



Storrington & Sullington Parish Council Newsletter

Spring 2022 Edition

Keeping you informed of the work of the Parish Council and the community of Storrington & Sullington.

NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We are now approaching the end of a busy council year in May with one major project being the successful re-opening of the Leisure Centre following the collapse of the previous management company. The new Trustees and staff have worked incredibly hard to make sure that the centre is recognised as the Hub of the community and I would like to thank everyone involved. Projects for the next Council year include the installation of a new outdoor gym at Sullington Recreation Ground and arranging for energy audits to be carried out on all Parish Council owned buildings to explore opportunities to introduce more efficient measures. Also see below for our exciting plans for the Summer Festival in June.

SATURDAY 4TH JUNE – QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE FESTIVAL



The Parish Council is delighted to host a Summer Festival to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the Hormare Field on Saturday 4th June.

The event will open at Mid-day with an afternoon of fun and entertainment for the whole family leading to an evening of live music from a variety of local bands. There will be food and drink, stalls and fairground attractions so please save the date and come along to join in the celebrations.

GET INVOLVED

We need volunteers to help with the organisation of the event and on the day, so if you would like to be involved, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01903 746547. If you would like to have a stall to promote your business or group's activities then get in touch before the end of April.



NEW ARTWORK IN THE VILLAGE



You may have seen this artistic masterpiece on display in the village. It was created by pupils at Storrington Primary School and children who took part in workshops as part of an initiative to highlight the importance of birds in nature and rewilding. Free tote bags containing bird postcards and seed packs are available from a selection of shops in the High Street. Look out for the bird in the window of participating businesses.

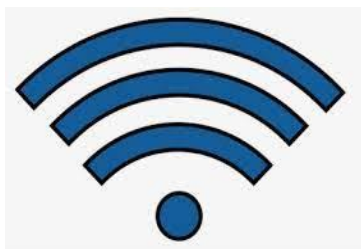
A27 ARUNDEL BYPASS CONSULTATION.

At its meeting on 23rd February 2022, The Parish Council agreed to SUPPORT the National Highways A27 Arundel Bypass Scheme.

As many of you will be aware, the volume of traffic travelling through the Village has been a serious problem for years and despite various schemes and proposals explored between the Parish, District and County Councils, efforts to deter drivers from using Amberley, Storrington, Washington and Steyning as a rat run have been unsuccessful. The Parish Council believes that the proposed grey route appears to strike the right balance between providing relief to heavily congested areas around Arundel and protecting the environment.

We hope the scheme will result in an economic boost for Storrington in making the retail centre more attractive to visit by reducing traffic and congestion in the High Street.

ULTRA FAST BROADBAND UPDATE



As some of you may know, the Parish Council has been exploring the introduction of Ultra-Fast Broadband to the area for some time. Many of you expressed an interest in a Government backed voucher scheme back in December 2020 but unfortunately our discussions with Openreach broke down as the project was not considered financially viable at the time.

However, we have now been approached by a number of companies who are interested in bringing faster broadband to the Parish.

In order to furnish you with all of the options we have been presented with, we have asked each of the providers for an overview of their service to help you reach the right decision for you. Please check our website for information from Giganet, F&W and BoxB.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

It's difficult to describe the Parish Council's dismay about what is happening in Ukraine. We recognize that this is a challenging time for everyone but especially those with links to Ukraine and Russia. Ukrainian flags are being flown on our Village flag poles as a demonstration of support for those affected by this senseless war and we are proud of the various efforts within the community to provide aid.



Pupils from Storrington Primary School wanted to show their support for the people of Ukraine and in particular the children who have been forced to flee their home and country to safety. They decided to link the non-uniform day to a fundraising event where children, adults and even the school dog could wear blue and yellow and collected almost £1,000 to support a national fundraising campaign by First News, a weekly national newspaper aimed at school children.

The Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough have also been busy collecting in Old Mill Square and so far have raised over £5,000!

Various shops are collecting items of clothing and toiletries and our thanks go out to everyone who is contributing in some way.