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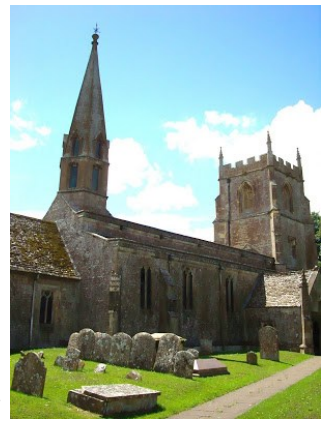


A letter from the Vicar – October 2025

Dear Friends

This coming weekend 4th & 5th October is a special weekend in the life of our local Church family. We celebrate the formation of the single Parish of The Wellspring Villages from the original, four separate parishes of each village; Liddington, Wanborough, Bishopstone and Hinton Parva, which came into effect on 1st June this year. Please join us for any or all of these celebratory events.

On Saturday 4th October we will be walking around the four churches in the what we hope will become the annual **Wellspring Pilgrim Walk**, starting at St. Andrews at 9.30am and finishing there around 4pm. It is a beautiful, varied and interesting walk of about 11 miles. Do just turn up on the morning, at any of the churches for the next leg, or at St. Andrew's for the whole way. No need to book in. Bring some waterproofs, suitable footwear, water and snacks. There will be a simple lunch at Bishopstone of soup and bread. At each of the grade 1 listed churches we will stop for a brief prayer and reflection, plus there will be information on the history of each building, bell ringing, flower displays for Harvest, a duck race at Bishopstone stream for adults and children, along with some singing from the children of Bishopstone School.



On Sunday 5th October we will be holding **The Wellspring Villages Harvest Celebration Service at All Saints, Liddington**. Do join us and bring a gift for the harvest display if you would like to. Following this there will be a **“Bring and Share Harvest Lunch” at Wanborough Village Hall** from 12.15pm onwards. If you would like to come please bring something for yourselves and something to share (sweet or a salad?).

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who would like to join us. Come to some, or all, of these celebration events. We would love to see as many of you as possible, whether you come to Sunday worship regularly, or have never attended a service at all. You are all very welcome.

On Sunday 19th October at St. Andrew's, we will be holding our annual Stewardship Sunday. This is an opportunity to reflect together on the amazing generosity of God to us in creation and redemption and look at the Christian discipline of giving back to God from all the rich provision he has poured upon us. Financial planning as individuals and as a church community is a normal and good part of the life of being a follower of Christ. Do come as we thank him for his rich provision to us and look to the needs of the future of our churches in the Parish of The Wellspring Villages.



Kind regards

Revd, Steve Paynter

Stevedpaynter@gmail.com

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Prayer:

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the living water of eternal life:
bless the union of our four village churches into one Parish.
Grant that we may know the goodness, love, grace and life-giving power of your Holy Spirit in all we are and do.
Grant us a deep oneness together in Christ Jesus and as we rejoice in each new day, so may the light of presence, set our hearts on fire with love for you now and always. **Amen.**

Church Services October 2025

For the villages of Liddington and Wanborough in The Parish of Wellspring Villages

Date	Time	Church	Service
Saturday 4 th October	9.30am	St Andrew's Church & around 4 Churches	Wellspring Pilgrim Walk
Sunday 5 th October	10.30am	All Saints', Liddington	Harvest Festival Celebration
Sunday 12 th October	10.30am	St Mary's Church, Bishopstone	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th October	10.30am	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Morning Worship
Sunday 26 th October	8.30am	St Mary's Church, Bishopstone	Book of Common Prayer Service from 1962 and Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th October	10.30am	St Swithun's Church, Hinton Parva	Morning Worship
Sunday 2 nd November	10.30am	All Saints' Liddington	Holy Communion

There are Books of Remembrance in All Saints', Liddington and St. Andrew's, Wanborough. If anyone wishes to have a name recorded there, please contact a Churchwarden.

Dates for your Diary - October 2025

Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed 1 st October	Liddington Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Liddington Village Hall
Sat 4 th & Sun 5 th October	Wellspring Villages Celebration		See poster on page 5
Mon 6 th October	Liddington Coffee Morning	10am	Liddington Village Hall
Thurs 9 th October	WI Meeting	7.30pm	Hinton Parva Village Hall
Fri 17 th October	Gardening Club Quiz	6.30pm	Bishopstone Village Hall
Sat 18 th October	Liddington Village Clear Up	9.30am	Jubilee Gardens
Sat 18 th October	Farmer's Market & Community Café	9am	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 25 th October	St Andrew's Churchyard Clean up	10am	St Andrew's Church
Sat 25 th October	Ward Councillor Surgery	9am	Wanborough Village Hall
Mon 27 th October	Wanborough Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Wanborough Village Hall

In addition to the above dates

Wanborough Coffee morning every Thursday at 10.30am at The Brewer's Arms

Wanborough Toddler Group every Tuesday at 9.30am at Wanborough Village Hall

Liddington Art Club every Friday 2-4pm at Liddington Village Hall

Freedom Church 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10.30am at Wanborough Village Hall

Save the Date - Future events in the Benefice

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thurs 27 th Nov 2025	Bishopstone Craft Fair	6pm	Bishopstone Village Hall
Sat 29 th Nov 2025	Old Boilers – Cardiff Xmas Markets Trip		Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 6 th Dec 2025	All Saints' Christmas Fayre	11am	Liddington Village Hall
Sat 16 th May 2026	Wanborough Spring Show		Foxhill
Sat 22 nd August 2026	Wanborough Show		Church Meadow

If you have a village event that you would like to advertise so that we can all save the date e-mail details to lydenmagazine@gmail.com.

. St Andrew's Church Churchyard Clear Up

The next Wanborough Churchyard Clear-up session will be from 10 am till about 12 midday on **Saturday 25th October**.

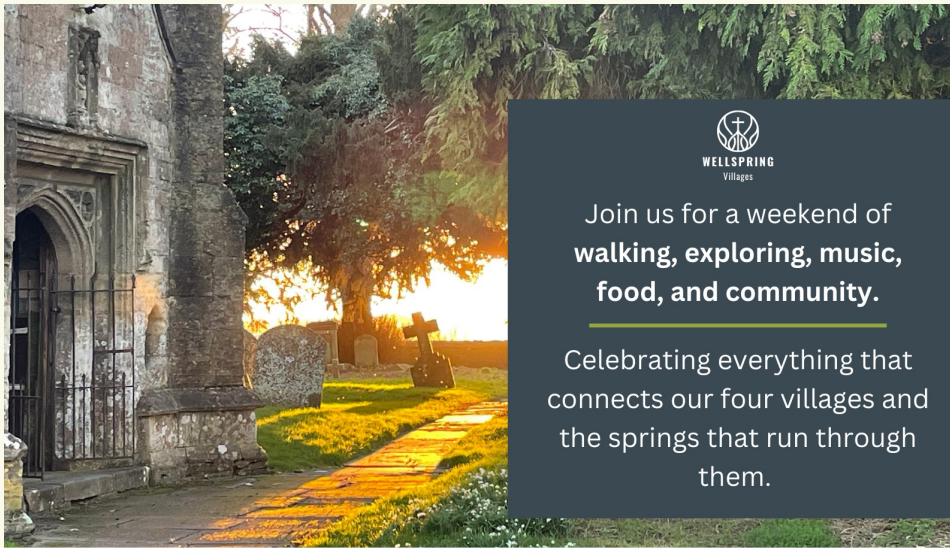
As usual, all welcome especially newcomers and children with families. There's always some ivy to control, and I shall bring a mattock to dig out sprawling elderflower which is spreading like a weed. Plenty of other light work to do too - see you there !

Dave Birley - 07989 189331



Front Cover

This month's front cover was taken by **Fi Da Silva-Adams**. A view from Church Road looking towards The Marsh, Wanborough
Please send photos that you would like to see on the front cover to - Lydenmagazine@gmail.com



Join us for a weekend of
walking, exploring, music,
food, and community.

