

# STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## PRECEPT 24/25

The Precept is Stalbridge Town Council's share of your Council Tax. This part of the Council Tax is to maintain local services that the Town Council are responsible for: maintaining and delivering open spaces and play facilities in our parks, street cleaning, waste & dog bins, public WC facility, street furniture and grit bins. At the January meeting the Town Councils precept was resolved at £148,000, which equates to an increase of 0.79 pence per week) on a Band D Equivalent Charge for the Town Councils part of the council tax.

In 2024/25 the following grants will be made:

Playing Fields Trust	£2,500 (Maintenance of the playing fields sports facility).
SCARS	£500 (Web site and promotion costs)
Stalbridge Hall	£3,500 (Solar panels & battery)
SH Society	£1,800 (Graphic design, artwork, typesetting & print set of the Stalbridge for sale book.
St Marys PCC	£6,500 (Churchyard grass & hedge cutting)

## NEW TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER



In December Nicky Wardle was co-opted to Council. Nicky has been a dedicated resident of Stalbridge for most of her life. With a part-time role at Stalbridge Dental Practice and another at Jackson Stops in Sherborne. Married and a proud mother of two sons, both of whom attended Stalbridge Primary School and now attend high schools in the local area. A nature enthusiast, she enjoys exploring the countryside with her two furry companions, gardening and interior design. She particularly enjoys playing an active part in the community, where she is a member of the Stalbridge Women's Institute and volunteers at the Youth Club. She feels she has a lot to give to help make Stalbridge a better place to live for all.



## STALBRIDGE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING at The Stalbridge Hall Wednesday 22nd May at 7.00pm.

This is not a Town Council meeting, although it is the duty of the Town Council to organise and fund the meeting. This is a meeting for the Town, in order to allow people to come together and celebrate activities and discuss matters which effect the town. Proposals can be put forward for inclusion on the agenda and voted on at the meeting. The Town Council endeavour to ensure that all groups that we are aware of are invited to the Annual Town meeting. However, if you, or a group you represent would like to be involved or you wish to have an item listed on the agenda please contact the Clerk by 30th April 2024.

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## ADMIN OFFICER

Welcome to Pete Channon who has taken up the post of Admin Officer to the Town Council. He is working for 16 hours per week over 3 days based at the Town Council office at the Hub. Pete has over 30 years' experience as a career public servant in Human Resources.

## STALBRIDGE YOUTH CLUB NEEDS YOU



Youth Connect South West run the recently re-opened youth club in Stalbridge with the support of the Town Council. The club which runs on a Monday night 6-8pm is very popular and they are looking to recruit additional volunteers to assist the Youth Workers at the club. Contact: [Abigail.murphy@ycsw.org.uk](mailto:Abigail.murphy@ycsw.org.uk) for more info.

Make a difference in your community – Become a Youth Club Volunteer today!

## PC ED LEWIS



Welcome to our new Neighbourhood police officer, PC Ed Lewis, covering Sturminster Newton, Stalbridge, Manston & Marnhull areas. If you see him out and about, please do come and have a chat. He is looking forward to meeting you all and working together.

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

In reaction to public concerns about speeding in the Town Council are launching a campaign to attract volunteers for a community speedwatch initiative. If you are interested in being involved, please see the Town Council web site blog for details.

## MEETING DATES SPRING/SUMMER 2024

All meetings are at the Hub@Stalbridge unless otherwise shown and are open to public & press.

Town Council Meetings & Planning meetings Wednesday  
March 15<sup>th</sup>  
April 17<sup>th</sup>  
May 15<sup>th</sup>

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