



# Bishopstoke Parish Council Newsletter

Winter 2022

*The Newsletter from Bishopstoke Parish Council for Bishopstoke residents with news of the Parish Council, local voluntary organisations and residents*

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Finally, please remember that the Parish Office is now closed except for post, and the landline has been disconnected. To contact the Council please use the details at the bottom of this page or visit [www.bishopstokepc.org](http://www.bishopstokepc.org).

## Bishopstoke Champion

Bishopstoke Parish Council wants to celebrate people who are going the extra mile for Bishopstoke, and so we have created the Bishopstoke Champion award. If you know a person, or group of people, who have championed a worthy cause, have worked hard to make life easier for people around them, particularly those for whom life can be tough, or who have been doing their best to make Bishopstoke a better place to live and work then we want to hear about them.

You can get nomination forms from the Parish Council website, or by emailing the Clerk who will send one out to you. Get four other people to support your nomination and then fill in the form telling us why your nominee deserves to be recognised as a Bishopstoke Champion.

Please make sure the forms come back to us by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 so that the Councillors have a chance to consider them.

Awards will be presented at the Parish Assembly in May 2023.



### BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

You can find us on [www.bishopstokepc.org](http://www.bishopstokepc.org) . We're also on Facebook.  
The Parish Office is now closed but appointments can be arranged if needed.

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# Stoke Park Farm Consultation

From 1<sup>st</sup> December Eastleigh Borough Council will be seeking the views of local people and organizations on their proposals for part of the former dairy farm in the North of the Parish. The consultation is expected to run for 3 months.



A draft consultation document was agreed by the Borough Council at their meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October and this puts forward a mix of uses for the pastureland located between the 3 areas of woodland; Stoke Park Woods, Crowdhill Copse and Upper Barn Copse.

To avoid passing on costs to residents, as well as the proposed uses listed here EBC are also considering letting developers buy credits to offset the harmful effects of their developments.

## Proposed uses of the land

- Additional paths and trails
- Public art
- Habitat creation
- Tree planting
- Managing the land for wildlife
- Provision of a visitor centre and parking
- Letting out the farm buildings for commercial, residential, community and educational uses.

Contact Rory Watson-Newman at the Borough Council for more information.

Email: [Rory.Watson-Newman@eastleigh.gov.uk](mailto:Rory.Watson-Newman@eastleigh.gov.uk)

**The consultation link will be published on the Parish Council website and Facebook page when it is available.**

## Grants

As part of that Parish Council's ongoing grants programme, we recently awarded a grant to the Highbridge Conservation Group for their work in the water meadows at Highbridge Farm.

If you are involved in a local charity or community group that has a project that could do with extra funds, please go to [www.bishopstokepc.org/grants](http://www.bishopstokepc.org/grants) or email the Clerk for more information.

# Council Updates

## Play Areas

The updates to the play area on Blackberry Drive have been completed, including the brand-new centrepiece shown below.



There is also a new balance trail, a new basket swing seat, and the safety surface has been updated and replaced where necessary. We are really proud of the changes to the play area and would love to hear your thoughts.

The next project is updating the fencing at Stoke Common play area. We are replacing the chain link with proper fencing, adding a noticeboard, bin and bench just outside the play area so that anyone with a dog has a place to sit without going in, and we are planting new hedging along the front to help with the natural environment.

## Travel Tokens

The second half of this year's tokens have now been delivered. For more information about the Token scheme, and to apply, please go to [www.bishopstokepc.org/travel-tokens](http://www.bishopstokepc.org/travel-tokens).

## Allotments

### Underwood Road & Jockey Lane

Following a consultation over the summer, the Council has consolidated the five different tenancy agreements that were in place and replaced them with a single new agreement. At the same time the rules and advice have been updated.

Jockey Lane continues to be very popular, with residents waiting up to four years for a plot, whereas those waiting for a plot at the larger site on Underwood Road can reasonably expect to wait around 12 months before being offered one.

### Sewall Drive

The delays continue for the new allotments at Sewall Drive. As yet the Borough Council has not been able to accept the site from the developers, and so the Parish Council is unable to get on site to prepare it. We remain hopeful that this will change soon.

### Bow Lake Gardens

The site at Bow Lake Gardens *has* been accepted by the Borough Council, but there remain a number of problems. The Parish Council has highlighted these to the Borough, including to the new Chief Executive. These problems need solving before the Parish can begin running the site for the benefit of residents.

Bishopstoke Parish Council would like to thank all those waiting for an allotment for their continued patience.

# Carnival Floats

A huge thank you to the children of Stoke Park Junior's and Robin's Nest Pre-School for all their hard work in preparing Carnival Floats for Carnival 2022, which was sadly cancelled following the death of the Queen. We look forward to seeing what they can do in 2023.

Year 6 - The pupils illustrated the impact, over time, on all sea creatures and the real danger of extinction. The massive impact on habitats and environments was inevitable from the significant increase of non-recyclable materials and plastic in the seas.



Year 3 - The children used a graduated scheme of blue colour to represent different areas of the ocean - abyss, midnight, twilight, sunlight. They then highlighted the impact of litter in each area of the ocean, on the creatures, animals and mammals.



Year 5 - The pupils showed that it was everyone's responsibility to keep the oceans healthy. With the impact and damage on all parts of the environment, everyone had a part to play.



Year 4 - This year group illustrated the dramatic impact of industry, mankind and litter on each area of the ocean, if they eat litter and manmade materials.



Robin's Nest Pre-School worked really hard on stuffing their bottles with paper and covering the flag with hand prints!

## Events in 2023

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Parish Assembly and Parish Council Annual Meeting

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 – The first ever Bishopstoke Sports Day will take place on the open space at Blackberry Drive.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – The return of Bishopstoke Carnival.

**To volunteer to help with the Sports Day or Carnival, please contact the Clerk. We particularly need help on each day with marshalling and other activities.**

### BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings of the Parish Council and its Committees are currently taking place at the Bishopstoke Methodist Church on Sedgwick Road. More details about the meetings can be found at [www.bishopstokepc.org](http://www.bishopstokepc.org).

#### NEXT MEETINGS

Full Council: 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Finance: 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

Assets: 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Planning: All dates above

People: 28<sup>th</sup> Feb