Celebrating everything that
connects our four villages and
the springs that run through
them.



Wellspring Villages Celebration Weekend

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 October 2025

Saturday 4 October 2025

Pilgrim Walk & Village Activities

A gentle walk between our four village churches, with stops for fun activities, local history, music, and a chance to reflect on what makes our communities special. We'll carry water from each spring and use it in a shared moment at each stop.

Start: 9.30am – St Andrew's, Wanborough

• Flower & harvest displays • Local history & quiz • Display by S. Troughton

10.30am – All Saints, Lyddington

• Flower displays • Bellringing • History & quiz

12.45pm – Lunch at Bishopstone Village Hall

• Soup & bread • Plus: Duck Racing!

1.30pm – St Mary's, Bishopstone

• Flowers & harvest • Music from local children • History & quiz

2.30pm – St Swithun's, Hinton Parva

• Flowers • Music • History & quiz

4.00pm – Finish at St Andrew's

• Final gathering and harvest display

Sunday 5 October 2025

Celebration & Lunch

10.30am – All Saints, Lyddington

Harvest Celebration

A relaxed and creative gathering to celebrate the season and our villages. We'll bring together the water from all four springs in a shared moment – a symbol of unity, life, and connection. Expect music, contributions from lots of people, and a warm welcome.

12.30pm – Wanborough Village Hall

Harvest Lunch – Bring & Share!

Enjoy a friendly shared lunch – bring something along if you can.

There'll be cake, bubbly, and a few light-hearted games.

All Welcome

Come for one part or join us for the whole weekend!

Let's celebrate together the spirit, stories, and springs of our villages.

Further information about the weekend of activities can be found on the "A Church Near You" website, link below or you can scan the QR code shown above.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/05-114CL/page/95888/>

There is also a very useful pamphlet that you can download from the website that provides details of the proposed walking route and all the timings so you can decide whether you want to complete the full walk or join at one of the Churches along the route.

You can join for part of the event or join us for the whole weekend

All welcome

For more information, please contact Rev Steve Paynter at stevedpaynter@gmail.com or on 01793 296870
LYDDINGTON, WANBOROUGH, BISHOPSTONE WITH HINTON PARVA



Wanborough Farmer's Market & Community Café

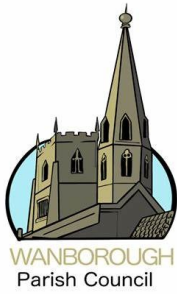
Saturday 18th October - 9am to 12 noon

The next Farmer's Market will be held on Saturday 18th October at Wanborough Village Hall. We will have many different stalls - Hinton Marsh Farm selling lovely fresh meat, Helen Browning's selling their local produce, a cake stall, bread, plus craft stalls - please come along and view everything available to you.



Community Café This month we will be raising money for **AIM RDA (Riding for the Disabled)**, join us at the Village Hall from 9am for tea, coffee and a lovely selection of cakes.





Wanborough Parish Council – Meeting Summary (3rd September 2025)

An extraordinary meeting of the Wanborough Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025, at Hoopers Field, chaired by Cllr Kathy Glanville. The meeting covered a wide range of local matters, from community grant applications to important developments in sports facilities.

Public Engagement and Community Matters

Residents raised concerns regarding the hedge cutting in Rodway Open Space, which will be reported to Swindon Borough Council, the landowner. A question was also raised about whether the damaged Rodway sculpture would be repaired. The Parish Council confirmed that a repair quote has been received and will be reviewed at the upcoming Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotment Committee on 6th October. In the meantime, the statue will be made safe. Residents are encouraged to share their views on whether public funds should be used for the repair—look out for more details in future issues of Lyden.

Cricket Nets Investment Approved

The highlight of the meeting was the detailed discussion around the installation of new cricket nets at Hoopers Field, a project championed by Wanborough Cricket Club (WCC). Following a comprehensive funding plan and discussion, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to pledge up to £10,000 from earmarked s106 funds, subject to key conditions:

- Procurement rules must be followed.
- The nets must be accessible to all Wanborough residents in a safe and managed way.
- WCC will provide a clear access strategy and contribute an additional £2,250 to cover a funding shortfall.
- Income from external users should be reinvested into maintenance.
- A fixed-price contract will be sought to minimise cost overruns.
- Annual maintenance planning must be implemented.
- The clerking team will support WCC in establishing systems for resident access, income generation, and ongoing management.

Parish Staffing Updates

The Council welcomed the appointment of Laura Evans as the new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). Her appointment follows recommendations from the Staffing Committee and was unanimously approved.

Laura brings a wealth of clerking experience to the role. Some of you may recognise her, particularly if you are a Liddington resident as Laura is also the Parish Clerk for Liddington.

Please join us in welcoming Laura as our new Clerk.

Hoopers Field Cleaning

The Council also approved a deep clean of the Hoopers Field Pavilion. This is taking place in October and will cover the main hall, changing rooms and kitchen area.

Village Maintenance

Wanborough Parish Council continues to prioritise the upkeep of the village, with particular focus on footpaths, hedges, and green spaces. Residents are reminded that while the Parish Council is responsible for maintaining certain areas, other spaces—including some footpaths and hedgerows—fall under the remit of Swindon Borough Council or private landowners. To address a backlog of tasks, the Council has approved an increase in All Build's maintenance hours through to the end of October. This will ensure that key areas are cleared, overgrown hedges trimmed, and footpaths kept safe and accessible for walkers and families. If you notice an issue with a specific path or public space, please report it to the Parish Clerk so it can be reviewed and directed to the appropriate authority.

Community Grant Approvals

Two local initiatives received unanimous support through grant funding:

- St Andrews Church Grounds Maintenance: Awarded £1,500, recognising the value of the space to local residents, particularly walkers.
- Toddler Group Library: Received £200 to support the creation of a pop-up children's library, encouraging early literacy and community engagement.

Next Steps: Residents are encouraged to engage with the Parish Council through upcoming meetings and consultations, particularly on local investments and community projects.

For more updates or to get involved, please visit the Wanborough Parish Council website.

Have Your Say: Rodway Sculpture Repair

The Parish Council is currently considering whether to fund the repair of the damaged sculpture in Rodway Open Space. A quote has been received and will be reviewed at the Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotment Committee meeting on 6th October 2025.

Before any decision is made, we want to know what you—the residents of Wanborough—think.

- Should public funds be used to restore the sculpture?
- Do you see value in preserving this piece of public art?
- Would you support a community-led fundraising initiative instead?

Tell Us What You Think:

Email your views to: clerk@wanborough.info

Deadline for feedback: Friday, 24th October 2025

Your opinion matters—help shape the future of your community space!

Dates for your diary:

Footpaths & Maintenance Committee Meeting – 6 October 2025

Hoopers Field Committee Meeting – 13 October 2025

Full Council Meeting – 27 October 2025

Agendas will be published prior to the meeting and will confirm venue and start times.



Your Ridgeway Borough Councillor update from Gary Sumner

Our next Ridgeway Ward Surgery is 9-10am 25th October at Wanborough Village Hall.

New Eastern Villages Schools: I have had a further meeting with the Chief Executive of Swindon Borough Council that she acknowledged that in the absence of government funding SBC have placed the subject of schools in the New Eastern Villages on the council 'Risk Register' and they will have to start considering Plan B.

Local Plan: The 'Regulation 18' consultation on the New Local Plan was published on the 1st September for a 6-week public consultation, closing 13th October.

