

Bishop's Waltham Matters

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Welcome

Welcome to the winter edition of Bishop's Waltham Matters! We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you: the Montague Road play area is now open, and another significant section of the Southern Shared Pathway has been successfully completed.

In November we host our annual "Thank You" evening to express our appreciation to the dedicated volunteer organisations that play an integral role in shaping Bishop's Waltham into the wonderful community it is today. These selfless individuals work tirelessly to ensure our town thrives, making it a truly exceptional place to live.

Get ready for the next "Forward Plan" in 2024, spanning the next four years. We are eager to gather input from our residents through a forthcoming questionnaire. If you would like to contribute to shaping the future of Bishop's Waltham, please take a few moments to complete the questionnaire when it becomes available. Together, let's work towards fulfilling the aspirations of our parishioners!



Officially opening the new play areas at the Montague Road estate

Show your support for our Chamber of Trade by joining them at this year's Christmas Fayre. It is a wonderful family-friendly event where they will illuminate our town's Christmas trees, and you can enjoy some late night shopping delights.

Councillor Judy Marsh - Chair of Council

Appeal for First Aider Volunteers

Are you first aid trained and ready to make a difference in your community? If so, the Parish Council needs your help!

As a first aid volunteer, you will be there to lend a helping hand, from treating sprained ankles to tending to cuts and bruises. Whether it is our biannual litter pick or the lively Party in the Park, your support would be invaluable.

Join our team of dedicated volunteers today and make a positive impact on your community. Send us an email at: halls@bishops-waltham-pc.gov.uk

Southern Shared Pathway Update

We are delighted to confirm that two new sections of the Southern Shared Pathway are now open. This project highlights the ambition to enhance routes to enable greater accessibility and connectivity within our community. Two sections have now been completed from the Bishop's Meadow estate along the top of the allotments to Albany Road, and from Tangier Gardens past the football pitches into Priory Park. The improved surfacing has created all-weather links between facilities for community use. The next stage is to continue the pathway from Priory Park car park to Bosworth Gardens estate, and from there to the Old Railway Line Footpath towards the Town Centre.

We would like to share our thanks to BQS Management Services Ltd for their professionalism and high standard of work on these two sections of pathway. These photographs showcase the transformation. We hope residents enjoy the benefits of this new pathway and the positive impact it has for our community.



Before and after photographs of the path connecting Bishop's Meadow to Albany Road



Before and after photographs of the path connecting Tangier Gardens to Priory Park

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For your 2023/2024 Diary



Community Volunteer Thank you Event

Friday 24th November 2023, 7pm - Priory Park Clubhouse

This event is to thank volunteers in our community organisations who help make Bishop's Waltham a wonderful place to live. Invites will be sent to community organisations. If you volunteer for a group but haven't received an invite please email: admin@bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk



Wishing you a very

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

from all the councillors and staff at
Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

Christmas Fayre

**Thursday 7th
December 2023,
6-8pm**
Town Centre

Albany Road Play Area Consultation

Tenders are currently being received for the enhanced play area planned for the Parish Council's land at Albany Road. A public consultation will be held from **Friday 8th December - Friday 22nd December**, giving residents the opportunity to view the designs and submit comments. See the Council's website for more information about the physical display or to view the designs online.

Forward Plan Update

Review of the Forward Plan 2019-2023

The Parish Council's Forward Plan, drawn up in 2018 in consultation with residents and outlined for action during 2019-2023, has now reached its maturity. The Council has reviewed this Forward Plan and, for environmental reasons, the illustrated, summary report will be available online on our website and in printed form, when requested, from the Council office for reference. The report highlights the work of the Parish Council on items within their remit that the residents of Bishop's Waltham wished to be considered. Many successes can be noted including **creating a Southern Shared Pathway** to link new estates with the town's facilities, **additional tree planting** on Council land, **a new play area** at Montague Road, **an extended car park** at Jubilee Hall, **new automatic entry doors** at Jubilee Hall, **new boilers** at Priory Park Clubhouse and Parish Council **organised events** such as Party in the Park, Platinum Jubilee High Street Party and the Coronation Celebration. In addition to these projects should be noted the **ongoing maintenance** of all play parks and green spaces, **lobbying on services** for provision of health care, library and buses, **regular newsletters** to every household and continued **monthly Councillors' Surgeries** to engage with residents.

