

# Sparsholt Community Newsletter 2025

## Village Shop and Post Office

### Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is Coming: Find the perfect gift for your loved one! We have cards, chocolates, bottles, and more to make the day special.

Gift Cards Now Available: The Post Office now offers gift cards for John Lewis, M&S, Amazon, and One4Allin amounts from £15 to £100—great for practical presents!

### Please keep supporting your village shop!

Here's a reminder of the fantastic goods and services we offer:

- Fresh **sandwiches and soups**
- Locally sourced **bacon, sausages, and meat** from Hursley butcher (order by Thursday for Friday delivery)
- Wide range of **Mud Pies** and **Chapman's Frozen Fish**
- Local produce, including **smoked trout, Winchester Coffee, honey and preserves, Kings Worthy milk**, butter, and cream
- Fresh **fruit and vegetables** and local eggs
- **Wines, beers, and ciders**
- Everyday groceries, household items, cards, and stationery
- Full **Post Office services**
- Sweets, treats, and much more!

### Call for Shop Website Help

The shop would love to more actively maintain the shop website for promotions. [sparsholtparish.org/Our\\_Shop](https://sparsholtparish.org/Our_Shop)

If you have the skills and time to help, please get in touch with Janette.



photos: Howard Annesley



### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on **20th February 2025** at 7.30pm.

Council meetings will take place in the Mosaic Room at the Memorial Hall Sparsholt.

### New Parish Councillor

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor please contact Sue Wood the Chair of the Parish Council for further information

[chair@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:chair@sparsholtparish.org)

### Village WhatsApp Group

Sign up if you haven't already joined the group. See last page for details.



# Lanham Lane Proposed Development

We have been asked by some residents to bring this Planning Application and related Poster to your attention.

The proposal is not within the recently produced Winchester City Local Plan, it would be a Development in the Countryside. It is located partly, but not wholly, in Sparsholt Parish and will impact Sparsholt Parish residents.

The Parish Council will be discussing the Planning Application at its next meeting and will be submitting comments to WCC Planning Department soon afterwards (to an agreed extended deadline). Please consider it and submit your own comments by the stated deadline. There is also a Residents' Meeting at 19:45 - 21:00 on Wednesday 12th February in St Barnabas Church Hall.



## Lanham Lane Development of 188 new homes

# OBJECT NOW

Planning has been submitted to Winchester City Council for **188 new homes** to be built on land west of Lanham Lane.

This planned development with proposed access via Teg Down Meads will dramatically change the area we live in.

We have until **19th February** to voice our concerns and make objections to these plans.



Please scan the QR code here to join our residents WhatsApp group to stay up-to-date with information for this development

### HOW YOU CAN OBJECT

To find out more about this development, how it will affect you and to voice your concerns please scan the QR code below



## Sparsholt Village Fete - Volunteers Needed

**SPARSHOLT**  
**YOUR VILLAGE FÊTE**  
**NEEDS YOU!**

Could you...

- Help on a stall
- Take part in the Parade
- Marshal visitors
- Help with parking
- Set up & take down tents
- Bake a cake
- Donate Bric-a-brac / toys
- Serve food/drinks .....

If you can help please message us.  
 [sparsholt\\_village\\_fete\\_2025](https://www.instagram.com/sparsholt_village_fete_2025)

## Hampshire County Council - Devolution

Hampshire County Council has been accepted onto the Government's fast-track Devolution Priority Programme (DPP) – marking a significant milestone in the journey towards devolution for Hampshire and the wider area.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250205Devolution>

Winchester perspective:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/news/2016/nov/devolution-and-the-future-of-local-government-in-the-heart-of-hampshire-area>



## Southern Voices Concert - 29th March 2025

Please join two Sparsholt residents who sing in the Winchester chamber choir, Southern Voices, in the beautiful surroundings of Holy Trinity Church to celebrate four pillars of human existence: Hope, Faith, Life and Love. The concert is on 29th March 2025 at 7.30pm

Tickets available online at <https://www.southernvoices.co.uk> or to avoid the online booking fee, please contact Victoria Williams on 07809 432101 for more details.

Featuring Frank Martin's atmospheric *Mass for Double Choir*, Bach's mysterious *Ich lasse dich nicht* and Eric Whitacre's contemplative *Three Songs of Faith*, we present an evening of great meaning and reflection, a celebration of new and old, light and dark, of Hope, Faith, Life and Love.