Link to see the draft plan & proposed sites <https://www.swindon.gov.uk/newlocalplan>

How to send your comments:

- **Online:** Complete the representation form on our engagement portal. This is the Council's preferred way to receive comments.
- **Email:** Download and complete the representation form and email it to SwindonLocalPlan2043@swindon.gov.uk
- **Post:** The Council prefers to receive comments electronically by the methods above. However, if you are unable to do this, you can post your comments or form to:
 - Planning Policy Team, 5th Floor, Swindon Borough Council, Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon SN1 2JH

Why comment? Well, we should be asking that 'greater protection' is given to the Area of Non-Coalescence to make it really effective.

Wanborough Road update: I met with the Streetworks manager to discuss what to expect over the coming months. Although no permits are currently issued, it is anticipated that works will be carried out from Covingham end working back to Lotmead under two way lights from October/November. It is not anticipated that there will be any road closure.

Liddington: Following my initial request and introduction, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust continue to work with the Parish Council and village Working Party to plan for approximately 675m of hedging and trees to the side of Purley Road.

Redlands Grove: I met with the Managing Director of Bellway South West together with our MP Danny Kruger and my colleague Matt Hinton. Landscaping and planting works will start in October – once this is completed there will be a further audit of outstanding works together with 'A Dandy Wren' (management company). The subject of play areas was discussed. At this time they don't have an alternative site for their compound – I have asked that they look at delivering some of the other 4/5 open spaces in the meantime. Residents have asked about the shop in the village centre. This must be delivered by the 300th occupation. It is currently advertised but there has been little interest at this stage. 20mph signs have been agreed with SBC.

Please call me on 07855957133 or email: gary@ridgewayvillages.co.uk

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Lyden Magazine

If you would like to submit an article to be included in next month's Lyden, then please e-mail your contribution to the Lyden by the 14th of the month prior to the publication month (by 14th October for November's magazine).

Lydenmagazine@gmail.com We are always keen to hear from you.

Liddington Parish Council

There were several topics of discussion at the September Parish Council meeting. Here are the highlights. Full details can be found in the minutes available on the Parish Council website.

Planning Application for 37 The Street

We reviewed the planning application for 37 The Street and discussed the concerns of the residents who attended the meeting. We have submitted an objection to the application as we do not believe it is an appropriate building for The Street. We believe the previous approved application from 2015 would be a much more appropriate house. We have asked that the application goes to Planning Committee for review if SBC are minded to approve it.

Footpaths and Planting

Maurice Spillane updated the meeting on the progress made by the Footpaths and Planting team. The Parish Council are delighted with the work completed and are grateful to everyone involved. We approved funds for planting bulbs along the verge at the entrance to the village on Purley Road coming up from Commonhead.

We have also reported the blocked drains nearer Commonhead to SBC in the hope they will come and clear them to reduce the flooding after heavy rain.

Village Clean-Up – Saturday 18 October 2025

Our next Village Clean-Up is on Saturday 18th October from 9.30am to 11.30am. We will meet at Jubilee Gardens at 9.30am. Materials will be provided. There will be refreshments at The Village Inn afterwards.

Councillor Vacancies

We are delighted that Simon Hayter has joined the Parish Council. We still have a couple of vacancies for councillors. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to understand more about the role or are interested in joining us.

In Closing....

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 October 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend. Please note that the section where the public can speak is to be held at 7.30pm. Alternatively if you would like to raise an issue or ask a question, please contact the Clerk via parishclerk@liddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Laura Evans, Clerk to Liddington Parish Council

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Swindon New Eastern Villages pumping station

On the 17th July 2025, Thames Water held a presentation & drop in event at Coleview Community Centre in relation to the work they have just started on Merlin Way in Covingham to build a new pumping station. Thames Water are also building two new rising main sewer pipes. This work forms a key part of the drainage strategy for the New Eastern Villages (NEV) development. The NEV is located east of the A419 and these upgrades are essential to meet the increased demand from the new development. It was a very informative drop in session providing details about their work, why the pumping station was needed, their timetable and planned road closures. This presentation would have been useful if held in Wanborough as this work also has an impact on residents in Wanborough but for some reason this has not happened.

Below is a map of the proposed work.



- Long rising main
- Short rising main
- TPS location
- Work area for new wastewater pumping station

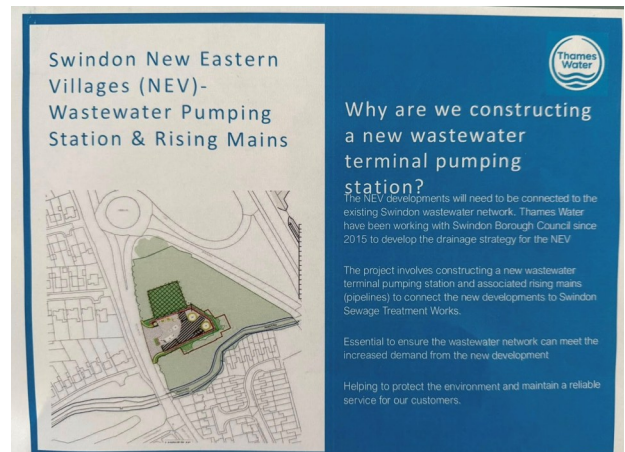
A new pumping station and rising main is an important piece of infrastructure needed for the new dwellings being built within the New Eastern Villages. There have been a number of delays, mainly due to Thames Water having to find an alternative site to what was originally agreed. The development site at Redlands has temporarily been connected to Wanborough sewage plant, with Thames Water confirming that there is a limit to the capacity. The current preliminary date for completion of the Merlin Way site is summer 2027. A question was raised regarding what will happen to the wastewater for all the houses currently being built at Lotmead. Thames Water were not able to answer this question other than the fact that they have not been given approval to connect to Wanborough sewage plant. Further details can be found on Thames Water website:-

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/about-us/projects/improvements-in-your-area/swindon-new-eastern-villages>

Thames Water Programme Milestones

Preliminary Dates - Subject to Change

Start on Site - Traffic management on Merlin Way	16th June 2025
Terminal Pumping Station (TPP) Construction start	Autumn 2025
Long Rising Main Construction Start	Autumn 2025
Short Rising Main Construction	Spring 2026
Road Closures on Merlin Way & Covingham Drive	Spring - Summer 2026
Planned construction complete	Summer 2027



Swindon Borough Council - Local Plan 2043 Regulation 18 Consultation

The emerging Local Plan 2043 is now open for Regulation 18 consultation. This gives residents, landowners and other stakeholders the chance to comment on proposals for development up to 2043. Swindon Borough Council are also running an additional call for sites alongside this consultation. The Regulation 18 consultation details on how to take part are below.

The consultation runs for six weeks, from Monday, **1 September 2025 to Monday, 13 October 2025**, closing at 11.59pm.

The Regulation 18 consultation stage is the first of two statutory consultation stages for the Local Plan. This stage gives you the opportunity to comment on all proposed policies and the emerging evidence base.

Engagement sessions:

Swindon Borough Council are holding some engagement sessions. These are drop-in sessions where you can speak to officers from the Local Plan team. There is no need to pre-register:-

- **Date:** Thursday, 2 October 2025
- **Time:** 3.45pm to 5.45pm
- **Location:** [Moredon Sporting Hub](#), Cheney Manor Industrial Estate, Swindon SN2 2QJ
- **Date:** Monday, 6 October 2025
- **Time:** 5.00pm to 7.00pm
- **Location:** [Ellendune Community Centre](#), Barrett Way, Wroughton, Swindon SN4 9LW

More information is available to view on Swindon Borough Council's website:-

www.swindon.gov.uk/newlocalplan

The information includes a full copy of the proposed plan, evidence base, sites allocated for development, sites put forward for development but have been rejected, maps, etc.

The main development allocation near Wanborough is the New Eastern Villages (NEV). In SBC's Local Plan to 2026 the number of dwelling allocated within the NEV totalled 8,000. The proposed new Local Plan to 2043 now allocates a total of 9,389 an increase of 1,389; some of this increase is closer to South Marston but the rest must be in other areas. There is a map with all the sites marked on it which can be downloaded from SBC's website, but it is difficult to accurately see exactly where the increase has been allocated to. To download the map go to SBC's website (address shown above) or scan the QR code below. A list of the site allocations in the new Local Plan is shown in the table above.