Forward Plan 2024-2028

After reflecting on the close of the previous Forward Plan, the new edition is now being considered. It will relate to the future of Bishop's Waltham, identifying opportunities for growth and development so it can be managed in the best interest of the public. A survey will be conducted during November to gather comments and ideas for inclusion in this next Forward Plan. The survey will be available online and also at outlets in the local area. Please do complete this survey to give your comments and suggestions for our town.

Vision Statement

"To sustain Bishop's Waltham as an attractive and prosperous place in which to live and work, and to enhance quality and affordable services to meet the needs and aspirations of the local community".

We now have a QR code! This code directs users straight to the homepage of our website.

How to scan the QR code

Android phone or Tablet

On your Android phone or tablet, open the built-in camera app.

1. Point the camera at the QR code.
2. Tap the banner that appears on your Android phone or tablet.
3. Follow the instructions on the screen to be taken directly to the website.

iPhone or iPad

On your iPhone or iPad, open the built-in camera app.

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News and Updates

Thermal Camera Loan Scheme

On September 9th, the dedicated individuals of Sustainable Bishop's Waltham, supported by a generous grant from Winchester City Council, embarked on a training session. This training aimed to familiarise our team with the operation of the Thermal Cameras recently acquired by the Parish Council. These cutting-edge devices will soon be made available for residents to borrow, beginning this autumn.

These specialised cameras utilise infra-red technology to detect areas of heat loss from buildings. By pinpointing these areas, we can identify where improvements such as insulation or draught-excluders are needed. This proactive approach not only reduces energy consumption but can also contribute to lowering utility bills for our community members.

If you would like to borrow one of the new cameras please email: admin@bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk



Salt Bins

Now that Winter is upon us, we wanted to make you aware of where the salt bins are located within our town. These have been made available by, and are the responsibility of, Hampshire County Council.

You can find these bins at the following locations:

Ashton Close, Albany Road, Siskin Road, Battery Hill, Leopold Drive, Victoria Road, Old Station Roundabout, Langton Road, Brook Street, Colville Drive, Rareridge Lane, Willow Road, Cricklewood Close, Hamble Springs, Folly Field



Request a salt bin refill (Responsibility of Hampshire County Council)

HCC will refill the salt bins as soon as reasonably possible, and in bad weather they will endeavour to fill up empty bins on route. At times of prolonged severe weather, the priority of the winter maintenance teams will be to salt the main roads and they may not be able to refill the salt bins as quickly as at other times. Bins will not be refilled where people have taken the contents for their own personal use, and Hampshire County Council reserves the right to remove bins where the contents are being continually taken for private use.



Montague Road Update

The Council is delighted to announce the completion of the two play areas at Montague Road. The facility was officially opened on Wednesday 19th September having received a successful safety inspection. We have been pleased to see children enjoying the new equipment over the recent weeks and are proud of this, the town's eighth play area!

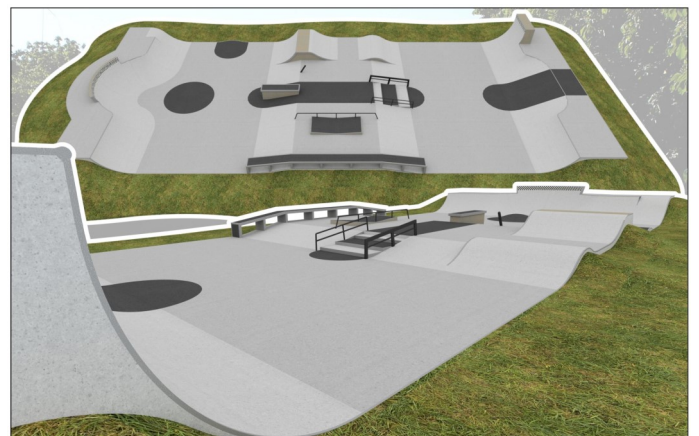
Work to further enhance the Parish Council's land at Montague Road will continue over the next couple of months, with additions to look forward to such as benches, bins and a small football goal that will be installed beyond the main play area. Fruit trees and how best to maintain the wildflower area are also being considered by the Halls and Grounds Committee to enhance the area's ecological value.

