



## Toddler Group at Picket Piece

Toddler group has now been running successfully since June with a good attendance. Thank you to everyone who has come along to support us.

We have had fun with play dough, craft and lots of toys as well as inviting outside agencies to come in and do messy play, music and story time to name a few.

A big thank you goes to Picket Piece Sports and Social Club who recently applied for a grant of £300 on behalf of the Toddler Group which has enabled us to start up the group and purchase some toys.

**Cllr John Cockaday, Cllr Iris Andersen, Community Development Worker Andrea Harris, Simon Potter Chair of Picket Piece Sports and Social Club, along with parents, childminders and children attending Toddler Group.**

The group will be continue to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am-12 noon at a cost of £1 per adult, 50p per child which includes coffee and snacks. As with all Toddler Groups it is a stay and play so that adults are responsible for their children.

Regular emails are sent out to keep families informed of what we are doing each week.

## **Toddler Group will be closed on 20th and 27th December but will re-open on 3rd January.**

Donations of toys, books or puzzles in good condition suitable for pre-school children would be gratefully received please. However, storage space is limited.

Thank you to those who have already offered their help. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with either the running of the group or making refreshments, whether you have pre-school children or not this would also be very welcome.

We can offer DBS checks and First Aid training.

Contact: Andrea Harris: [aharris@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:aharris@testvalley.gov.uk) or **07990 755104**.



## Speeding Traffic

Many residents attend my drop in each week or email to voice their concern about the speed of traffic driving along Walworth Road and Ox Drove.

I am working with Sarah Matthews, PCSO for Picket Piece and St.Mary's Ward to look at how we can monitor speeding traffic and what we can do about it.

Please see the leaflet below and either contact Sarah or myself if you feel that this is something you would like to get involved with.

A number of residents have talked about setting up a Residents Association which is something that I can support you with and could form part of the Speed Watch project.

I have managed to contact a local village Parish Council who are willing to hire their speed watch camera at a cost of £100/month to Picket Piece residents.

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 Mobile: **07990 75104**

**COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

Speeding is one of the factors that most affects the quality of life in communities around Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. It can be a factor in road traffic collisions and impacts on the day-to-day lives of people in the community.

You often tell us that speeding is one of the biggest community concerns in your area and as such we want to work with you to set up a Community SpeedWatch programme.

Community SpeedWatch will be co-ordinated by Hampshire Constabulary in partnership with your local council and other agencies. The scheme itself will be run by your local police safer neighbourhood teams and the community volunteers.

[www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

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### How does it work?

SpeedWatch can only operate on roads with a speed limit of 30 mph and under. The best locations would be 20 mph zones and community and residential areas that have a 30 mph limit. Community volunteers work alongside Hampshire Constabulary officers to identify vehicles which exceed the speed limit.

Details of the vehicles will be collected at the time of the alleged offence and then entered onto a database. The registered owner of the vehicle will then be sent a letter telling them that their vehicle was seen exceeding the speed limit, how it affects the local community and asking them not to do so in the future. If the same registration number is logged again within 12 months the owner will receive a warning that if the vehicle is seen speeding a third time the details will be passed to an officer who may take further action.

Commercial vehicles or vehicles that belong to companies will have a separate letter sent to the local transport manager and the roads policing unit will be made aware.

### What next?

Community SpeedWatch locations will be suggested by the local community and the police but will have to be sanctioned by Hampshire Constabulary's safer roads officers. A risk assessment of the location will have to be done before activity can take place.

Volunteers must be aged at least 17 years and each scheme needs a minimum of six volunteers. Keen applicants will need to complete an application form and vetting process which can take up to six weeks to clear. Specialist training will be given to volunteers and any local travelling or out of pocket expenses will be covered. Community volunteers working on the roadside will be given use of high visibility jackets, wet weather equipment, road side signs and equipment to monitor speed and record vehicle details. Volunteers will be covered under Hampshire Constabulary's public liability insurance for roadside working.

### Still interested?

For more information about starting a scheme, the equipment we use or becoming a volunteer visit our website, contact your local neighbourhood police officer at:  
[sarah-jane.matthews@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sarah-jane.matthews@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

## Update on the development

At the end of November, there were over 400 occupations within the new development.

Work has started on the Ox Drove allotments. You can express your interest with Andover Town Council: [Andovercallotments@gmail.com](mailto:Andovercallotments@gmail.com)

The developers are still in the process of marketing to find a suitable retailer for the shops within the development but have started work on the building.