The "Area on Non Coalescence", a policy to protect land between Wanborough and NEV from development, is still included in the new Local Plan.

How to send your comments to Swindon Borough Council (SBC):

- **Online:** Complete the representation form on the engagement portal (on SBC's website) This is the Council's preferred way to receive comments.
- **Email:** Download and complete the representation form (Word document) and email it to SwindonLocalPlan2043@swindon.gov.uk
- **Post:** The Council prefers to receive comments electronically by the methods above. However, if you are unable to do this, you can post your comments or form to:

Planning Policy Team, 5th Floor, Swindon Borough Council, Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon SN1 2JH



SGL 02 – New Eastern Villages: new sites and rolled over parcels

REG 18 site allocation ref	Site name	SLAA site cross ref	Suggested use(s)	Gross site area (ha)	Indicative constrained residential yield	Supply category
18-011	Land to the west of South Marston	s0111 – Thornhill Industrial Estate s0112 – Crown Timber Site	Residential	7.53 ha	128	New site allocation
18-012	Land at Meadow Cottage	s0523 – Land within Meadow Cottage	Residential	0.61 ha	16	New site allocation
18-013	Great Stall West	s0001 – Land adjacent to Symmetry Park s0440 – Great Stall West	Residential + retention of retail + transitional industrial land	44.9 ha	700	Land parcel rolled over from Local Plan 2026
18-014	Upper Lotmead	s0565 – Upper Lotmead	Residential	39.83 ha	850	Land parcel rolled over from Local Plan 2026
18-039	South Marston and Rowborough	S0373 – Land at	Residential-led mixed use		2,380	Pipeline commitment
		Marston and Rowborough S0556 – The Quest				
18-040	Great Stall East and Lotmead	S0439 – Lotmead and Lower Lotmead	Residential-led mixed use		4,050	Pipeline commitment
18-041	Green Land	S0371 – Green Land	Residential		275	Land parcel rolled over from Local Plan 2026
18-042	Foxbridge Village	S0372 – Peplow Land S0442 – Foxbridge South	Residential-led mixed use		540	Pipeline commitment
18-043	Redlands Village		Residential		450	Pipeline commitment & land parcel rolled over from Local Plan 2026



Everything is possible – with a “Can Do” group



Where would we be without Volunteers in our communities. It's a long list. We added to that list in Liddington a few months ago.

Access to the village wasn't good. Overgrown bush and nettles, broken fences, litter from passing cars, a dumping ground that was embarrassing, especially when we'd visitors.

We launched a WhatsApp group and it was like the pop of a champagne cork. We'd twenty-five volunteers within hours, ready to swing a pick-axe, manage a strimmer, wield a hedge-cutter. Liddington's Own, First Battalion, and in action within days.



Our focus was the left side of Purley Road to Commonhead Roundabout. Two teenagers on separate winter days had a near-death on that fast road as there was no footpath. We cut a zig-zag walkway for a quick win.



We cut back overgrowth and demolished the ugly broken fences, exposed trees, beautiful boughs of oak,

elm, maple hidden for decades. We renovated that strip, like a welcoming embrace that gave the village a lift.

We collected litter weekly and strangely it seems beauty and order deterred even the litter louts. Our objectives, a path and reduced litter, were slowly being met.

The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, wonderful people, who agreed to fund an English hedge 675m along the road and fruit trees in the gap near the village. Our village farmers, Jon and Ben Peploe, offered to dig the trench for the hedge. The Parish Council funded 3,000 bulbs for Spring colour.

Everyone in the village can contribute now by growing wild flowers from seed to mature plugs in greenhouses and on window sills.

And the Volunteers! They've been amazing, a silent cohort of hard workers, men and women, out there in teams in sweltering Summer heat. We've made new friendships and brought quiet people to the fore. The project has had so many positives, so many.



You can see more of the Volunteers at work on www.liddington.org/can-do a historical record for future generations. Grandma and Granddad at work in the 2020s . . . !

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Spooky Tours at The Merchant's House, Marlborough

A Date for Your Diary... If You Dare! Spooky Fun For Half-Term. Step into a world of creepy surprises on our Spooky Tour – perfect for brave explorers! Creep through the witches kitchen (don't worry, they're out shopping for broom polish!). Keep your eyes peeled for low-flying bats on a secret mission and see if you can spot the hidden pumpkins tucked away in the most unexpected places!

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Tuesday 28 October - Saturday 1 November, 10am - 4pm (last entry at 3pm)
Tickets: £11 (Under 18s & Historic House Members FREE)

Turn up on the day or book in advance at <https://themerchantshouse.co.uk/event/spooky-tours/>



Bishopstone & Hinton Parva WI - 1954 to 2025 - 71 Years

Our WI celebrated its 71st birthday in September. The original inaugural meeting was held in Bishopstone village hall on September 25th 1954. There were 19 members at that time; numbers have fluctuated over the years but we currently have over 50 members. Our September party was a joint celebration, as the national WI is celebrating its 110th birthday this year. The first WI meeting in the UK was held on 16th September 1915. The organization was originally set up with two aims: to revitalize rural communities and to encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War. The national WI role has evolved over the years, but it now maintains its independence from political parties or institutions, whilst continuing to campaign on issues affecting women.

This birthday event was celebrated with a party in Bishopstone village hall. Original plans were to hold a picnic and play outdoor games, however, it became apparent that the lovely warm summer evenings we'd experienced over most of the summer were not going to last into September. Plans were rapidly changed to an indoor venue, so that we could enjoy a delicious buffet meal and play games inside. The food was supplied by all the members, and we were also treated to a wonderful pavlova birthday cake made in the shape of 110 to celebrate the national WI birthday.

The evening was enjoyed by all who attended, and the original founding members of the WI would have been proud to see how successful the WI organization still is 110 years later!

Our next meeting will be held in Hinton Parva village hall, where Jeremy Holt will talk to us about *Life as a Lancaster Pilot in WW2*. Doors open at 7pm and the meeting begins at 7.30.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining our WI please e mail Jan Chapple: janatwan@icloud.com



WANBOROUGH TENNIS CLUB

Autumn is approaching but the tennis club continues to offer a wide range of opportunities throughout the Autumn and Winter to suit all levels and ages.

New members are always welcome so do take a look at the website if you're interested in joining. All the information is here: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WanboroughTennisClub/Membership/Join>. (or scan the QR code). We are looking forward to seeing past, present and new members on court.

Exciting news for the diary : We are holding a Halloween party on Friday 31st October for four to eleven year olds from 10am to 11.30am. £10 for members, £12 for non members. Fancy dress is welcome and there will be games, prizes and plenty of fun ! Please contact Becky for further information.

And a reminder of other activities on offer:

Becky's new term of group coaching sessions is now underway so do contact her if you are interested in joining or check the website. She also offers excellent one to one coaching sessions.

We have a range of social sessions throughout the week which everyone is welcome to join. These include rusty rackets on a Sunday afternoon, and social tennis on Friday evening and Sunday morning.

Walking Tennis. For those returning to tennis after injury, or anyone wanting a slower pace of tennis, walking tennis might be just the thing for you.

Winter League Matches are due to commence early October, with the A team matches playing at home on Thursday evening and B team matches playing at home on Saturday afternoons. For a winter league match team is made up of 2 ladies & 2 men, playing 2 sets mixed and then 2 sets either men's or woman's. If you are interested in playing please contact Angela or Gordon as team captains.

Currently there is a regular informal session at 2pm on Thursday. To join a session or find out more please contact Mel on the Clubspark Club contact form.

