



# Storrington & Sullington Parish Council Newsletter

Winter 2022 Edition

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

### NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It seems like the last year has flown past and Christmas is upon us again! With the cost of living crisis in mind, we are taking this opportunity to use this newsletter to highlight just some of the ways in which the community of Storrington & Sullington is coming together to offer support and advice to those in need. The current situation is affecting us all in one way or another and it is really encouraging to see how various groups and organisations are stepping up so please see overleaf.



In the meantime, we would like to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

### SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

By the time you are reading this, Christmas trees will be adorning the shop fronts in the village centre and our festive event will have taken place. However, the vitality of our High Street is crucial and the Parish Council supports the Love Storrington Shop Local ethos. Why not check before you travel further afield for your purchases – you may be surprised to find out what's available on your doorstep!

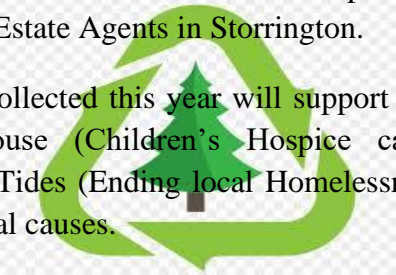


### ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE RE-CYCLING

The Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District is again providing a service that is welcomed by the Community and which helps to green the area. The service is sponsored by Fowlers Estate Agents in Storrington.

Money collected this year will support Chestnut Tree House (Children's Hospice care) and Turning Tides (Ending local Homelessness) and other local causes.

Trees will be collected from 12<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 inclusive from RH20 Postcodes and Amberley. You just have to register by midnight on 8<sup>th</sup> January at [www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree) or scan the QR code



### COMMUNICATIONS

We will be reviewing the way we communicate with our residents in the New Year and would like to hear your views on the type of information you would like to receive and by what means. Please complete a very brief survey at <https://forms.gle/cFKX6BSmW7fMAWcG7>



Or phone the Parish Office on the number below.

## COST OF LIVING

We are so lucky to have several groups and organisations dedicated to providing help and support to those affected by the cost of living crisis.

### STAYING WARM AND SAFE

St Mary's Church, Storrington is opening its doors and turning the heating on during the day with a small children's activity corner and hot drinks.



How about visiting the 5 Loaves café at the Storrington Chapel on Friday afternoons from 2:30pm until 5pm. Anyone between the ages of 0 to 105 is warmly welcomed with free drinks and cake for adults and picnics for the children.

Both Halcyon Days Café and Chanctonbury Leisure Centre are part of the "Chatter Cafes" initiative offering people the opportunity to share tables with the aim of kickstarting conversations and building relationships.

### COMMUNITY DROP IN

Why not pop by Storrington Village Hall on Tuesdays between 10am and 12:30pm, where



Sara and the team from Family Support Work provide a warm welcome with tea and biscuits. While primarily a mother and toddler group with lots of activities to entertain young minds, all members of the community are welcome. Look out for their activity days during school holidays too!

The Nostalgia Café hosted by Home Instead and our Neighbourhood Wardens is held on the third Thursday of every month between 10:30am and 1pm at the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre where support is offered to families of those suffering from Alzheimers.

## HELP AND SUPPORT

Horsham Matters operates a foodbank from the library car park on Wednesdays between 2:30pm and 3:30pm. You can contact them in advance to discuss your situation on 0300 124 0204.

Citizens Advice sessions are available at the Leisure Centre on alternate Fridays from 10am till 2pm. Drop in for free and independent advice.

Our Neighbourhood Wardens will also be hosting surgeries at the Parish Hall on January 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> and on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7pm and in the High Street on 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Advice and information about various support schemes will be available in an informal atmosphere so please take the opportunity to pop by to meet Chris and Ali for a chat.

There are various funding schemes available for those most affected by this crisis. Please visit the following sites for more information or contact the Parish Council in confidence.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living-support>

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/cost-of-living/>

### NEW COUNCILLORS & COUNCIL MEETINGS

Since our last Newsletter, we have welcomed 2 new Members: Bruce Tompson and Cassie Miller. We now have a full team but if you are interested in becoming a Councillor, elections will be taking place in May 2023 so please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.



The Parish Council continues to meet typically on the last Wednesday of the month (except December). For a full list of Committee Meeting dates and times, please refer to our website.