

# STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## WHITE HART LINK NEWS

Following the launch of the White Hart Link project in April this year, the first 'link' to be route-marked and cleared was that between Stalbridge and Gillingham, and inaugural walks took place over the week-end of September 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. 18 walkers set out on the 2½ mile section



between Stalbridge and Henstridge in glorious weather on Saturday afternoon, with the Stalbridge flag being proudly borne throughout by our Rector, William Ridding. Unfortunately the weather on Sunday was not kind – but this did not deter 15 hardy walkers as they set out from Henstridge, sustained by tea, coffee and biscuits kindly provided at the Village Hall by the Parish Council. After 9½ miles the walkers were welcomed into Gillingham by the Mayor, Cllr Belinda Ridout. For more information about the White Hart Link (a walking route linking the five towns of North Dorset – Gillingham, Shaftesbury, Blandford Forum, Sturminster Newton, and Stalbridge (and villages between)), please e-mail Jan ([info@whitehartlink.uk](mailto:info@whitehartlink.uk))

## REPORTING BLOCKED GULLIES & DRAINS

Dorset County highways are no longer carrying out routine gully maintenance and are only clearing gullies that are blocked. With winter approaching to save big puddles and flooded roads if you see a gully that is blocked please report it on this link <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/contact-dorset-highways>. (Report An Issue ) or contact the Information Office with the closest postcode.



## NEW COMMUNITY LIBRARY WEB SITE



Take a look at the new site for all you need to know about the Community Library in Stalbridge. <http://www.stalbridgelibrary.org>

Why not join the Volunteers? If you have a passion for reading and books, and could spare 3 hours every 2 weeks, please contact Christine Peters [christineannpeters7@icloud.com](mailto:christineannpeters7@icloud.com)

## JUBLIEE PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

The play equipment at Jubilee Play Area is nearing the end of its useful life and as an interim cost saving measure one of the towers on the multiplay unit is due to be removed. The next step is to design and install new equipment. During the

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autumn the Town Council will be carrying out a consultation to find out what sort of equipment appeals to those who may use the area.

## STALBRIGHT SUNDAY FUNDAY

The Fourth annual Stalbridge Sunday Funday was hosted by 'Stalbright', on July. Throughout the event visitors were catered for with a BBQ, Bar, Pimms tent and



homemade teas, and there was a mini festival atmosphere with entertainment on the 'Spire Stage'. Stalbright would like to thank everyone who was involved and supported the event. Watch this space for the Christmas event that Stalbright will be hosting in Stalbridge. For updates see The Stalbright page on the Town Council web site. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Tracey 0193634 364276 or e-mail [clerk@stalbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stalbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk)

## HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN STALBRIDGE

During August the Town Council was consulted on three major development planning applications in Stalbridge at Lower Road, Barrow Hill and Thornhill. Information on these applications is available on the Dorset For You web site <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/planning/applications>

### STALBRIDGE INFO

The Town Council are pleased to support the Community Web site for Stalbridge. The site is a central point for information in Stalbridge, including a Community Diary for reference to events. Take a look and maybe contribute <http://www.stalbridge.info/>

**HELP NEEDED MANAGING THE STALBRIDGE NATURE RESERVE & TRAILWAY** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Morning of every month. Contact Nick Brown [dorsetcycles@btinternet.com](mailto:dorsetcycles@btinternet.com)

## MEETING DATES      AUTUMN / WINTER 2017

All meetings are at The Hub and are open to public & press. Meetings start at 7pm, when the Town Council and planning meetings are on the same night the planning meeting starts at 7pm followed by the Full Council meeting.

Planning Meetings  
Wednesday  
October 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
November 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
December 13<sup>th</sup>

Town Council Meetings & Planning meetings  
Wednesday  
October 4<sup>th</sup>  
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