

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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THE HUB 5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In August The Hub celebrated its' 5th birthday. To mark this the Town Council are hosting a drop in event on Saturday 20th October between 10 & 2pm. During the event we will be serving refreshments and there will be stands spotlighting: The red phone box project: Stalbridge Neighbourhood Plan: Stalbridge Community Car Scheme: Meet the local pharmacist and we will be posing the question 'Who is going to run Stalbridge in May 2019?' The Hub is used by lots of local groups and organisations find out more on this link. <http://www.stalbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk/whats-on-at-the-hub.html>

STALBRIDGE COMMUNITY VOLUNTER CAR SCHEME (SCVCS)

Stalbridge showed its true colours and 25 people turned up to the first meeting for drivers on the Stalbridge Community Volunteer Car Scheme on 4th September. Almost everyone felt able to sign up and have submitted their applications for a DBS check, courtesy of the Dorchester Volunteer Group who attended and processed them for free! The next drivers' meeting will be at the Hub on 26th September between 2.00 & 4.00 pm



A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR STALBRIDGE ?

A small group has been looking at the feasibility of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Stalbridge, but if one is to be advanced, then we need committed volunteers, backing from the community, and most importantly, the support of the Town Council.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan – you may well ask! A Neighbourhood Plan contains policies primarily focussed on how land is used in their area over the next 10 - 20 years or so. These plans could have a greater strategic significance for us with the formation of the single Unitary Authority in April 2019, and could include:

- Where and what type of development should happen
- Design standards that preserve the local character
- Improving local access for pedestrians and cyclists
- Promoting community facilities
- Protecting local assets valued by the community

A Neighbourhood Plan is not designed to be a method to stop future development, and must be broadly consistent with the Local Plan, but augmented with detailed input from the local community. Development of the plan involves extensive public consultation, an independent examination and a local referendum. It is a real chance to provide a strategic plan that is relevant to us all. BUT we need your help!

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COME ALONG TO THE HUB ON OCTOBER 20TH TO FIND OUT MORE, AND HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE 1ST WORLD WAR

The Royal British Legion, St Mary's Church and Stalbright have been working to honour this event. Large poppies bearing the names of the fallen will be sited along the parade route along with union flags, hand crafted poppies and commemorative bunting. To mark this special year we are inviting Stalbridge townsfolk to line the parade route to the Church on Sunday the 11th November.



FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE GROUP AND THE BLACKMORE VALE SURGERY

The Practice Manager, Jane Dawes and the Patient Participation Group (PPG) Chair, Ian Gall, from the Blackmore Vale Doctors' Practice kindly accepted an invitation to talk to the group on 24th August. Jane outlined the services that the practice offers, including employment of a Paramedic to answer home visit calls. With his experience he will triage (assess) the patient and provide expert emergency treatment if needed. She also answered questions and explained that if new patients transferring want it, the Practice will endeavour to provide more weekly Doctor sessions at the Marnhull Surgery. Ian described the work that the PPG does to improve the health and wellbeing of all patients providing them with a voice to the health professionals.

RED PHONE BOXES

The Town Council have now adopted two red phone boxes at Church Hill and The Pound. The intention is to return them to their former scarlet glory and members are keen to have input from the community with ideas for their future use. If you would like to volunteer to help with the project please get in touch.



HAVE YOUR SAY Members of the public are very welcome at Town Council meetings to speak during open forum or on a subject listed on the agenda.

MEETING DATES SPRING/SUMMER 2018/19

All meetings are at the Hub@Stalbridge unless otherwise shown and are open to public & press. Planning meetings start at 7pm followed by the Full Council meeting.

Planning Meetings
Wednesday
October 24th
November 21st
December 12th

Town Council Meetings & Planning meetings
Wednesday
October 10th & 24th
November 4th & 21st
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