

## **BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE – JULY 2018**

### **Award Winning Resident**

The Parish Council were pleased to be visited by Drew Mellor at our July meeting. Drew has recently received an award recognising him as one of “16 Under 16 champions for change”. Drew is passionate about the environment and has spent most weekends over the last 6 months litter-picking along the River Itchen. He has also persuaded his family and friends to litter-pick on their way to school. The Parish Council has asked Drew to identify locations around the Parish where extra bins should be placed and looks forward to working with him in the future.

### **Community Listening Event**

The Parish Council held a listening event on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Bishopstoke Community Centre. The purpose was to listen to the views of local residents regarding Eastleigh Borough Council’s Local Plan. Those views were then taken into account as the Parish Council determined its response.

### **Carnival**

The Bishopstoke Carnival Court recently attended the Eastleigh Mela and were invited to the Eastleigh Railway Institute on 20<sup>th</sup> July to present prizes. Anyone interested in entering the parade, taking part in the river float competition, or running a stall on the meadow should either email [Carnival@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:Carnival@bishopstokepc.org), or visit the Parish Council website.

### **Litter Picking**

There have been a number of litter picking events around Bishopstoke recently and there are more to come. Keep an eye on Facebook for further information. The Parish Council will be buying a number of litter picking kits that residents can borrow, free of charge. For more information about what you can do to help please visit the Keep Britain Tidy website.

### **Cemetery Improvements**

Improvement work at Bishopstoke Cemetery has continued. The latest improvements have been to shore up the bank as you enter the Cemetery, and to provide better and safer bins. There are more improvements to come.

### **Memorial Inspections**

Memorial inspections take place every year, to ensure the safety of visitors to the Cemetery and the Churchyards at St Mary’s and Old St Mary’s. The Churchyard inspections have taken place, with the Cemetery inspections happening in the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> August. Any memorial found to be unsafe will be made safe and then an attempt will be made to contact the family to let them know. The easiest way to do this is to leave a notice by the memorial in question, so please expect to see a number of notices appear soon.

## **Police Beat Surgery**

The Police host a Beat Surgery every 4 weeks in the Parish Office, where residents can come in and share any concerns they have with the officers who are here.

The next date is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

The sessions run from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 25 September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke.**

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