And finally **Pay and Play** is always available to non members. £15 per court.



Old Boilers News

Our congratulations go to Kate Wright and the Burj Indian Restaurant at Foxhill, for organising a fund-raising Monday curry night for the Prospect Hospice.

With a £200 donation from the Old Boilers, the event raised a total of £550.

Have you booked your coach seats yet for the Old Boilers 'jolly day out' at Cardiff Christmas Market?

Leaving the Village Hall / New Calley Arms at 8 am Saturday 29th November and departing from Cardiff at 5 pm.

£10 + booking fee, this is an Old Boilers subsidised event. Visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-old-boilers



Wanborough Petanque Club

We have been busy over the last few months with many different matches, social sessions and coaching from our highly experienced coach Lee Herring.

Our club is affiliated with Pétanque England and if you would like to join the please email Mark using following email address: treasurer@wanboroughpc.co.

The yearly subs are **£20 for a single player** and **£40 for all members of a household**. If you could please pay using the bank details below and enter your name as the reference.

Bank details as follows : Wanborough Pétanque Club , 50784386 , 23-05-80.

Our most recent match was a cup match against Weston Super Mare at our home venue at Hooper's Field. The match included three doubles games and two triple games (min of 6 players). A few pictures are shown from the event.

We are aiming to hold a fundraising event soon, possibly a quiz, details to follow. The funds will be used to purchase some seating for around the terrain.

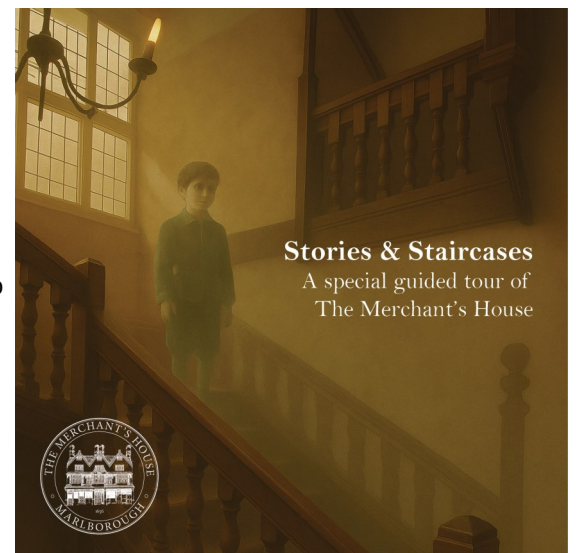


Stories & Staircases – Shadows & Whispers from The Merchant's House 28th – 31 October 2025

For over 300 years, this remarkable house has watched over Marlborough's High Street. Take this very special opportunity to step inside...

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For more information and to book online visit: <https://themerchantshouse.co.uk/events/list/page/2/>



Bishopstone Circular Walk

The walk this month begins in the neighbouring village of Bishopstone.

The walk takes you up through Bishopstone Coombes onto The Ridgeway and the North Wessex Downs National Landscape. There are some amazing views at the top and it is well worth the walk.

It's around 4 1/2 miles long with some uphill walking, but no stiles and walking shoes are recommended.

Please keep dogs on a lead where there is livestock.

There is a lovely pub in Bishopstone—The Royal Oak—which is a great place for refreshments either before or after the walk and can also give you somewhere to park.

Directions - (Map 1) Starting from the front of the Royal Oak pub walk towards the main road junction, turn right and walk along next to the pond. At the edge of the pond turn left along the tarmac track. Turn left into The City, follow this footpath round and across a stream. Follow the path past the cottages until you reach the main road. Turn right towards Russley Downs, up Nell Hill.

(Map 2) Follow the gravel footpath that soon becomes a narrow grass path (can sometimes get muddy during the winter). Follow the path until you reach a kissing gate.

Head across the pasture (there can be sheep in this field), keeping to the left and then bear left again up the valley (Bishopstone Coombes).

At the top of the Coombes go through the gate and turn left onto The Ridgeway. This is a good point to look back at the view down Bishopstone Coombes

Walk along the Ridgeway until you reach the crossroads with Idstone Hill.

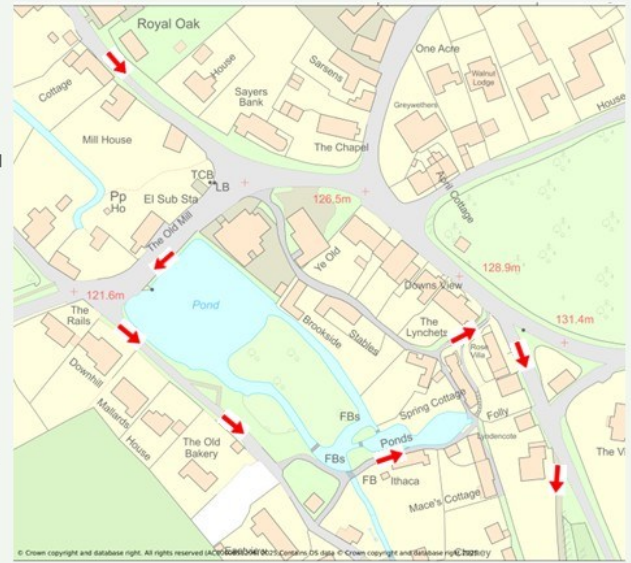
Turn left down the road towards Idstone. At the bottom of the hill continue down into Idstone, turning right when you reach the second road junction.

Near the end of the village road there is a footpath on the left through a farm, continue ahead with the farm buildings to the right and walk along the footpath across the field.

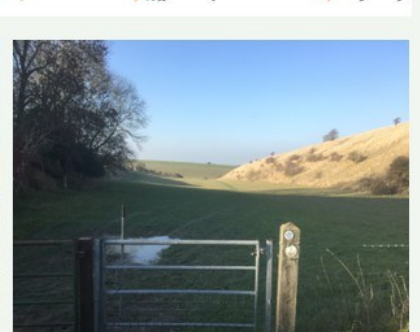
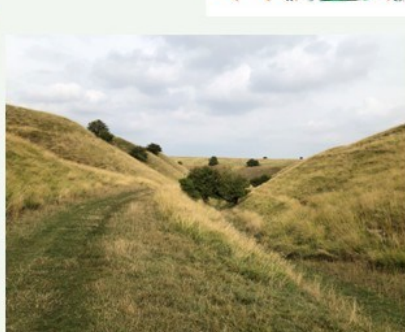
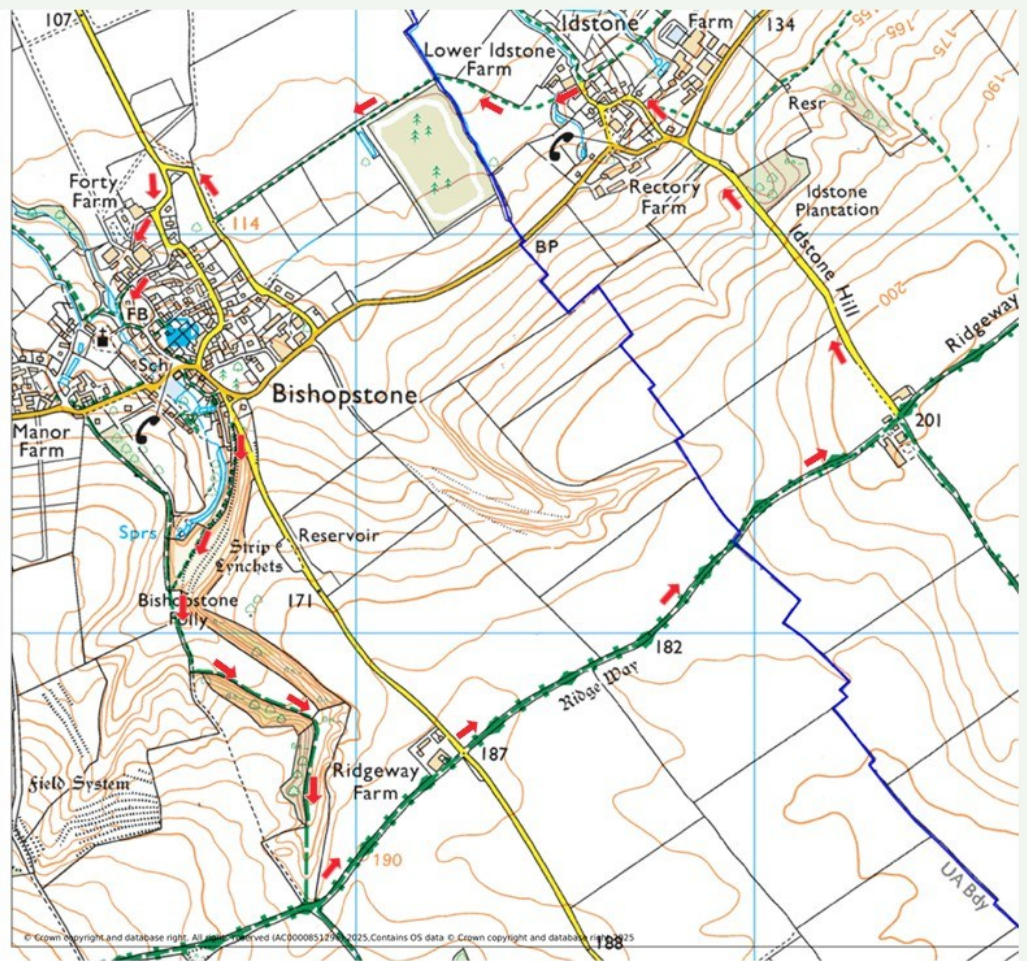
Follow the footpath across the fields back towards Bishopstone. Turn right when you reach the village lane, then left, and follow the road through the village back to the pub.

