

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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PRECEPT 23/24

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 £135,500 which equates to a decrease of £2.73 per annum on a Band D Equivalent Charge for the Town Council's part of the council tax.

In 2023/24 the following grants will be made:

Playing Fields Trust £2,500 (maintenance of the playing fields sports facility)

St Marys PCC £6,300 (Churchyard maintenance)

Stalbridge Hall £3,600 (CCTV system)

STALBRIDGE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING at The Stalbridge Hall Wednesday 10th 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 24th April 2023.



10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

In February the Community Managed Library celebrated its 10th Anniversary. As a flagship project for providing a volunteer run library huge congratulations go to all the volunteers past and present who campaigned to keep the library in Stalbridge and have been involved in running it for the last 10 years. Membership of the library is FREE you can borrow up to 12 books at a time. You can order books online for you to collect and there are two PCs for the benefit of library users. Library web site <http://www.stalbridgelibrary.org>. Opening times are Tuesday: 2.00 pm to 5.00pm, Wednesday: 12.00 Midday to 2.30pm, Thursday: 3.00 pm to 6.00pm & Saturday: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

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STALBRIDGE YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

The Town Council are working with 'Youth Connect South West' with the aim of re-establishing a Youth Club in the town. The viability of the project is based on Youth Connect South West having enough clubs in the local area to employ a youth worker. Councillor Katie Garland has been working with Councillor Jane Rose from Henstridge and they are talking to other local villages and towns to promote the project. It is very much hoped that their efforts will be rewarded and the Youth Club in Stalbridge will re-open.

VACANCY

There are two 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.

JARVIS FIELD PLAY AREA ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation. Members agreed with the majority public vote and the contract for the works was awarded to Proludic. The aim is to have the new equipment installed by the end of May 2023.

STALBRIDGE.INFO



As the smallest town in Dorset, you might be surprised at the amount that's going on 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 SPRING/SUMMER 2023

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

Town Council Meetings & Planning meetings Wednesday
March 15th
April 19th
May 17th

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