

NEWSLETTER

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Parish Council matters

Over June and July all the Parish Council committees met and so we have reviewed what needs doing and put actions in place for the next few months. The Summer holiday period is usually a little quieter than normal but this year the Parish Office is understaffed as our Amenities Officer has left and we have not yet recruited a replacement member of staff.

The school Summer holiday often brings a spate of activity which does not reflect well on the village. This year it is vandalism and anti-social behaviour! A fellow councillor had already prepared a piece about this, to be found elsewhere in this newsletter. However, even as the newsletter was ready to send, there has been more! During Monday (24th July) graffiti was sprayed all over the play equipment in Bucknell's Meadow. This has been reported to the police, who will now be keeping a closer watch on. Sadly, the graffiti spoiled the playground for children wishing to use the play area at the start of their holiday, and the cost of having it cleaned off is well over £300! A sad and expensive outcome of some mindless and destructive 'fun'. Ironically, this very week we are having some exciting new play equipment installed at Bucknell's. PLEASE, if you see anyone behaving suspiciously or inappropriately anywhere in Purley, call the police on 101 and perhaps you could help prevent further damage and unnecessary expense.

Sue Briscoe
Chair of Purley on Thames Parish Council

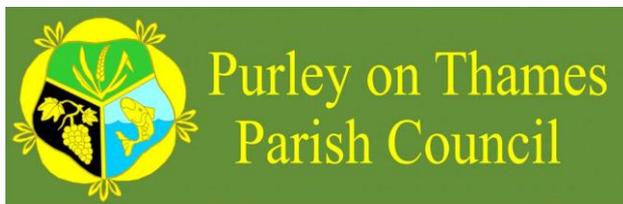
Tennis courts refurbishment – update

The project to resurface the tennis courts and replace the fencing has now reached completion. Mainly funded by Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money plus support from "The Good Exchange" grant aid (via a project managed by the Tennis Club), the aging playing surface, nets and surrounding fencing have all been replaced to current standards.

Although the courts are now open again, please note they will be closed in certain weather conditions, for example if the temperature is above 23°C, as the surface and paint need to harden over the winter. The courts will be fully open next Spring.

Antisocial behaviour

Unfortunately, the village is currently experiencing many instances of antisocial behaviour and vandalism. If you see any incidents or the results of this, please do contact the police on the non-emergency number, 101. As we are keeping a record of the issues, it would also be helpful if you could contact the Parish Office with the incident log reference number.



Village Plan

Many thanks to everyone who completed a Village Plan questionnaire and also to the organisations in and around Purley who kindly hosted a ballot box for us. Whilst the closing date for returned questionnaires was officially Monday 10th July, we are able to accept any late stragglers for the next week or so, but only at the Parish Office.

We are delighted with the number of questionnaires which have been returned and also with the effort and time people have spent giving their feedback. Thank you. Over the next few months we will finish collating all the feedback and begin the analysis of trends and issues. We will keep you informed with our progress through this newsletter and also in the Purley Parish News.

Purley on Thames Village Plan Steering Group

Help with gardening

As a result of one of the questions in the Village Plan, we've received a request for help with some heavy gardening. One of the parishioners really needs someone to help her mow the grass, cut hedges and so on about once a fortnight. If you know of anyone who might be able to help, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

New notice board

A new notice board has this week been delivered and installed outside Purley Park Social Club on Wintringham Way.

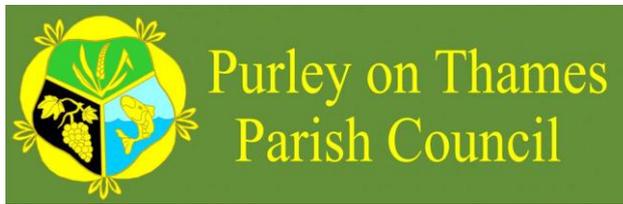


Closure of B4009 Streatley Hill

As many will remember, a house in Streatley was seriously damaged last November when a lorry became wedged between it and the Bull Inn on Streatley crossroads.

Repairs to the house and chimney have been scheduled to take place during the school holidays and will start in late July. As the damage was so extensive and the building has conservation status, the work could take up to six weeks, meaning the B4009 Streatley Hill will be closed between the crossroads with the A329 and the entrance to the Bull car park from 24th July and might not re-open again until 4th September. There will be pedestrian access during this time and it is hoped the works will be completed earlier

Further details are available at <https://roadworks.org/?tm=170523>



Bucknell's Meadow

New play equipment is due to be delivered and installed in Bucknell's Meadow in the next couple of weeks – we hope to have an update for the next newsletter.

Village matters

Thank you

We'd like to thank the 1st Purley and Pangbourne Scouts for all their help and hard work over the past few weeks. First, they cleaned and tidied up the area around the Bungalow, leaving it looking much neater and with windows which sparkled in the sunshine.



Then, a couple of weeks ago, the Cubs spent a sunny evening giving all the tables from the Barn a much-needed and very thorough clean.

Thank you to everyone who was involved with these activities.

Volunteering

If you would like to volunteer, do contact the Parish Office – we always need help with litter picking, keeping paths clear, etc, and any time you are able to give will be appreciated.

Contact

Even though it's holiday time now, we will still be here in the office so, if you have any ideas, queries or concerns about village matters, please let us know. We'll certainly do our best to help.

Information on matters raised here and other local issues is available on the Parish Council web site – www.purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk. Villagers are also welcome to come and see us during office public hours – it's been lovely to meet everyone who's been in on Village Plan business over the past few months:

Monday	2.30pm to 6.30pm
Thursday	9.30am to 2.30pm

Our telephone number is 0118 984 4507, or e-mail asstclerk@purleyonthames-pc.gov.uk

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