Also at this site, the existing drainage ditch that runs alongside the bridleway that has become overgrown will be cleared. The hedge will be tidied up to allow us to reprofile the ditch itself and help it to function properly. Not quite as exciting as the new play area, but important maintenance work nevertheless!

Skatepark Refurbishment—Exciting News!

Further to the update in the last newsletter that planning permission for the refurbishment of the skate park had been received, we are pleased to announce that fabrication of the components of the new facility has now begun! The work on the steel frames is taking place at a manufacturing facility. The site at Priory Park will be prepared during November with care being taken to ensure that the trees in the vicinity are fenced off to prevent any damage.

Work to install the new facility itself will then commence in December. The contractor has advised the Council that the construction works will take approximately twelve weeks so we hope that the new skatepark will be ready for use in the spring!



Spotlight on: Parish Council Venues for hire

Whether you are hosting a celebration, unique event or organising a workshop or exercise class, Bishop's Waltham Parish Council's facilities are at your service to provide an ideal venue.

The Jubilee Hall (Little Shore Lane, SO32 1ED)

Nestled in the heart of town, The Jubilee Hall offers versatile spaces:

Gold Room: Our most spacious room, hosting up to 250 people. A flexible space with stage, projector and large screen available.

Ruby Room: Perfect for more intimate gatherings and smaller events, classes or meetings, hosting up to 40 people. This room is equipped with a hearing loop.

The Priory Park Clubhouse (Elizabeth Way, SO32 1SQ)

Hosting up to 125 people, this flexible space will comfortably accommodate gatherings, parties, or activities. The Clubhouse also has its own modern kitchen ready for your use.



Find more information and hire rates on our website:

www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk



Equipment & Facilities Available

Wi-Fi: Our free Wi-Fi will keep you and your attendees connected throughout your event.

Table Tennis: We have three table tennis tables, available for use at Priory Park.

Badminton Nets: Make the most of The Jubilee Hall's space with our two badminton nets.

Portable Skittle Alley: Fabulous for entertaining your guests (for use in the Ruby Room).

Microphone & Amplifying Equipment: Perfect for announcements and presentations.

Parking & Toilet Facilities: Available at all venues.

Booking Information: To secure your chosen venue, inquire about availability, or learn more about our facilities, please contact us:

Phone: 01489 892323 **Email:** halls@bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk

Our dedicated team is here to assist you in planning your event and utilising our facilities to their fullest potential.



Bishops Waltham Parish Council



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Look out for our spring edition of Bishop's Waltham Matters in February 2024. You can sign up to our electronic newsletter by clicking the link from the front page of our website

www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk



Contact Us

For all enquiries relating to Parish Council matters or facilities, please use the following details:-

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Council and Committee Meeting Dates

November 2023

7th	Finance, Policy & Resources Committee
14th	Parish Council
21st	Halls & Grounds Committee
27th	Community & Environment Committee
28th	Planning & Highways Committee

December 2023

5th	Finance, Policy & Resources Committee
12th	Parish Council
19th	Halls & Grounds Committee

January 2024

9th	Finance, Policy & Resources Committee
16th	Parish Council
23rd	Halls & Grounds Committee
29th	Community & Environment Committee
30th	Planning & Highways Committee

All meetings are at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall unless otherwise stated and are open to the public.