**VICTORIA WILLIAMS**



**SOUTHERN VOICES**  
Jamal Sutton, Director

**Saturday 29th March**  
Holy Trinity, Winchester  
7.30pm

**Frank Martin:** *Mass for Double Choir*  
**Eric Whitacre:** *Three Songs of Faith*  
**Bach, Harris, Holst** and more

Hope  
Faith  
Life  
Love

Book now  
southernvoices.co.uk  
0333 666 3366  
booking fees apply  
registered charity 1086868

Tickets: £18  
Children only £10

## Mayor of Winchester Awards

Nominations for the annual Mayor of Winchester's Community Awards are now open! Please tell the Mayor about the individuals and organisations who have made a real difference across the district.

The Mayor of Winchester Cllr Russell Gordon-Smith said: "Every day across our district, people work tirelessly for the good of others and for their local communities, and many of these individuals are unsung heroes. My Community Awards are an opportunity to publicly recognise those who have made a difference to other people. I would encourage everyone to please take the time to nominate anyone who deserves this thank you."

**Closes 16 Feb 2025**

For further details and nomination form please see:

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/communications/mayor-of-winchester-community-awards-2025/>

## Roadside Vandalism in Sparsholt

There have been several instances of vandalism along the roadsides in Sparsholt

Most recently street name and direction signs have been removed, traffic-sign poles have been uprooted and the Speed Reminder 'Camera' was destroyed.



*Woodman Close sign*



*School sign in Bostock Close*



*No HGVs at Sarum Road*

The speed reminder sign has been tampered with on 3 or 4 previous occasions and this only seems to happen in Sparsholt - suggesting that the culprit may be local.

Incidents were reported to the police, who will be increasing patrols of the village roads.

However, the police very much rely on timely and accurate reporting by members of the public who may witness this vandalism taking place. Dashcam, Doorbell or Phone video footage can be especially useful.

If you witness any vandalism or indeed if you witnessed any of the above-mentioned incidents and have information that could be helpful in apprehending the offender(s) then please report it to the police using the following link:

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

## Seen around Sparsholt



*photo: Howard Annesley*



## Ham Green Conservation Volunteer Group

Many thanks for everyone's hard work on Sunday 2nd February leaving the far end of Ham Green very tidy.

Whilst all that was going on Howard did a great job re-building the cycle barrier at the Green. All in all a very productive session and good to welcome Tom to the team.



Hampshire Forest Partnership, working with Hampshire Countryside, is promoting the planting of trees and donated four elm "feathers" to the Parish for planting in the Ham Green Conservation Area. Ham Green Volunteer Roy Broadhead and I planted the four saplings last week, one at the corner of the car park, another one half-way down the bridleway on the left-hand side and the other two on either side of the footpath

near the leaning

tree at the Dean end. The elms have been specially bred for resistance to Dutch Elm disease and we look forward to seeing them grow to a grand height in the years ahead.

In the autumn we planted a second wild cherry at the Green, the open area by the entrance in the hedge to the footpath across Stockers Down. The tree was donated by the Wells family in memory of Billy Wells who lived in the village. The two trees will add colourful blossom to the area in the Spring.

The volunteers will soon be busy coppicing hazel alongside the footpath and we will use the hazel sticks to continue the coppice fencing facing the field.

Our next session is on Sunday 2nd March and I look forward to seeing as many as can make the date.

Malcolm Hewson



### DOGS (Fouling of Land) Act 1996

Winchester City Council adopted the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 to cover all land within its district which is open to the air and to which the public are allowed or permitted to have access.

Anyone in charge of a dog must clean up after their dog, seal/tie the bag and place it in an appropriate receptacle. **Note that leaving a bag of dog mess in a public place is not complying with the law.** Offenders may be prosecuted and if found guilty of the offence, fined a **maximum of £1,000**. It is no defence to claim ignorance of the dog's actions.

### **Report it - Fouling is a hazard to health as well as being antisocial**

If you witness an offence then please do report the offender to **Winchester City Council's Environmental Health and Licensing Team on 01962 848097**. Let them know the time, date, place and circumstances of the offence, plus a description of the owner and dog. If you know where the offender lives or can give a car registration, this would help WCC with identification, although they would need statements as evidence of the offence.

