

# STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## GIFT IN MEMORY OF DOUGLAS ADAMS

On behalf of Stalbridge Town Council K Garland accepted a gift of a book detailing the life of one of Stalbridge's "most famous sons", Douglas Adams the author of 'Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' from Sturminster Newton Town Councillor Pauline Batstone.

The author of the book about the life of the Stalbridge author '42 The Wildly Improbable Ideas of Douglas Adams' is Kevin Jon Davies a friend and biographer. The book has pride of place at Stalbridge Community Library, available to all to read.

## NEW TOPS TO PROTECT THE POSTS AROUND THE CROSS

The Town Council have commissioned steel tops for the oak post around the Market cross with the aim of preserving the posts that protect the historic monument from traffic.



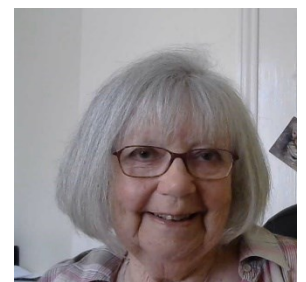
## STALBRIDGE HALL ANNIVERSARY



Stalbridge Hall is 50 years old this year, congratulations to all the volunteers past and present that strive to provide this community facility. The hall management committee will be hosting the "50 years of Stalbridge Hall" exhibition, on the 8th September.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Jan Wardell was co-opted to council at the July meeting. Jan has lived in Stalbridge for nearly 25 years and as a keen walker enjoys exploring the countryside in our area of the Blackmore Vale. She volunteers with the Ramblers, and has been a Trustee of the North Dorset Trailway Network (NDTN) since the charity was formed in 2011. Jan has served on the Town Council twice before and gained invaluable experience from both periods. Jan cares deeply about Stalbridge and its future: the town, its residents and importantly the surrounding countryside. There have been significant changes since her last period in office in 2019, and Jan feels she would like to be able to contribute more to the shaping of Stalbridge to the advantage of all, but particularly from the perspective of connectivity within the growing community, and in ways which avoid the use of motorised



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transport. Jan is looking forward to being part of the team to help fulfil the Town's Future Vision project, with particular interest in improving the environment in which we live for the benefit of Stalbridge residents, present and future. Jan will be responsible for the open spaces portfolio.

## TOWN COUNCILLORS VACANCY

There are still vacant positions which are eligible for co-option to Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor and would like more information, please contact the Town Council Office.

## STATION ROAD NORTH PLANNING APPLICATION



The appeal in relation to the outline application to erect up to 160 No. dwellings on the north of Station Road has been allowed.

## STALBRIDGE.INFO



As the smallest town in Dorset, you might be surprised at the amount that's going and the services available. Stalbridge Town Council supports our local business, groups and organisations by sponsoring our very own community web site. The site is a wealth of easily accessible information covering events, activities, news items and a handy A to Z of shops, business & services. So, if you are a local business, group or organisation looking to engage with the community, this is the perfect place to get the word out, as it is also linked to its own social media page. Just fill in your information on the contact page. Similarly, if you are looking for goods and services or a club or event what about resisting the face book post 'does anybody know?' and take a look at Stalbridge.info.

## MEETING DATES SUMMER / AUTUMN 2024

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

Town Council Meetings & Planning meetings Wednesday  
August 14th  
September 11th  
October 16th

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