

New Councillors Needed

It's all change at the parish council, and it isn't even election year! Cllrs Lewis, Hill and Tait will be retiring/resigning shortly, so we urgently need some volunteers to take their places. If we cannot find sufficient councillors, SDC will take over the running of the parish until such time as sufficient councillors are elected. So if you would like to "give back" some of your time to your community, please get in touch.

If you want to find out more about being a councillor, take a look in the Publications or Toolkits section of the web site of the National Association of Local Councils at www.nalc.gov.uk.




Recycling of Plastics

The parish council has received more detail about the types of plastics which Stratford District Council (SDC) can accept for recycling. Since this information does not seem to be widely available, we should like to pass it on.





Most plastic items include a logo like the ones shown here, with a number and/or letters to identify the type of plastic used. SDC can only recycle plastics of types 1, 2 and 3: PET, HDPE and PVC. Plastic items, even bottles, of any other type will not be recycled and will be sent to landfill.

However, some of our supermarkets have their own collection points for carrier bag recycling, so you could collect those and take them with you when you shop.

These plastics CAN be recycled by SDC:

	PET	Polyethylene terephthalate - Fizzy drink bottles and oven-ready meal trays.
	HDPE	High-density polyethylene - Bottles for milk and washing-up liquids.
	PVC	Polyvinyl chloride - Food trays, bottles for squash, water and shampoo.

But these plastics CANNOT be recycled:

	LDPE	Low density polyethylene - Carrier bags and bin liners.
	PP	Polypropylene - Margarine tubs, microwaveable meal trays.
	PS	Polystyrene - Yoghurt pots, foam meat trays, egg cartons, vending cups, plastic cutlery, protective packaging.
	OTHER	Any other plastics that do not fall into any of the above categories.

While we're on the subject, SDC would like to remind residents that, if your blue bin is full, you can place further recyclable items in a cardboard box at the side of your blue bin for collection.

Stop the Drop

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) has launched a new initiative to

fight litter and fly-tipping. Your parish council does its best to see that our parish is kept clean and tidy. Now we'd like to let you know what you can do too.

Litter and fly-tipping are an eyesore. They pollute the environment and are a hazard to all, both humans and animals. It's a form of anti-social behaviour that spoils our lives and reduces civic pride.

The most obvious solution is simple: don't drop litter! We provide litter bins within the village - please use them. If you're in a car, or where there is no bin nearby, then take your litter home.

Culprits can be fined. On-the-spot fines of £75 can be issued for littering.

If you see fly-tipping or littering occurring, take down all the information you can. If a car is involved, note the registration, make and model. Then immediately report it to the police and/or local authority (SDC in our area).

Litter thrown from cars is a problem in our parish, especially cans, bottles, food and cigarette cartons. Help us to stop this by reporting anyone you see.

New Dog Fouling Order

SDC are consulting on a new Order which is expected to come into force on 1 April 2009. It is a model of simplicity: if your dog fouls any land in the District to which the public have access then you must clear it up. What's more, if you own the dog and you let it out on its own, you are still liable.

Once the order is confirmed, SDC will enforce it by Fixed Penalty Notices (on-the-spot fines of £75), but they will still have the power to take cases to court where the fine could be as high as £1000.

You will be pleased to learn that the new dog litter bin we promised has now been installed on Moreton Morrell Lane, near the pumping station.

If this format does not meet your needs, please contact us

Verges and Greens

You will no doubt have seen the damage to the verge outside The Antelope. The driver has refused to repair the verge and so the matter is now in the hands of WCC Highways Department who will send him a repair bill. Can we ask again that vehicles are not driven over verges and greens. They are easily damaged, as is buried pipework, by inconsiderate parking and deliveries. The Parish Council receives more comments about this than any other issue.

Phone Box Update

The box was decorated for Christmas by Jennifer Hunter and Amy Such and looked splendid. Hopefully, this will become an annual tradition. Suggestions for other uses so far have included an art gallery, a notice board, a greenhouse and the world's smallest disco! Please give your ideas to any councillor.

Information/Feedback

If you would like to discuss these, or any other matters, with a member of council, please contact one of us as follows:

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Parish Council information on the web:
www.lighthorneonline.com/PCHome.htm