Enjoy

Map 1



Map 2





Wanborough Show 2025- Children's section.

I am thrilled to report another fantastic year for the Children's section of Wanborough Show. We had an incredible 320 entries this year, making it our strongest year since covid. In fact, we needed to add a whole new panel to the Green tent this year to accommodate the quantity of entries for both

the Green tent and Children's Section! This wonderful quantity of artwork and creative writing is only possible with the support of our local parents, children, school, nursery and children's groups. I would like to extend my thanks to all the private entries, Wanborough Primary School, Poplars Nursery and Wanborough Toddlers for taking part in the show categories this year.

I extend my thanks again to Wanborough Primary School for contributing to our annual cover competition, which creates the stunning artwork featured on the front of the show programme each year. A tradition that we hope runs for years to come.

Every year organising this section is another learning experience for me, and next year I would love to continue the leaps forward we have made by strengthening the relations we have with our local groups and schools to encourage more children to get involved with our wide range of categories. I would love to get more local children's groups involved. If you run one, or are part of one, please get in touch so we can get you involved.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask for your help and input. If you have any ideas for categories, things we can do to improve, or any other feedback please share this with me or Sue Ripley. I would also love to partner with someone next year to help me run the Children's section on show day. If you have the time to volunteer for the Children's section next year, please do get in touch.

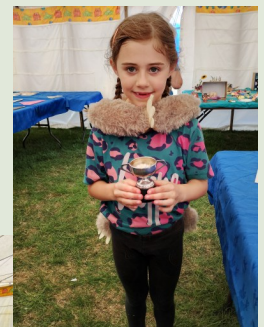
We hope with the expansion of entries and interest in the children's section that we can invest and improve on our resources for the coming years. We are looking at refreshing our wall hangings, displays and trophies soon.

Here's to next year and another fantastic show.

Beth Hoye.

There was a fantastic array of entries on display this year - Well done to this year's trophy winners

Category	Name of Recipient
Highest Points – Baby - Reception	Lydia Gould
Highest Points – Key Stage 1	Lucy Morgan
Highest Points – Early Key Stage 2	Ava Tuck
Highest Points – Late Key Stage 2	Ruby Bizley
Highest Points – 11+	Ayda Drury
Highest Points – Under 18	Daisy Patterson
Highest Points Overall	Daisy Patterson
Janine Brown Award for Effort and Participation in Wanborough Show	Ava Tuck





Wanborough Show - S A Glorious Sunny

A big thank you to everyone who attended and made the Wanborough Show a success. It was hot but luckily it was warm and not as hot as expected. It was lovely and just having a great time.

The Bar and Tea tent both did a great trade, with many enjoying G

This year in the main arena we had some new entertainment shows (including a Sheep show and Mighty Smith strong man show. As always Razzar (back next year) and our regular entertainment from the Classic Cars, M... Band provided some lovely music as everyone arrived and in between the different main arena shows again for you.

We decided not to have the fairground attractions this year and instead to take enjoy, with thanks to our sponsors - The Old Boilers for sponsoring the Climbing Wall, and Primary Homes & Lettings for sponsoring the Flower & Produce entertainment in these tough times and great to see how popular the climbing wall was with their children away from the climbing wall because they wanted to stay to maintain prices for the 3rd year in succession. The money raised went to the Scouts and Wanborough Scouts, who worked tirelessly all day.

The Flower & Produce Tent had 500 entries this year, with many new entries. A list of all those who won the special awards shown below. All prizes were given out.

The Vehicle Display drew many admiring comments, and the variety of cars on display again this year and we were very pleased with the support from the public.

Ken's marvellous Dog Show had 170 entries on the day, a very popular attraction.

A big thank you for everyone's support, we have received great feedback from the road, which there is little we can do about however hard we try. The entrance process which seemed to work quite well and prevented any congestion.

We are a small committee who work tirelessly behind the scenes but we need you to help on the day as we couldn't do this without you. We will be very grateful if the committee please get in contact with us. We are still looking for a new Chair, contact details at the back of this magazine.

A Big well done to all our



	Special Award	Criteria for
1	Loveday and Loveday Perpetual Challenge Cup	Highest points
2	Jack Newson Perpetual Challenge Cup	2 nd highest points
3	Greatfield Nurseries Cup	Best entry in show
4	N.J. Dowden Perpetual Challenge Plate	Best vegetable
5	Wanborough Herb Nursery Perpetual Challenge Cup	Best herb collection
6	Ashley Roberts Perpetual Challenge Cup	Best flower in show
7	F.R. Payne Memorial Cup	Best roses on show
8	C.J. Hymers Perpetual Challenge Cup	Best dahlia exhibit
9	Roy Kent Memorial Challenge Plate	Highest points
10	Jean Kent Plate	Best vase of plants
11	Jack Smith Trophy	Contribution to show
12	St Andrews Flower Club Trophy	Best exhibit in show
13	Wanborough Show Cookery Challenge Shield	Highest points
14	Church Meadow Perpetual Challenge Trophy	2 nd highest points
15	Trish Emms Perpetual Challenge Plate	Best exhibit in show
16	Wanborough Cake Trophy	Best fruit cake
17	Jubilee Perpetual Challenge Trophy	Best exhibit in show
18	J R Bell Perpetual Challenge Cup	Best exhibit in show

aturday 16th August 2025

y Day, Enjoyed by All



ough Show such a fabulous day out. Forecast was due to be
ely to see so many people, laughing, chatting and catching up

ilmore and Jazz keeping them entertained in the tent.

ys which seemed to be well received by all ages. Bob Hoggs
mataz was a great hit with the children (they will be back
pped and Morris Dancers were popular as always. The Steel
een each arena show. Next year we will be planning some

stead had some additional inflatables that were free for all to
oring the Helter Skelter, Bovis Homes for sponsoring the
ootball Darts. It is lovely being able to provide free
they were. I did hear of one parent more or less dragging
them to see more of the show.... We were pleased to be able
d from the Car Parking will be donated to the Swindon Scouts,

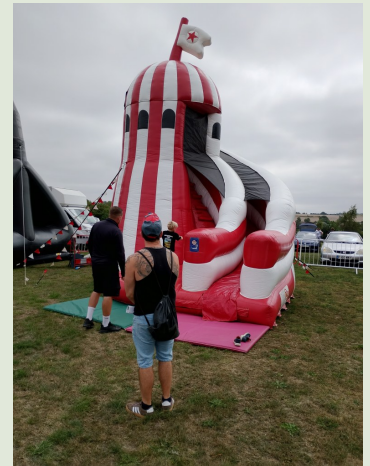
ew people entering for their first time, which is great to see.
roduce remaining was auctioned off at the end of the show.

ehicles on parade in the central arena went down well
e volunteers on the day.

ular show with many talented and cute dogs on display.

