

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY LIBRARY



The community library team were delighted to re-opened on the Saturday 29th August. Some changes have been made to the library operation for your safety. The initial opening times are Saturday 10am-12noon & Wednesday 12 noon to 2pm. The opening days and times may be subject to change at short notice. Notice will be posted on the community [Library web site](#). We apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you have symptoms associated with coronavirus including a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or loss of or change in your normal sense of smell or taste please do not enter the building. All browsed and returned books are quarantined for 72 hours. Please wear a mask when you come to the library and make use of the touch free hand sanitiser. They will be taking your contact details for track and trace. Library opening continues to be subject to any changes in restrictions in relation to covid19.

A BOOST FOR BUSINESSES IN DORSET

Dorset Growth Hub has launched Small Growth Grants for Dorset businesses with ambitions to grow. Download the application form and guidance below from the [Dorset Growth Hub website](#) (this works best on Chrome or latter) or if you have any queries please call the grant administration team on 01202 607533.

PLAYING IT SAFE

Both Jarvis field and Jubilee Play areas re-opened in July. Both areas have one way systems and guidance banners for safe use. Please read and respect the guidance and rules displayed in order to be able to use these facilities safely. Stalbridge Town Council reserves the right to close these facilities again at any time if the rules and guidance posted are not being observed or if new guidance from government changes in the future. Thank you for your understanding.



AUTUMN AT STALBRIDGE GOES WILD



The team have learnt lots about growing wildflowers this year. The beds under our Stalbridge signs were really good (they were sowed into bare earth) and there were plenty of flowers at Lower Road but they grew best because many were also sowed into bare soil. That is why they went all out this autumn and hired a turf cutter so that we could turn the turf over and hey presto, have bare earth. It isn't ideal because it would have been even better to get rid of the turf altogether but we had nowhere to put it. They had an amazing Wild Helpers team turn up at the beginning of September (the best time for sowing wildflowers) and they got stuck in for the whole morning. Ages ranged from early thirties to late sixties, all working together to help Stalbridge become even more lovely, encourage butterflies and pollinators plus reducing our carbon footprint. They We have a Facebook page, so look them us up and if you fancy getting involved, send us a message. [Stalbridge goes wild facebook page](#)

May next Spring bring us beautiful wildflowers, hope and happiness for everyone.

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STALBRIDGE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEME

re-started from Wednesday 2nd September 2020. They have only a few Drivers who are currently available and can only offer a few Journeys per week. Please note that they must ask for 48 hours' Notice before being able to consider your request for a Journey. If you have any other queries or wish to register with the Scheme please call on 07512 489 531 and leave your name and telephone number and they will get back to you.



STALBRIDGE HALL

The hall team have been working very hard to make the environment safe. On Saturday 5th September they began their opening up with an outdoor Car Boot and Bric-a-Brac Sale which coincided with the official opening of the playing area of the Stalbridge Petanque & Croquet Club. To make a booking at the hall contact the booking agent at Williams Florists 01963 362355



IT'S ALL ABOUT STALBRIDGE

Stalbridge.info your local community web site everything you need to know about Stalbridge and the surrounding areas including covid 19 updates.

COVID 19 SAFE PUBLIC WC'S

We are working towards providing a covid safe facility with a one way system and non-touch flush and taps.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES AUTUMN / WINTER 2020

The Coronavirus Act 2020 permits authorities to make changes to their meeting arrangements and have flexibility to hold meetings at a time, day and frequency to suit their own needs. Initially it was decided to hold meetings on an as required basis rather than adhering to the normal schedule. Subsequent to this it has now been decided to resume regular monthly meetings via microsoft teams starting at 7pm. Planning meetings are scheduled subject to the Town Council being consulted on planning applications. Press and Public may join the meetings by telephone. Please contact the Clerk (details below) to request joining instructions.

Town Council Meetings

Wednesday

October 14th

November 11th

December 9th

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