## St Stephen's Church

Date	St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt
16 <sup>th</sup> February	8am – Holy Communion (BCP)
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	10am - Morning Worship
16 <sup>th</sup> March	9am – Holy Communion (BCP)
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	10am - Morning Worship
30 <sup>th</sup> March	10am - Mothering Sunday Service
13 <sup>th</sup> April	10am – Palm Sunday Service with Procession starting in Memorial Hall carpark
17 <sup>th</sup> April	6pm – Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
20 <sup>th</sup> April	10am – Easter Day Family Communion
27 <sup>th</sup> April	10am - Morning Worship

### Time Change

Please note that From Sunday, 16th March, the 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Service at St. Stephen's, Sparsholt will move to start at 9.00am. The Service will last 30 minutes and this is a 6-month trial. It won't affect the Services in the other Churches in the Benefice as Rev'd. Kevin assures us he will have time to get to the 10.00am HC Service at Chilbolton on the same Sunday.

### Churchyard Clean Up

Sparsholt will be holding a Churchyard Clean Up on Saturday 29th March from 10.00am to 1.00pm with refreshments and lunch provided. Please come along and help, the more the merrier, bringing garden tools and garden waste bags. Any questions, please contact Sally Wesley on [sally.wesley@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.wesley@btinternet.com).

### LENT COURSE

We are pleased to announce the starting of this year's Lent Course. Meeting **every week in 5 different locations** across the Benefice we will be looking at the book of Ruth. Starting the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March for 6 consecutive weeks. The groups are following the same material. You're welcome to join any group you wish. If you are unable to attend your chosen group for a particular week, you are encouraged to attend another group for that week, so you don't miss out.

Mark Himbury and Jemma Mack will be hosting Sparsholt's group on Tuesdays at 7pm. Address: Appley, Westley Lane, Sparsholt, SO21 2ND. Please contact [mark@markhimburydesign.co.uk](mailto:mark@markhimburydesign.co.uk) / 07956371433 if you'd like to join them.

#### The other groups will be on:

- Tuesday at 7.30pm in **Littleton**,
- Monday 2.30pm in **Fullerton**,
- Thursday at 9.30am in **Chilbolton** and
- Monday at 4.00pm in **Crawley**

For more information about these group please see the [Downs Benefice website](#).

**Please contact the leader of the group you would like to join for the 6 weeks for catering and planning purposes.**

We look forward to seeing you.

## St Catherine's Church, Littleton, Winchester

### Anna Chaplain

**(P/T 16 hours per week, 3 years fixed term)**



St Catherine's Church serves a semi-rural population on the edge of Winchester. An important part of that service is our ministry to the older members of our community and their families and carers, including those living and working in the nursing homes situated within the parish. Seeking to develop this ministry further, we appointed our first Anna Chaplain in 2022. The position is now vacant and we are now looking to the appointment of a new part-time, paid Anna Chaplain.

The Anna Chaplaincy is a pioneering role offering spiritual support to older people and their relatives and carers. It supports the wellbeing of people of all faiths or none, and encompasses a wider role within the community as an advocate and champion of the contribution older people make to society. At the same time, it encourages the wider church to celebrate and cherish older members of the congregation, as well as other members of the community.

The successful candidate will work in collaboration with the Rector and Ministry Team as well as the network of Parish Visitors for the parish and the wider Downs Benefice. He or she will also be part of the growing Anna Chaplaincy network, part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF).

*It is an occupational requirement for the person appointed to be a professing and practising Christian (Equality Act 2010).*

For an application pack please contact: [office@downsbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@downsbenefice.org.uk)

To apply, please submit cv and covering letter. Closing date for applications: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Interviews to be held on: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

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## M27 Junction 10 Improvement Scheme E-Newsletter



Hampshire County Council is delivering the M27 J10 improvements scheme <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/m27junction10> to facilitate the development of Welborne Garden Village. The project includes new and improved links in all directions from the M27 to the A32 and the surrounding local highway network. The County Council is working closely with National Highways and has appointed VolkerFitzpatrick as the main contractor.

Sign up now to receive regular updates on the M27 Junction 10 improvement scheme for scheme progress and traffic management. Click <https://smc-lp.s4hana.ondemand.com/eu/p/LzJHU> to subscribe to our e-newsletter. You can unsubscribe at any time.