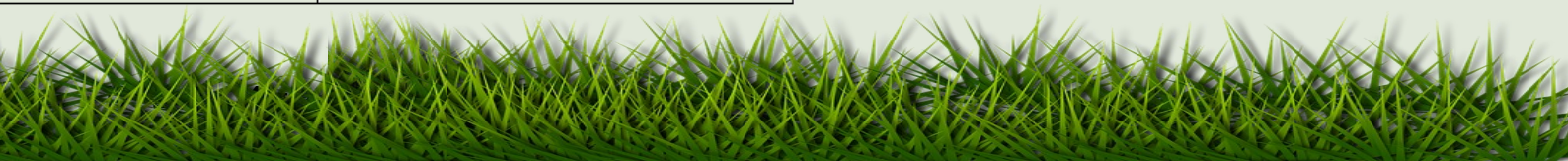
edback and apart from the usual issue of people parking on
y, overall it has been a great year. This year we altered the
a backlog of cars backing up on Church Road.

ut we do appreciate everyone who puts themselves forward
back again next year, if you would like to join our small
new Vice Chairman with the view to shadowing the current



Special Award Winners

Award	Name of recipient
s in AB&C	Freddie Day
oints in AB&C	Jon Raymond
ections A, B or C	Freddie Day
e in show	Freddie Day
ection	Karen Hawkins
show	Sue Ripley
sweet peas	Sue Ripley
hibit	Richard Napper
s in Section C	Karen MacGregor
erennial flowers	Liz Bone
to the Wanborough Show	Barry Hillier on Behalf of the old boilers
n floral art	Caroline Blakeley c/o Penny Hill
s in cookery	Romo Forbes
oints in cookery	Liz Leckie
n cookery	Karen MacGregor
e in show	Angela Raymond
n arts & crafts (excl photos):	Emma Parkin
om a New Exhibitor	Emma Parkin



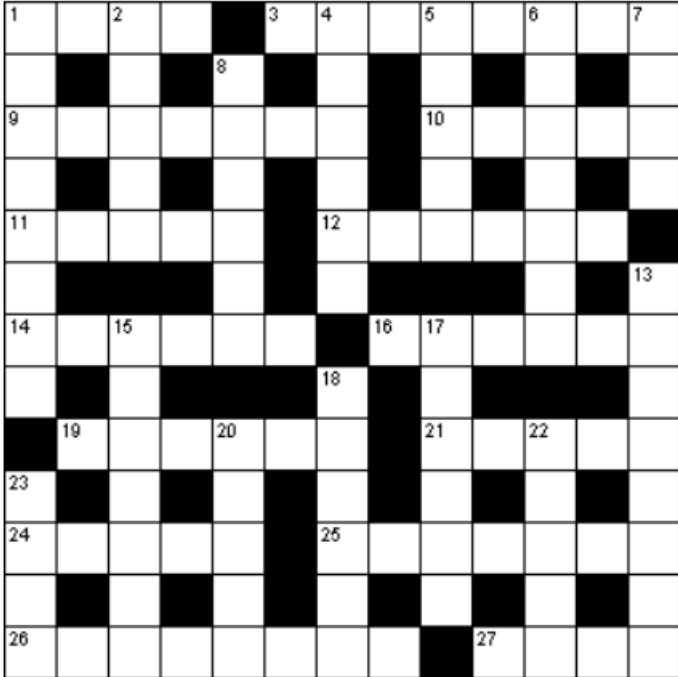
Puzzle of the Month - October 2025

We are pleased to confirm that **The Brewer's Arms** Pub have agreed to sponsor the "Puzzle of the month" for 2025 and are offering a £25 Amazon voucher to the winning person each month. Please complete the puzzle below, take a picture of your answers and send them to Lydenmagazine@gmail.com by **14th October 2025**. In the event of more than 1 correct answer received, the winner will be drawn out of a hat - good luck!

Winner and answers will be provided in next month's Lyden



This month's puzzle is a cryptic crossword



Across

- 1 Stick held by African explorer (4)
- 3 Being most dilatory, I started afresh (8)
- 9 Draw animal, filling in only half (7)
- 10 Unexpected defeat for group at university? (5)
- 11 Wireless announcement in port (5)
- 12 No longer bound to get involved in duet (6)
- 14 Be back in time for discussion (6)
- 16 Collect James the actor (6)
- 19 Nut cracked for old man (6)
- 21 Cheers! Old man's providing food in bar (5)
- 24 Means to rebuild minister's house (5)
- 25 Divert public besieged by soldiers twice (7)
- 26 A key adviser somewhere in Australia (8)
- 27 Biblical king finally lacking as leading man (4)

Down

- 1 Pass over Oregon and notice nothing in state (8)
- 2 Famous saw (5)
- 4 Refuge unknown in a squalid district (6)
- 5 Cow kept by aged auntie (5)
- 6 Oriental festival on the first of November (7)
- 7 Carry child on back of bike (4)
- 8 Arrange roster for holiday location (6)
- 13 Do well with old Shakespearean duke (8)
- 15 Rest that's essential for tightrope-walker? (7)
- 17 Dress that makes a heartless tyrant rage (6)
- 18 A party radical is revered (6)
- 20 Character from Greece, part of a fearsome gang (5)
- 22 Hands, we hear, hesitate (5)
- 23 Outer Mongolia supports Forster or Austen novel (4)



Solutions for September's puzzle

9	1	8	2	5	4	6	3	7
6	4	5	9	7	3	1	2	8
3	2	7	6	1	8	4	9	5
2	7	1	3	4	5	8	6	9
8	9	4	1	2	6	5	7	3
5	6	3	8	9	7	2	4	1
7	3	6	4	8	1	9	5	2
1	5	9	7	6	2	3	8	4
4	8	2	5	3	9	7	1	6

Well done to everyone who submitted correct answers. Winner was drawn out of a hat. If you didn't win this month please try again!



The Brewer's Arms

Our outside play area is now complete so come and see us and let the children have some fun outside while the adults enjoy a catch up!

Our main menu is now available for takeaway, collection and delivery to Wanborough and Redlands is available.

Finally, our offer of the month is a special pizza which will change weekly and cocktail for only £13.95 (eating in only available Wednesday and Thursday evening)

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Bishopstone and District Gardening Club

Climate Change and Gardening: Insights from Claire Mitchel

We were delighted to welcome members and supporters of the Bishopstone and District Garden Club to our September meeting, where we enjoyed an engaging and thought-provoking presentation by Claire Mitchel, widely known as *The Garden Editor*. Her talk on **Climate Change and Gardening** offered a timely reminder that our gardens are not immune to the shifting climate—and that we, as gardeners, have a vital role to play.

Claire Mitchell is a horticulturist with a professional background in climate change and renewable energy. She has a strong eye for design, a passion for living sustainably and a belief that gardening is for everyone, regardless of skills, ability and background.

