

# Soulbury Parish News

February 2025



Soulbury News



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## Parish Information

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### Thames Valley Police

**Emergency 999**

Non Emergency 101

## Dates for your diary – February 2025 onwards

### Soulbury Village Event Dates

#### Church Services and Events

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 11:30 am Parish Communion.

Sunday 9th Feb. 11:30 am No Service.

Sunday 16th Feb. 11:30 am Parish Communion.

Sunday 23rd Feb. 11:30 am Brunch Church.

All welcome for coffee and nibbles

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar. 11:30 am Parish Communion.

Sunday 9th Mar. 11:30 am No Service.

Sunday 16th Mar. 11:30 am Parish Communion.

Sunday 23rd Mar. 11:30 am Brunch Church.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. 9:30 am/12:00 pm Soulbury Breakfast at the Parish Hall.

Should anyone need to contact a vicar our new Team Rector is:

**Revd. Dominic Wright**

Tel. No: 01296 688593

Mob. No: 07732 554611

E Mail: teamrectordom@gmail.com

#### Other dates for the diary.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 11:30 am Parish Communion (All Saints Church).

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7:00 pm Soulfest Planning Meeting at The Boot Inn.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7:30 pm Dream Team Meeting at The Boot Inn  
(80<sup>th</sup> VE Day Anniversary Celebrations).

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Mar. 7:30 pm Dream Team Meeting at The Boot Inn  
(80<sup>th</sup> VE Day Anniversary Celebrations).

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April TBC Easter Egg Hunt (Soulbury Millennium Green)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April TBC Race Night Cricket Club details TBA

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May TBC 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VE Day Celebrations.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June TBC Soulfest 2025.

Saturday 8th Nov TBC Fireworks Display.

### **Soulbury Social Group**

Social Group (Thursdays) Parish Hall at 14.30 13th and 27th February.

### **Soulbury Breakfast**

Thank you to all who joined us on Sunday Jan 19th to come to the Breakfast. It was a enjoyable morning with 75 breakfasts being served and raising £370 for the fabric of the church.

Thank you also to all the helpers who worked so hard.

The next breakfast will be on **Sunday March 30th** at the Parish Hall from 9.30 to 12.00. Come and enjoy a full English breakfast at £7.50 or Continental option with as much coffee and tea as you can drink.

Please come along, we would love to see new faces.

### **Soulbury Parish Hall**

A great venue for parties, business meetings, fitness classes or rehearsal space.

Fibre broadband connected.

To book, email: [soulburyparishhall@gmail.com](mailto:soulburyparishhall@gmail.com) Table and chair hire also available.

### **General Information**

Please note that if anyone wants to add electric car chargers to their property which is either a listed building or in a conservation area they MUST obtain planning permission.



## Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

### **SOULBURY PARISH COUNCIL URGES RESIDENTS TO BECOME COUNCILLORS TO MAKE A CHANGE**

Soulbury Parish Council supports a national #MakeAChange campaign encouraging residents to stand in the local council elections.

The #MakeAChange campaign by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) calls on people from all backgrounds and experiences who are passionate about their local area to put themselves forward.

Soulbury Parish Council is urging enthusiastic and engaged members of the community who want to make a long-lasting change, have innovative ideas or have concerns about a specific issue to stand as councillors for the opportunity to make a real difference.

The work Soulbury Parish Council does is exciting and rewarding. An integral part of a councillor's role is engaging with local people, groups and businesses to determine their needs, making decisions on the services and projects the council should take forward and getting involved to ensure services meet the community's needs.

**Elections will take place on 1 May 2025.**

Find out more about the local elections and how to become a councillor contact [www.Buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.Buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or [clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk)

## All Saints Church – Soulbury

Damage caused by Storm Darragh to our Pole LED Christmas Tree prevented it being turned on during our late afternoon Christingle Service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December until its repair the following week. Many thanks to David Kelner for undertaking this prompt repair. We did however, have the Parish String Festoon Lights illuminating the church pathway, gate and entranceway, providing safety illumination and a festive setting for this service. The Christingle Service was well attended by families with refreshments served afterwards including soft drinks, warm mulled wine and mince pies.

Carol Singing around Soulbury Village was a little damp, with occasional light rain hampering the carol sheets & singing . We had around 18 persons congregating at the Beacon where we were served mince pies and warm mulled wine. Our thanks & gratitude go out to Margaret Rowe & the two Chris Bryant's for providing this welcome hospitality. Rev'd Dominic Wright led us in singing Christmas Carol's throughout the village and ending up at the Boot Inn. We dried out & warmed up inside with further beverages, taking the opportunity to get to know Dom better in the relaxed social atmosphere the Boot provided during the remainder of the evening.