The new play area next to the Sports Pavilion on Locksbridge Road was officially opened by Kit Malthouse; MP for North West Hampshire, which was organised by David Wilson Homes. There is a tennis court as well as play equipment including two toddler swings. You can access this by walking through the field at the back of the Village Hall for those who live at the Barratt Homes end of the development.

Presently a lot areas of the development are still under the control of the developers or have been handed over to a management company to maintain. To date, TVBC have not taken over the adoption of any part of the development.

Should you have any queries about who is maintaining which areas then please either contact the sales team or myself and we will try and point you in the right direction.

**The tarmacked area at the top of Strapp Road which leads onto the Ox Drove via Dexter Close is not to be used for vehicular access, it is for pedestrians and when completed; cyclists only.**



The number of incidents in which motorists hinder emergency service vehicles with erratic driving and poor parking is worse than ever before.

The #INeedMySpace campaign from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service comes after an increasing number of drivers have delayed fire engines getting to incidents. These motorists are putting lives at risk by blocking off roads and even stopping on box junctions outside fire stations. However, it is not just parking that is the problem and firefighters say some drivers are not sure what to do when they hear the sirens blaring.

Some slam their brakes on immediately and risk causing an accident while others try to tailgate behind the vehicle which can cause a crash - particularly if more than one engine has been deployed. Now photographs and videos will be posted under the campaign hashtag to show examples of these practices and help educate motorists.

Assistant Chief Officer Andy Bowers said: "The issue of motorists blocking the paths of emergency services vehicles is worse than ever before.

"Some drivers are parking opposite one another making an entire road inaccessible while others are actually stopping by station exits, often in the



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hatched areas, and some are even leaving their cars on our grounds.

"Please also remember that although you may only hear one siren, there may regularly be more than one emergency vehicle responding.

"These issues are causing delays and when tackling a fire or cutting somebody out of a car this can be the difference between life and death."

The service is now giving guidance for motorists in how best to help emergency vehicles get to incidents.

The golden rules are:

**CALM:** Don't panic or speed up in an attempt to get out of the way. Don't go through red lights or veer into a bus lane as you will still be prosecuted. Do not attempt to outrun a fire engine. You are not allowed to drive down the hard shoulder. You will still be breaking the law.

**ALERT:** Turn distracting music down and check mirrors to help determine the direction and number of emergency vehicles. Look for somewhere safe to pull in but avoid kerbs, pavements, bends and junctions. Watch out for other motorists braking suddenly.

**RESPONSE:** Indicate, check your mirror and move to the left when it is safe to do so. Wait patiently to ensure all emergency vehicles have gone and then safely move back out into traffic.



# Problems Facing The Emergency Services

Two problems facing the emergency services are how to find us and who they should contact in a crisis.

## How to find us

**IF YOU CALL 999** please assist control operators by giving a clear address. Post codes are a great help, but remember that in rural areas, a single post code may cover a large geographical area, so any further information regarding your location will be invaluable. This is especially important if your property is not visible from the road and is accessed via a remote track or long driveway.

If you live in a rural area, and have a house name rather than a number, and the name is not clearly visible from the road, consider waiting in a conspicuous position for the fire appliance to arrive so that you can direct crews to the scene. Obviously, we would only ask you to do so where it is safe and practical to do so.

## Six ways you can help the emergency services find you when you need them:

1. Make sure your number is large enough to be seen from the road. Make your house name as visible as No Parking signs.
2. If possible place your house name or number on a wall or gate next to the road rather than on the door. House numbers on doors can be too far from the road to be seen. Many houses have doors on the side so the number cannot be seen from the road at all.
3. Cut back foliage regularly so that your number can be seen clearly. Bushes can hide the number, especially in Spring and Summer.
4. Ensure that your number stands out. Lack of contrast hinders crews especially at night. A brown number on a brown door would not stand out!
5. Help your neighbours make their numbers visible. The emergency services will be able to find your house quicker if their houses are clearly numbered.
6. Encourage your local shop keepers to put the street number on their shop front.

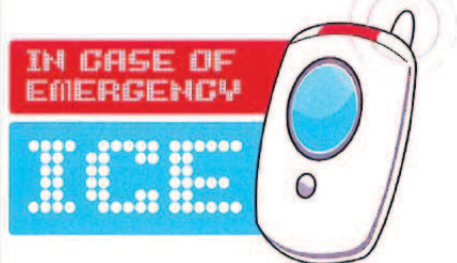


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## Who the emergency services should contact

The ICE campaign aims to help paramedics know who to contact in case of emergency.



Spread the word, let your relatives and colleagues know, and if you deliver training, pass the information on to all your Learners.

