for your destination and the [travel corridors list](#)

See <https://gov.uk> for latest information and advice and the leaflet at the end of this newsletter.



Hampshire Dashboard

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Hampshire
SAFE

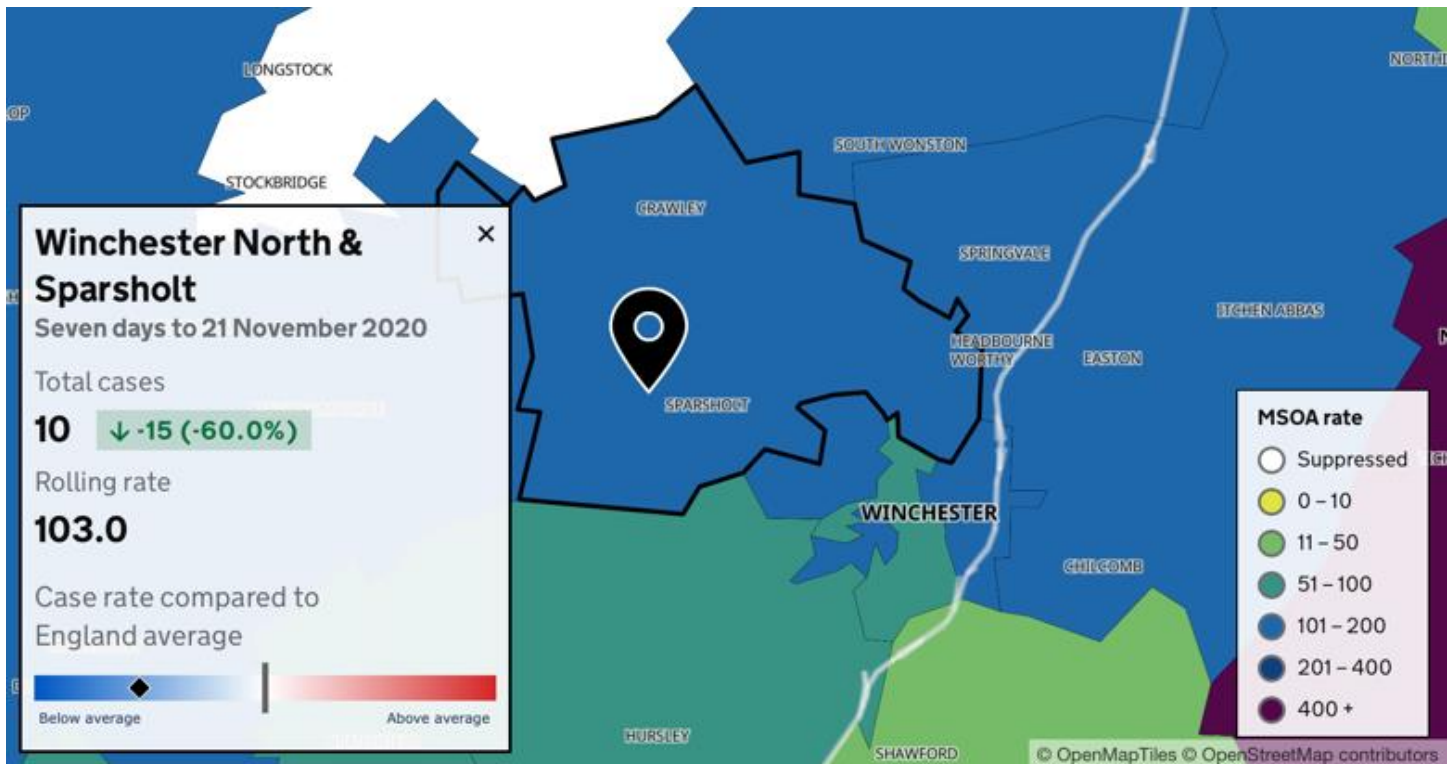
Hampshire COVID-19 weekly summary 23 November 2020

The data published here is correct as of 23 November 2020 but it may be updated and amended as new data becomes available.