The "Meet the Rector Film Night" held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at the Parish Hall was very well attended and a great success enjoyed by all. The film featured Dom's sabbatical cycle journey throughout the Middle East, Turkey, into Kerala state in southern India following the footsteps of St Thomas the Apostle (Doubting Thomas). During his journey he is stopped by armed militia on a couple of occasions and when he tried to venture up a hill to an old church, armaments are fired to deter him! During the interval and afterwards, he answered questions and provided further details of his travels & exploits. A very entertaining evening providing us all with the opportunity to really get to meet & know Dom better. For those that missed it, the film is due to be shown again at Mentmore during February and in Stewkley during March. Again, many thanks to all those who helped out on the day with setting up and providing excellent refreshments afterwards.

Jane Luxton & Nigel Kemal – Churchwardens

## Soulbury Millennium Green – January Report

The January SMG meeting was largely taken up discussing the pros & cons for a new ride-on mower Richard was in favour of procuring to replace our existing Cadet machine. As this was the first opportunity presented to the SMG committee to view this machine on his phone, financial diligence has been exercised and it was agreed to obtain three separate quotes for this model to satisfy our auditing policies. It was agreed that should it be necessary to undertake grass cutting in the lower meadow during the next 3 months, then we would look to subcontract this to Charlie (CS Maintenance) who undertakes the grass cutting on the Village Green. This would entail when cutting the Village Green, performing this additional work for a nominal extra fee. Wendy is clarifying costs from him.

**Finance:** It was reported that our current account balance was £15,511.30 with £49.01 still remaining Petty Cash. The Bucks lottery yielded £10.00 for January. Finances remain in a robust condition going forward in the New Year which in today's climate is a very positive situation.

**Work in Progress:** Richard updated the meeting on progress of planned works as detailed:

Wood chippings have been delivered and spread on woodland trail pathways.

Damaged & broken branches caused by recent storms have been cleared up.

We will probably need a bonfire to dispose of this material.

Water & drainage management work has been carried out.

The Eco-toilet urinal used by the Community Payback Team on Sundays has become blocked & the basin contents frozen solid in the recent cold weather. Nigel will look to rectify when temperature improves and possibly re-plumb separately from the main toilet, as this has been a persistent past problem.

Richard highlighted the pond restoration work would be able to continue in the drier months and now we are more securely funded, would benefit from hiring a JCB to speed up the work before weather becomes wet again.

An exercise in determining the circuitous route around the SMG was undertaken by committee members and two or three options were measured out for quotations to progress this work and obtain outside project funding.

The Lean-to work/wood store area is planned to be erected at the back of the Crew room when weather is more agreeable for this activity.

The children's play area where the old equipment and wood fencing has been dismantled, it was discussed and options are being sought address this vacant area.

**Committee Members:** Both the SMG and the Soulfest Planning Committee's need a couple more members to join them helping serve our community with maintenance of the park and organising fund raising. If you can spare a couple hours a month in the evenings and would like to help, please join us. Contact Nigel Kemal for further details or invitation to our next meetings (Mobile No. 07398 825430).

### **Future Event dates:**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April                      Easter Egg Hunt (Soulbury Millennium Green)  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June                        Soulfest 2025.  
Saturday 8th Nov                         Fireworks Display.

**100 Club Draw:** December – Rachael Belsham.

January draw to be drawn jointly at February’s meeting when people have renewed subscriptions for the New year.

Next SMG Committee Meeting date is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7:30 pm.

### **Soulbury Millennium Green Trust - 100 Club & Winners in 2024**

January:	Oliver Storey	February:	Tony Crack
March:	Jax Crack	April:	Jean Mason
May:	Vic Wright	June:	Charlotte Harris
July:	Oliver Storey	August:	Peggy Stevens
September:	Alice Crack	October:	June Wright
November:	Jean Housley	December:	Rachael Belsham

### **Dream Team – VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

“The Dream Team” re-convened again, holding their initial meeting at the Boot Inn to help plan & organise our Village’s participation in the national celebrations commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. With six members attending this initial meeting, the Pageant Master outlined the national timetable and this plan was given by Nigel. With this guide it was agreed to investigate the following proposed purchase of VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag and celebratory memorabilia suitable for village children.

Investigation of a Fish & Chip early evening meal, possibility of bell ringers for church bells, a piper leading procession from Boot to the Beacon on the Green, Village/Town Cryer Proclamation, VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tribute Reading & Lighting Beacon. It is proposed to erect a large marquee on the Green to provide bar & entertainment facilities similar to last year’s D Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration event.

As three members present will be away during February, tasks were allocated out for investigation. The next two month’s meeting dates were agreed and fixed as follows:

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 7:30 pm at the Boot Inn.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 7:30 pm at the Boot Inn.