## Scams

### Cold Weather Payments Scam

We've received information from Action Fraud that they're recording very high numbers of reports of suspicious emails relating to cold weather payments schemes, such as the Winter Fuel Payment. The emails purport to be from various government agencies, such as HMRC, and instruct you to make a claim "using the link provided". The links lead you to phishing websites created by criminals, designed to steal your personal and financial information.

Please check with the organisation before responding to any messages. Don't use the number or address in the message - use the details from their official website. Your bank (or any other official source) will never ask you to supply personal information via email.

Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service - [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

### Fraud Recovery Scam

Already happening in the USA - Soon to hit the UK no doubt.

Watch out for this new emerging scam tactic where scammers pretend to be a fraud recovery agent or from a law firm. These scammers typically target individuals who have lost significant amounts of money in a previous scam, claiming they can help recover their lost funds.

#### How it works?

- Scammers create fake websites or social media advertisements offering fund recovery services, claiming to be able to recover stolen funds.
- The victim will click on the advertisement and initiate the communication with scammers due to the attractive offers such as 100% fund recovery guarantee and fake testimonials.
- Upon communicating, scammers will urge victims to make various upfront payments and share their banking credentials in order to begin the recovery process.
- After making multiple payments, victims would then realise that they have been scammed when their funds were not recovered as promised and the scammers became uncontactable.

#### How to avoid?

- Victims should only liaise with the respective banks or the Police through official channels regarding fund recovery.
- Do not fall for attractive offerings such as 100% fund recovery guarantee from any unknown agencies. If it is too good to be true, it most likely is.
- Do not make any upfront payments. Banks and authorities will never demand for any payment in order to begin fund recovery process.

# SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY CONTACTS

## Parish Councillors

Sue Wood	Chair & Transport & Highways	chair@sparsholtparish.org transport@sparsholtparish.org highways@sparsholtparish.org	01962 776255
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Becky Pickles	Clerk	clerk@sparsholtparish.org	07553 033298

**Please note there is a vacancy for a councillor please contact Chair or Clerk for further information.**

## City Councillors

Caroline Horrill	CHorrill@winchester.gov.uk	01962 776844
Stephen Godfrey	sgodfrey@winchester.gov.uk	01962 884477
Patrick Cunningham	pcunningham@winchester.gov.uk	01962 883887

## County Councillor

Jan Warwick	jan.warwick@hants.gov.uk	07717104236
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## Member of Parliament

Danny Chambers	danny.chambers.mp@parliament.uk	01962 868586
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## WHATSAPP: SUPPORT GROUP VOLUNTEERS

To join the Sparsholt Parish WhatsApp group please contact - [communications@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:communications@sparsholtparish.org)

Please provide your mobile number to be added to the group.

## Police Contacts

PCSO 15075 Michelle Wilkinson – 07901102292

PCSO 13466 Kerry Croutear – 07976962677

PC 28364 Victoria McCallum – 07795454351

The Winchester Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team email address is [winchester.rural.police@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:winchester.rural.police@hampshire.police.uk)

## WEBSITES

Sparsholt Parish: <http://www.sparsholtparish.org/>

Sparsholt Shop: [http://www.sparsholtparish.org/Our\\_Shop](http://www.sparsholtparish.org/Our_Shop)

Downs Benefice: <http://www.downsbenefice.org/>

## VILLAGE CALENDAR

The Calendar can be viewed at:

<http://www.sparsholtparish.org/Calendar>

Please send updates to:

[sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org)

## Ham Green Conservation Group

Malcolm Hewson [malcolmhewson@btinternet.com](mailto:malcolmhewson@btinternet.com)

## Sparsholt Oil Syndicate

John Wesley [johnr.wesley@btinternet.com](mailto:johnr.wesley@btinternet.com)

## Neighbourhood Watch

Sparsholt Neighbourhood Watch coordinator is Jonathan Walthoe. Please contact: [security@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:security@sparsholtparish.org)

## Aluminium Recycling Bin

Bin is located by the side of the shop behind the phone box.

**Note:**

**Only Aluminium (no tin or plastic) and please crush cans.**

## New to Sparsholt or if you have a New Neighbour

If you are new to Sparsholt or have a new neighbour, please let Sally Wesley know so that a Sparsholt Welcome booklet can be delivered [sally.wesley@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.wesley@btinternet.com)

## Copy Deadline next Edition

This is your newsletter so please contribute items of interest, news of events, offers to help and/or photographs. The deadline for the next edition is **28th February 2025** please submit all items to [sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org](mailto:sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org)