Current alert level in Hampshire: **National restrictions**



Winchester North & Sparsholt



Ham Green

Ham Green CG and Ash Dieback:



Phase 1 of the Ash tree felling programme has been mostly completed, with one group of 5 trees still to be felled and some trimming work on 2 others, all to be completed in December.

This will leave just 2 large trees, which need to be felled into the adjacent fields, but this cannot be done until the end of February, when the fields will be empty of crops.

The photo shows the large Ash tree at the edge of the car park being felled – a good piece of accurate felling by Peter Yeates and his team!

Ham Green – New Dog Waste/Rubbish Bin:

Since the first lockdown, the number of dog walkers using Ham Green has increased tremendously, which is good. But, the way in which some people treat their dog waste is not good – either leaving it on the paths or, picking it up and then leaving the bags anywhere!

The PC has been lobbying the city council for some time, to provide a dog waste/rubbish bin at Ham Green and it has finally arrived – see photo. We are also expecting to receive some additional signs.

We hope that in future we will have less of a problem with dog waste lying around at Ham Green.



Ham Green Conservation Group Volunteers

The HGCG is now back working to a published schedule of dates but continues to work in small groups in accordance with the latest Covid-19 guidance. The November workday was all about clearing up after the first phase of felling and final mowing of important areas.

The next workday is scheduled for Sunday 6th December and the group will be starting to coppice some Hazel stools and will use the cut sticks to build 2-3 more “stick benches” for users of HG to sit and enjoy the countryside views.

Scams and Frauds

While there continues to be reports of cybercrime the old-fashioned criminals are still about too.



Parking penalty charge phishing email

A fake email claiming to be from the HM Courts and Tribunals Service is doing the rounds in an attempt to steal your bank details. Not only do the scammers give you a fake fine, but they take it a step further by threatening to take you to court if it's not paid within their given deadline.

DVLA Phishing scam

Extract from an email...

DVLA routine check has found some irregularities in your current profile, which indicates that the information given is no longer accurate or up to date. You are required to update your profile to its latest form to avoid termination of your motoring license.

Please download and complete the attachment of this email in order to update your profile.

You must use your valid and official information to complete this form. Using any nicknames or short addresses can lead to rejection of this update.

What happens next:

1. You'll be showed a form containing question regarding your personal or residential information.
2. You'll be taken to fill up your payment details to set up or renew your payment method.
3. Upon successful submission of first two steps, your profile will be updated and you'll be shown a confirmation text

====End=====

Do not respond to this email.

DPD and similar delivery scams

We had an email from 'DPD' who are a delivery company, that said they had tried to deliver a parcel from Amazon but as we were out and they needed a signature we would need to reschedule a delivery at the cost of 2 Euros. I also noted the parcel could be collected from their depot in London; I happen to know DPD have a depot in Chandlers Ford!! We have not ordered anything from Amazon and nobody seems to ask for a signature these Covid days. So, beware this must be a scam, delete the email and don't open it.

HSBC SMS Message Scam

Received whilst compiling this section of the newsletter.

Needless to say, the website is not a genuine HSBC website. Just delete the message and do not respond to it.

HSBC: A New Payee request was created from an unrecognised device. Please Approve or Cancel this request via: <https://security.hsbc.secure-requests.com/hsbc/>

Recently Received Sources of Advice

- Nationwide - <https://www.nationwide.co.uk/support/security-centre/fraud-awareness>
- Which? - <https://www.which.co.uk>

Around the Parish

Stockbridge Road – ever a dangerous road by the College turn off

Refuse Lorry appears to go out of control, smashes through a fence and ends up in a field by Sparsholt College.



Photos: Thanks to Howard Annesley

Royaldown Garden Village

Plans are afoot for a planning application to be submitted to Winchester City Council to build 5,000 new homes on farmland between Oliver's Battery and Hursley, to be known as Royaldown Garden Village.

City and County Councillors are strenuously set against the plan and MP Steve Brine said it could be seen as an "April fool". The surrounding parishes are not laughing and are urgently seeking to protect the green spaces around the South West of Winchester.

Sparsholt Parish Council, at its last meeting, agreed to work with other parishes with the aim of protecting all green spaces around the western half of Winchester and making representations to Winchester City Council as part of the Local Plan process.