She runs The Garden Editor, a sustainable gardening and design service to improve people's gardens, without costing the earth. She studied at Sparsholt College and the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh. She is also a founder director of a community-owned renewable energy co-operative and a trustee of the Chartered Institute of Horticulturists. Claire opened with some sobering statistics about climate change and its projected impact on our landscapes. While the data can be difficult to digest, three clear trends emerged:

- Hotter, drier summers
- Warmer, wetter winters
- More extreme weather events—floods, high winds, and storms

These changes will affect everything from plant selection to soil health, and Claire encouraged us to become more curious and discerning about the materials we use. For example, vermiculite and perlite—commonly used in potting mixes—require fossil fuels for their production. More sustainable alternatives like crumbled cork or crushed whelk shells offer a better circular economy and are worth exploring.

We also examined our reliance on peat, which grew from the popularity of containerised planting and nursery-grown plants. Claire reminded us that peat bogs are precious ecosystems, forming at just 1mm per year and offering greater carbon sequestration than tree planting. Preserving them is essential. She recommended **Melcourt Sylvagrow** as a high-quality, peat-free compost and urged us to be selective when choosing planting mediums.



Responsible Gardening Tips from Claire:

- **Ask questions:** When plants are labelled “responsibly grown,” ask if they were grown in peat.
- **Challenge plastic use:** Why aren't plant pots recyclable? Try returning them to the nursery to raise awareness.
- **Choose bare root plants:** These are increasingly available and offer a lower-impact alternative.
- **Harvest rainwater:** It's free—capture and store it during wetter spells.
- **Water wisely:** Focus on new plants and trees, group pots for efficiency, and always water at the root ball.
- **Improve drainage:** If your garden floods, add planting pockets among patios and hard surfaces.
- **Work with your soil:** Sustainable gardening is about *Right Plant, Right Place*—not forcing the soil to be something it's not.
- **Make your own compost:** It's low-carbon, tailored to your garden, and boosts soil health.

Mulch generously: Helps retain moisture, suppress weeds, and protect roots in winter.

Adapting Your Planting Choices

Claire encouraged us to build resilience into our gardens by choosing climate-tolerant plants with strong root systems. Look for silver or fine-leafed varieties, and consider:

- Grasses (great for dry summers and wet winters)
- Aquilegia, Geranium, Nepeta, Asters, Roses, Columbines, Foxgloves
- Eupatorium (Joe Pye Weed) as a shelter belt

Autumn-flowering blossom trees

With longer growing seasons, consider sowing annuals in the autumn. And instead of burning wood, use dead branches to create *dead hedges*—a low-carbon solution that boosts biodiversity.

Claire closed with a message of hope: **as responsible gardeners, we can make a meaningful impact on climate change.** By making conscious, informed choices, we can nurture our gardens—and our planet—for generations to come.



Learn more about Claire on Instagram at @the_garden_editor and on facebook at facebook.com/gardeneditor

Don't miss our next event in October : **the ANNUAL QUIZ and SUPPER NIGHT**. This has become a very popular highlight of the autumn calendar, lots of fun, friendly banter and rivalry accompanied by a tasty Chilli Supper (vegetarian and non chilli options available on request) and wonderful array of puds. So time to get your teams together (six per table) and prepare to do battle with all the questions, conundrums and puzzles.

Don't worry if you haven't got a team, just let us know and we will make up tables.

Advance booking please so we know numbers for the catering.

Diary Dates

Friday 17th October : ANNUAL QUIZ and CHILLI CON CARNE NIGHT : 6.30 for 7pm. Start Bishopstone Village Hall
Tickets £12.50 available from Chris Thomas (01793 790106) or Sarah Bally (01793 791121)

- Bring your own drinks and glasses .
- Bookings in advance please to avoid disappointment and help with numbers for catering.

Everyone is welcome at the meetings, a one off charge for the night or £10 for a years membership. Come along, enjoy a complimentary cup of tea or coffee, meet the members and enjoy some fascinating talks.

Marion Peck



Happy Gardens by Jane Pearson

Late Summer in the Garden

I think of late summer as a season of abundance and quiet transition. Gardens brim with colour—dahlias, sunflowers, rudbeckias, and hydrangeas provide vibrant displays, while ornamental grasses begin to sway with golden seed heads. This is often the most generous time of year for harvests, with tomatoes, beans, courgettes, and berries ripening daily, rewarding your hard work earlier in the year.



Alongside the richness comes the first signs of change. Evenings are growing cooler, and light begins to soften, reminding us that autumn is on the horizon. It's a good moment for gardeners to pause and take stock: to enjoy the beauty, gather seeds, and begin gentle preparations for the months ahead.

Late summer is also the perfect time to observe the structure of your planting. Notice which perennials or shrubs have become overcrowded and will need lifting and dividing in autumn, and where gaps have appeared that could be filled with bulbs or new plants. By looking critically now, while the garden is still full, you can plan adjustments that will bring even more balance, colour and smiles next year.

Here are four excellent **late summer to autumn flowering shrubs** that encourage pollinators:

- **Hydrangea paniculata** – Displays large conical blooms that evolve from creamy white to soft pink in late summer, offering structure and longevity into autumn.
- **Hebe** – Evergreen shrubs with glossy foliage and purple flower spikes that bloom from summer into early autumn, attracting pollinators and offering year-round interest.
- **Abelia** – Semi-evergreen shrubs with shiny leaves and clusters of bell-shaped, scented white to pink flowers from summer through autumn. Great for partially shaded spots.
- **Ceratostigma willmottianum (Plumbago)** – A compact deciduous shrub with vivid blue flowers from late summer into autumn, followed by attractive red-tinted foliage.



(Continued on page 28)



**Because
not all
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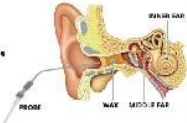
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- Deadhead dahlias, roses, and other late bloomers to keep them flowering.
- Divide and replant congested perennials such as hostas and daylilies.
- Collect seeds from hardy annuals (like nigella or calendula).

Vegetables & Fruit

- Harvest apples, pears, plums, and late summer vegetables.
- Pick runner beans, courgettes, and tomatoes regularly.
- Sow spinach, lettuce, and oriental greens for autumn crops.
- Lift and store maincrop potatoes once the foliage has died back.

Wildlife & General Care

- Clean out bird boxes ready for winter roosting.
- Start a leaf-mold pile with the first autumn leaves.
- Check garden ponds and remove fallen leaves before they sink.

Happy Gardening!



CHISELDON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 15th October 2025 in the Church Hall, Butts Rd, SN4 0NN at 7.30 p.m. The subject is “Saving the Children - Eglantyne Jebb, teacher of St Peters School, Marlborough” presented by Nick Baxter. Eglantyne Jebb was a social reformer who, along with her sister Dorothy, founded Save the Children in 1919. She drafted the document that became the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. Born in Shropshire, she read History at Oxford and then became a teacher at St. Peter’s School. However, she soon decided that teaching was not her true vocation, spending the rest of her life on social campaigning and charity work. She travelled widely in Central and Eastern Europe around the time of the Great War and saw at first hand the hardships faced by civilians, including children, who lived in war zones. She spent the last 10 years of her life in Geneva until her death in 1928. A blue plaque was erected in her honour in Marlborough in 2019. Nick will take us through this story, no doubt in his usual entertaining and enthusiastic way.

The talk will be preceded by our AGM, including election of the committee for the year 2025-6. If you would like to become more involved with Chiseldon Local History Group we would be delighted to see you there.

Membership subscriptions are currently £20 per year, with the subscription year starting in October. Visitor fees for non-members are £5 per meeting. The schedule is published on the website (see below).

Our website www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk contains news of forthcoming meetings as well as general information on the History Group and local historical links and information. Other events will be published here when available.

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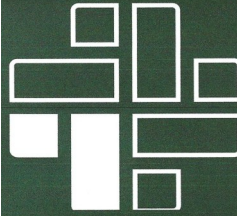
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