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Stanton on the Wolds Village Newsletter New Footpath

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We now have a new public footpath in Stanton to add to the existing network. Footpath 12 is in the process of being signed but is legally open. Due to copyright restrictions I'm afraid I can't publish a map at the moment so I'll give a brief description. The footpath starts at the southern end of the village, on the Melton Road just beyond the 40mph signs. As you can see from the first photo, this entails walking from where the existing tarmac footpath ends alongside the main road on the verge – not ideal, so I would suggest any concerns be raised with the highways department at Notts County Council. Then it's through the gateway into an arable field, following the field margins and some directional signs already in place, over the top of Stanton Tunnel (picture 2) and left alongside the railway. From here you can see the tunnel portal (picture 3)



Turning right at a field boundary takes you alongside the Roehoe Brook which you follow to Thurlby Lane. From here, it's over the road to the other side of the brook where the footpath continues to a junction with Stanton footpath 3, which takes you towards Charleswold Court, and Widmerpool footpath 2, which goes via Crow Hill into Widmerpool village.

Details of all Stanton footpaths can be found on the Parish Council website www.stantononthewoldsparishcouncil.org.uk/amenities and this will be updated to include footpath 12 as soon as possible.



Community Litter Pick

Fingers crossed, we'll be able to hold our spring time community litter pick this year. This will be our contribution to 'The Great British Spring Clean' which is a national campaign organised by Keep Britain Tidy running between 28th May and 13th June. Restrictions permitting, our litter pick will take place on:

Saturday 29th May at 10am

We'll meet at All Saints Church car park to organise areas and provide equipment – high vis, litter pickers, hoops and bags. Sturdy shoes or wellies plus stout gardening gloves are recommended as a lot of roadside rubbish is to be found under prickly hawthorn hedges or in ditches!

We will follow all Covid guidelines and a risk assessment will be completed. If you'd like to help, please contact Hilary Whitby (contact details on the left of this page) a little nearer the time so that we can confirm if we're definitely going ahead.

Parish Council Newsbits

DATES: Meeting dates for 2021 are as follows: 10^{th} March, 4^{th} May, 14^{th} July, 8^{th} Sept, 10^{th} Nov

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place following the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held at 6.30pm on line via Zoom on Wednesday 10th March. If you wish to partake in this meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk for access details. The PC meeting on 4th May, held via Zoom, will be a short meeting to elect a Chairman and accept the accounts.

Any member of the public is welcome to join the meetings of the Parish Council –please contact the clerk Mike Elliott (details on front page) so he can send you the link. Notice of Parish Council meetings will be published on the website

www.stantononthewoldsparishcouncil.org.uk.

We won't be seeing a return to face to face meetings in the near future following advice from the National Association of Local Councils and the National Society of Local Council Clerks. Local councils have been given powers to hold public meetings remotely until May 2021.

Items from the Latest Parish Council Meeting

There is still a vacancy for one Parish Councillor. If anyone is interested, please contact any member of the PC or Mike Elliott, the clerk. A resident has drawn attention to the untidy condition of the now disused petrol station on the corner of Browns Lane and Melton Road.

Another resident has complained about the poor state or repair of Laming Gap Lane. Both these concerns have been actioned by the Parish Clerk. Following previous complaints by residents and the Parish Council, Notts County Council Highways Department will be taking action on the poor state of the footway alongside the Melton Road towards the northern end of the village.

Thank You

We have several unsung heroes in Stanton who quietly do their bit to keep the village looking at its best so, on behalf of our community, here's a big 'Thank you' to all those people who have:

- Regularly litter picked along Browns Lane
 and Melton Road
- Tidied up the woods at the side of the church
- Kept the tunnel top footpath clear of vegetation

I won't name names as I don't want to embarrass anyone, but I'm sure many of us know who they are. If you know of any more unsung village heroes who make a special effort to improve our environment and community, please let us know via the email addresses to the right.

All Saints Church

Janet Baines, the secretary of the Parochial Church Council, has written to tell us that All Saints Church in Stanton is alive and well and looking forward to reopening safely when restrictions permit.

The bench in the churchyard has been temporarily removed for restoration and will be back in place as soon as possible.

Rural Community Action

The Parish Council has agreed to join Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN) on a one year trial basis. RCAN has access to a national network of advisors, policymakers, and rural specialists who work to ensure that rural issues are on the table in policy discussions, both local and national. They will be able to offer guidance and support on a range of issues including community planning, transport and access and regional rural policy. The council will review membership after the trial period.

Your Local Churches Stanton on the Wolds **Parish Church Revd Tom Meyrick** 0115 937 7380 Email:rector@ksbb.org.uk **Catholic Church**, Willowbrook Fr. Michael Williams 01509 852147 **Methodist Church** Rev. Simon Rose 0115 914 3794 **Baptist Church** Barbara J. Lister 0115 937 3565 **United Reform Church** Church Sec. Benita Boultby 0115 9148066

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Census 2021 is Coming

Census Day is Sunday 21 March 2021 in England and Wales **The importance of the census in 2021**

The census gives us information about households across England and Wales. Census 2021 will give fresh information to improve our understanding of the pandemic. It will also help to make sure that the services you use meet the needs of our changing society. This could include hospitals, schools, universities and job centres.

Census 2021 is a digital-first census, which means that we will be encouraging people to respond online if they can. You will be able to complete the census using any device, including your mobile phone or tablet.

We're also encouraging people to get help from friends and family to complete their census.

After Census Day, at the end of March and into April, census field officers will be visiting households from which they've not received a completed census form. They will encourage people to complete the census and help you to access further help if you need it. Field officers will never need to enter your house.

Mike Elliott, Parish Clerk

WISE Initiative

As I'm sure we're all aware, our village suffers from time to time with fly tipping, with Thurlby Lane, Laming Gap Lane and the layby just beyond the southern edge of Stanton being particular 'hotspots'. In order to tackle this, and other environmental problems such as littering and dog fouling, Rushcliffe Borough Council has teamed up with Waste Investigations Support & Enforcement (WISE) for a one-year trial to build on their existing tools to find and where necessary prosecute those who flout the rules. Their officers are able to issue fixed penalty notices for fly tipping and issue fines for littering and dog fouling, with 14 fixed penalty notices issued across the borough in the first few days of operation.

As a householder, don't forget that you a have a duty of care to ensure that waste from your property is disposed of responsibly - check that those removing your waste are registered on the Environment Agency's website and have the appropriate Waste Carriers Licence

If you do see any fly tipping you can easily report it to Rushcliffe Borough Council by calling their Customer Services team on 0115 981 9911 or using their online fly tipping form: (www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/environmentandwaste/fly-tipping/)

Have your say

Do you have anything you want to see in the newsletter? Any ideas for future articles? Something you'd like to say? Please let us know. Our contact details are: <u>hilary.whitby@stanton-on-the-wolds.parish.email</u> or <u>richard.whitby@stanton-on-the-wolds.parish.email</u>