**MANY OF US CARRY A MOBILE PHONE** with the phone numbers of our loved ones stored in a list of contacts, so if we were to get in an accident, the paramedics would have that information at their fingertips, right? Well, yes and no. The numbers are there, but the paramedics don't know who you'd want them to contact in the case of an emergency. Hence the "ICE" campaign: Store your emergency contacts in your mobile phone's address book under the entry "ICE" (an acronym for In Case of Emergency) and emergency personnel will know who to contact. If you have more than one emergency contact, store them in your contact list as ICE1, ICE2, etc.

The ICE campaign was launched in April 2005 by Bob Brotchie, a paramedic in Cambridge, U.K. After many experiences struggling to get contact details from shocked or injured patients, Brotchie teamed up with European cell phone company Vodaphone to do a survey that revealed 75 percent of people do not carry details about who they would like telephoned following a serious accident. The campaign gained wide acceptance after the London subway bombings in July 2005.



## Dog Fouling and new bin

There have been a number of complaints from residents that there continues to be a problem with dogs fouling on the paths at the play area and within the open space on Ox Drove and even on the grass outside of residents' property. PLEASE, PLEASE, can all dog owners pick up after their dogs even if it is in the rough ground as children like to go and explore and either take your bag home or use one of the bins provided. Please do not throw the bags in the hedge. A big Thank you to those who already do clean up.

It is not very pleasant when anyone treads dog mess into their home as well as it being a health risk.

The Animal Welfare Officer for Test Valley Borough Council and myself have walked around the site and he has put up some signs to encourage people to pick up after their dogs foul. At present these areas are still being looked after by the developers and I have made them aware of the problem but do also contact myself or the Animal Welfare Officer for TVBC (01264 368000) if you see anyone not picking up after themselves to their dogs.

A new black wheelie bin has been installed outside of the play area at Picket Road/Ox Drove for putting dog poo bags in. This means that the open bin in the play area can just be used for litter.

## Car Share

Ever thought about car sharing to work?

You can register on the Hants Car Share Scheme and find other people in your area who may be driving the same way as you to work.

This can save you money as well as helping the environment.

<https://hants.liftshare.com>

## Thursday Drop In for Coffee and a chat.

Thursday morning drop in sessions continue with residents calling in to ask about various issues connected with Picket Piece.

This is an informal session over a coffee with an opportunity to look at maps of the development or to ask about local facilities. They run from 10am-12 noon every Thursday.

Councillor John Cockaday regularly attends to answer your questions too.

## Bus at Picket Piece.

Please don't forget that currently the number 13 bus is a hail and ride so you can stop it anywhere along the route.

We would ask that passengers be considerate when waiting for the buses if stood near to resident's property. We have had reports of children running around other peoples gardens whilst waiting.

For information and timetables contact: Wheelers Coaches **02380 471800**  
[www.wheelerstravel.co.uk](http://www.wheelerstravel.co.uk)



For information about live bus and rail departures and travel updates visit:  
<https://myjourneyhampshire.com>



## Walking for Health in Picket Piece.

Health Walks have been running for several months at Picket Piece with a few residents attending.

The walk is free and is a great way to get fit and lasts for about 1-1 ½ hours, depending upon the pace of the walk. It is open to everyone but if you do have any health issues then please check with your GP to make sure it is suitable for you. It is buggy friendly and mostly on footpaths.

The route is just over 3 miles long and will take us from Picket Piece Village Hall, through Finkley Down Farm to Augusta Park and then back via River Way, through Walworth Industrial Estate back to the Village Hall.

We are hoping to find new routes around the area too. Please contact me if you know of any safe circular routes around Picket Piece.

They run on the **third Tuesday** of each month leaving Picket Piece Village Hall at 10.30am. To register please come at 10am, wear sensible footwear, weather appropriate clothing, bring a water bottle and sun cream if required.

### Next Health Walk Tuesday 19th December.

The footpath through Finkley Down Farm is muddy at the moment so please wear appropriate footwear.

Join us back at the village hall for coffee and minced pies.

Contact: **aharris@testvalley.gov.uk**

Mobile :**07990 755104**

Visit the website to find out more about Health Walks:

**[www.walkingforhealth.org.uk](http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk)**



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get active and stay active

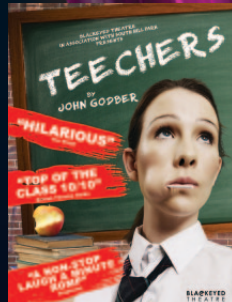
Together the Ramblers and Macmillan Cancer Support run Walking for Health, helping more people – including those affected by cancer – discover the joys and health benefits of walking.