Save Our Spaces



The Parish Council is a member of CPRE and have found their advice and support to be very helpful.

As with many charities, they are struggling with Covid-19 restrictions limiting their normal fundraising activities.

If you want to see our green spaces protected then please donate to help Save Our Spaces, so that we can all enjoy them today and in the future.

Your donation could help Save Our Spaces for us all to enjoy, by saying no to the government's planning proposals that will put our countryside at risk.

Please donate today and help save the local green spaces that have become our lifeline. Thank you!

Donate or join here...

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/get-involved/donations-and-membership/>

Sparsholt is a Dark Village as part of its character – we need to keep it that way.

Parishioners have complained about excessively bright lights being left on throughout the evening and possibly all night. We have been asked to remind people that this is a dark village and that is very much part of its character. It is clearly set out in the Village Design Statement.

- **38** The rural character of the village is further enhanced by the narrow lanes, the lack of any pavements and limited kerbing to the lanes and by the absence of street lighting.
- **DG 21:** Security lights should be restrained (as to colour, wattage and position) and should be directed downwards and not towards other properties or along the roads. (DP10)
- **DG 22:** Street lamps should not be placed in the village. However, new buildings and extensions should adhere to the 'Secured by Design' principles where this would not conflict with any of the other design guidelines nor detract from the character of the village. (DP10)

Parishioners are reminded to keep to the guidelines (eg using detectors to switch on and off security lights) and be considerate towards their neighbours. Please recognise that because it is a dark village that unnecessary lighting will have a much greater impact than it would in a city. Further, burning lights unnecessarily and continuously contributes to CO2 emissions at a time when the City Council have declared a Climate Emergency.

Speed Limit Reminder

The new speed limit reminder has been installed.



As reported previously, we are sharing its use with Hursley and it will be moved every few weeks to different locations to increase its effectiveness

Keeping Road Signs Clear of Vegetation

Please cut back any vegetation you may be responsible for if it is obscuring any road signs. Thank you.

Parish Plan Update

The Parish Plan was produced by a team of volunteers from the village. It was approved by the Parish Council and accepted by Winchester City Council to sit alongside our Village Design Statement and Conservation Area Appraisal. It recognises what is important to the village/residents and the action plan was based on the result of residents' responses to a number of questionnaires.

We are providing the following update to Winchester City Council and thought it would be appropriate to publish it in the Newsletter.

Communication	Develop list of village email addresses.	Approximately 60% of households on the community email distribution list.
Communication	Identify a webmaster.	Part of the Communications role on Sparsholt Parish Council
Communication	Consider integrating current websites covering different aspects of the Village.	Ongoing
Communication	Make better use of monthly newsletter and parish magazine.	Monthly community e-newsletter. Hard copies available from shop for those without email.
Community Spirit	Produce a welcome pack with Directory.	Achieved – promoted in newsletter every month
Community Spirit	Village film nights.	Hall has facility to do so. Presently restricted due to COVID
Community Spirit	Place a restriction on very noisy garden equipment.	Continue to request people to be considerate via newsletter
Roads / Footpaths	Improve the state of repair of the roads.	Achieved bar Westley Lane and Moor Court Lane
Roads / Footpaths	Reduce traffic volume and speed through the village.	Speed Limit Reminder camera scheme in operation
Roads / Footpaths	Change and improve the configurations of some junctions to make them safer to use.	Ongoing
Clean / Tidy	Village Clean-up biannually.	Scheduled; subject to COVID restrictions
Clean / Tidy	Adjacent owners to keep vegetation cut back from signs.	To appear as a newsletter item
Roads / Footpaths	Restriction of HGVs using the village and surrounding roads.	New HGV signs have been installed at the entrances to the village
Roads / Footpaths	Hard surfaced passing places on narrow lanes.	Hampshire Highways – unlikely to approve.
Roads / Footpaths	Make part of Westley Lane one-way from College entrance to junction with Locks Lane.	Still determining need and implications

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Roads / Footpaths	Discourage further kerbing.	Noted – DG 5 of Village Design Statement
Roads / Footpaths	Improve parking in the village.	WCC are consulting the village on proposed improvements
Roads / Footpaths	Improve speed enforcement on the Stockbridge Road.	Constant requests made to Hampshire Highways
Roads / Footpaths	Consider preparing a Traffic Plan for the Village.	Some improvement, school travel plan
Transport	Bus shelter at the top of Woodman Close.	No established need
Communication	Faster Broadband for the remainder of the parish.	Achieved
Communication	Better mobile reception for the whole parish.	Still a problem in areas - ongoing
Facilities	Protect the future of the Shop & Post Office.	Three-year lease renewal.
Facilities	Consider setting up a coffee shop/ meeting place.	Shop sells coffee. Trialled through Macmillan coffee & cake mornings that were well received. Limited by COVID
Facilities	Provide more facilities for Young People.	On Parish Council agenda. Need ideas to be proposed
Education / Training	Ensure sufficient places for residents' children at the local School.	Achieved with LEA support
Transport	Re-instate the 08.56 bus.	Not appropriate as it conflicts with school bus
Leisure / Recreation	Improve the play facilities.	Ongoing in the Woodman Close playground
Communication	Parcels returns box outside the Post Office.	No defined need
Green Space	Protect the open spaces.	Ongoing – ensure in WCC Local Plan
Housing/ Development	Keep the village dark.	Reminder to be printed in newsletter
Clean / Tidy	Keep the village tidier.	Village clean up
Clean / Tidy	Cut the verges and hedges more often during Summer.	Reminder in newsletters for parishioners, HCC maintain theirs
Roads / Footpaths	Encourage villagers to walk from home.	Ongoing
Housing/ Development	Monitor the need for affordable housing.	WCC affordable housing proposal in position
Housing/ Development	Ensure the impact of any future additional housing does not adversely affect the rural and open character of the village setting.	Ensure this appears in the local plan
	Increase the precept if required to fund actions approved above.	Ongoing

St Stephen's Church services

We have been advised by the Diocese that we can hold Services again from 2nd December so our Services schedule is as follows:-

6th December at 10am – Holy Communion

13th December 6pm - Christmas Music and Readings in Candlelight

20th December 4pm - Crib Service

25th December 10am - Family Christmas Service

27th December 10am - St. Stephen's Patronal Festival (Holy Communion)

Please check the Downs Benefice website for the latest information. <http://www.downsbenefice.org/>

Numbers are limited for all services inside the church to maintain social distancing.

Booking must be made through the Benefice Office on 01962 880845 or by email office@downsbenefice.org.uk

Face masks must be worn at all times inside the church.

Private Prayer

The Church is open on Wednesdays and Sundays between 10.00am and 4.00pm for Private prayer and contemplation. If there is a Service in the Church, it will be available for private prayer after the Service.

Parish Council Meeting

There is no Parish Council Meeting in December. The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday 21st January 2021 at 7.30pm. Council meetings will take place remotely in accordance with regulations issued under the Coronavirus Act 2020. All members of the public are welcome to join the virtual meeting. However, to protect the meeting from any inappropriate content those wishing to join the meeting are requested to contact the clerk@sparsholtparish.org in advance and no later than 17:00 on the day of the meeting in order to obtain the necessary connection details.

SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Local Councillors and MP

Parish Councillors			
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Member of Parliament			
Steve Brine		steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk www.stevebrine.com	0207 219 7189

SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

If you need help the support group remains available and can be reached on: **07595 967259**

Contact email address for volunteers and requests for support - supportgroup@sparsholtparish.org

WEBSITES

Sparsholt Parish: <http://www.sparsholtparish.org/>

Sparsholt Shop: <http://www.sparsholtshop.com/>

Downs Benefice: <http://www.downsbenefice.org/>

New to Sparsholt or if you have a New Neighbour

If you are new to Sparsholt or have a new neighbour, please let Sally Wesley know so that a Sparsholt Welcome booklet can be delivered sally.wesley@btinternet.com

Sparsholt Community Newsletter – Next Edition

This is your newsletter so please contribute items of interest, news of events, offers to help and/or photographs.



Copy Deadline for November Edition

The deadline for the January 2021 edition is **Thursday 24th December 2020** please submit all items to sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org

TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS  <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower).</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature + A new, continuous cough
 A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.
Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