The Ramblers' Association is a registered charity (England & Wales no. 1093577, Scotland no. SC039799) [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)  
Macmillan Cancer Support is a registered charity (England and Wales no. 261017, Scotland no. SC039007, Isle of Man no. 604) [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)



10 DECEMBER SINGALONGA BEAUTY AND THE BEAST  
 6 JANUARY DESPERADO  
 2 FEBRUARY STEPHEN K AMOS  
 23 FEBRUARY COMPLETE MADNESS  
 13 MARCH KATIE PIPER: WHAT'S IN MY HEAD  
 (PREVIEW)

15 MARCH WAR OF THE WORLDS FROM THE PANTALOONS  
 16 MARCH BON GIOVI  
 3 APRIL EASTER BUNNY'S EGGS FACTOR  
 19 APRIL SHAPPI KHORSANDI: MISTRESS AND MISFIT  
 21 APRIL JOHNNIE WALKER



Check [www.thelights.org.uk](http://www.thelights.org.uk) for the full season  
 Box office 01264 368368  
 West Street, Andover

## Picket Piece Sports and Social Club

Did you know that the bar at the Sports and Social Club in the Village Hall is open Friday evenings from 7pm-11pm and Sundays 6pm-10.30pm. Pop along for a reasonably priced drink in a relaxed setting and take your children too. You can also have a game of pool or darts.

The Sports and Social Club are a charitable organisation who organise social events at the hall for residents and members and have recently been successful in securing a grant for the Toddler Group.

Call in on a Friday or Sunday evening or look at their website regarding membership to the club.

[picketpiecevillagehall.org](http://picketpiecevillagehall.org)



Meet Santa

Quiz  
Party games  
All under 12's  
receive a gift

For more information on membership, events and hall hire go to our Facebook page @Picket Piece Sports and Social Club



Saturday 16th December

# Family Christmas Party

Doors open at 5.30pm

Start at 6:00pm

Limited tickets  
so get yours soon!

American Buffet  
Please bring a  
plate of food.

**Ticket only event**  
(From Post Office or  
Fri/Sun at Social Club)

<b>Members</b>	
Over 12/Adults	£1
Under 12 (inc. gift)	£2
<b>Non Members</b>	
Over 12/Adults	£2
Under 12 (inc. gift)	£3

## Regular events Picket Piece Village Hall and Community Centre

Day	Time	Event	Contact
<b>Monday</b>	9.45am and 10.45am	<b>MummaBfit post natal exercise class</b>	<b>Vicky Hawden</b> 07917 035520 Facebook.com/mummaBfit
	7.30pm	<b>Slimming World</b>	<b>Zara Colwell</b> 07519722385
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.45am - 11.45am	<b>Sing and Sign</b>	<b>Jennie Roper</b> 01264 359224 jennieandmark@hotmail.co.uk
	6pm to 7pm	<b>Fit Camp</b>	<b>Lorraine Chivers</b> 07920101664 dancecrazy@aol.co.uk
		<b>First Tuesday of month, Andover and District Bee Keepers Association</b>	beckysbeezzs@gmail.com
		<b>Third Tuesday of the month Health Walk</b>	<b>Andrea Harris</b> 07990 755104 aharris@testvalley.gov.uk
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.30am to 12noon	<b>Toddler Group</b>	aharris@testvalley.gov.uk
	6pm to 7.30pm	<b>3rd Andover Brownies</b>	www.girlguiding.org.uk/ Joinus picketpiecebrownies@hotmail.com
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am and 10.30am	<b>MummaBfit Post natal exercise class</b>	<b>Vicky Hawden</b> 07917 035520 Facebook.com/mummaBfit
	10am to 12 noon	<b>Community Development Worker drop in</b>	<b>Andrea Harris</b> 07990 755104 aharris@testvalley.gov.uk
	6pm to 7pm	<b>Fit Camp</b>	<b>Lorraine Chivers</b> 07920101664 dancecrazy@aol.co.uk
<b>Friday</b>	7pm to 11pm	<b>Sports and Social Club Bar open</b>	
	7pm (8pm start)	<b>Last Friday of the month Irish Bingo</b>	
	7pm	<b>First Friday of the month, free pool night.</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am to 11:30am	<b>Sing and Sign</b>	<b>Jennie Roper</b> 01264 359224 jennieandmark@hotmail.co.uk
		<b>Country and Western night first Saturday of the month</b>	<b>Alex or Rose 01264 392977 or 07968 107150</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	6pm to 10.30pm	<b>Sports and Social Club Bar open</b>	

For more details on any of the above events, or for details on membership for the Sports and Social Club, visit the website or Facebook page.