We welcome all previous members and newcomers who wish to participate in organising this day to attend as additional organising assistance is still required.

For further details contact Nigel Kemal – Mob. 07398 825430



## MY VISION FOR 2025 by A H Stevens

Last year we had a general election based on "Change" This is what we need in Soulbury! We Need new voices and faces to bring about these changes, because otherwise things become stagnant. Initially, I believe we need a new Parish Council to start with. With the average age being nearer 80 than 70, we need new voices, faces, ideas and enthusiasm!! We have a new Member of Parliament and I hope that some of you took the opportunity to meet him recently at The Parish Hall.

We need to be sharing the load, in particular, of The Millennium Green. As you know we do have the benefit of the community payback teams, but they only appear on Sundays, and talking to Richard recently, I discovered that he has supervised them on 44 Sundays last year. Now ask yourselves, is that Fair? Without Richard The Green would go to ruin and then what? another building site? Ours is the only Millennium Green still functional in Buckinghamshire. So, is it valued by our residents? Could you help in any way?

The next plan that the Parish Council would like to put into action, is the revival of the Newsletter in hard copy format and get it distributed to as many homes as possible. To do this we need to contact previous advertisers and we need people on the ground to push the copies through letterboxes. Could you do this once a month? Even if it's only to half a dozen of your next door neighbours, "every little helps" as someone once said.

All the above do take time and commitment BUT without them nothing would get done. So I am appealing to you all to find out what you could do to improve your environment



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## Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday 20 January 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There were 3 members of the public present. Apologies were received from Cllrs Maurice Cross and Salina Darbyshire Mackay. Minutes of meeting on 16 December 2024 were agreed as correct. Matters arising: none. All monies paid and received noted by all and Cllr Wright signed the December 2024 bank statement.

### Planning:

**24/03773: Stockgrove Farm, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury, LU7 0BB** - Prior notification application (Part 3, ClassQ) for change of use and conversion of existing agricultural barn into 1 no. dwelling. No objection but the Council want a clause included that this property cannot be sold separately

### Environment

**Fountain:** Clerk chased solicitor who had no further information for us.

**Allotments:** : All allotment rentals paid. No waiting list at present. Received water bill for £170.12 for the year.

**County Councillor** Cllr Jordan presented her report which will be added to the website.

Correspondence:

- a. Clerk received an email from The Greensand Trust asking for representation from Soulbury on the Rushmere Country Park Parish Group. Cllr Stevens did this for many years but had to stand down. It was agreed to put a notice on the Community Hub to garner interest.

### Millennium Green:

Soulfest (21 June 2025) meetings are underway. The SMG committee walked the route for a new path. Types of surface and costings are being worked on.

### Councillors Open Forum

- a. Leaves from the White House sycamore tree next door to the parish hall makes the area around the hall very slippery and therefore a H&S issue. Parish Council wanted to cut the tree back from the parish hall side of the boundary. As the leaves fall in the autumn it was agreed to leave things as they are and Council and tree owner will work together to ensure they are regularly cleared. If we find this does not work then the issue will be discussed further.
- b. . Dream Team have had their first meeting regarding the VE Day event on the village green. It is hoped a Piper will lead everyone to the beacon which will be light at the appropriate national time. 1940s music will be played. Bar will be provided.
- c. Remembrance Day - 10/11/24. Wreath has arrived. PCC has arrangements in hand.

Parish Council meeting will take place on 17 February 2025 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

## Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward

Cllr Phill Gomm



Cllr Jilly Jordan

Cllr Iain Macpherson





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The last date for nominations is **4pm** on **2 April 2025**

Nominations are published by **4pm** on **5 April 2025**

To learn more contact:

 07704 801682  
 [vic@soulbury.org](mailto:vic@soulbury.org)



## ELECTION DAY - 1 MAY 2025

### How do I become a Councillor?

Even those who have stood as councillors before may forget what the process was four years ago. While relatively easy, it is strict and if not followed exactly will result in disappointment and rejection for the wrong reasons. The rules are there to ensure that only those who are eligible to stand for election in your community are considered and that those put forward have agreed to stand for election. Councillors are elected by the public and serve four-year terms.

**Can I stand as a councillor?** Check Buckinghamshire Council's website [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk) for the eligibility and disqualification criteria.

### The Election Procedure

Soulbury Parish Council will hold elections in 1 May 2025.

A few terms that it help to explain:

- Returning Officer: person empowered to run an election
- Standing: Putting your name forward for election
- Electoral Register: Names and addresses, together with election identification numbers of all people within a community who are registered to vote
- Election Timetable: dates when specific forms must be publicised or sent in by
- Warded: Areas are split up into what is called 'wards' so that councillors are elected by a specific, smaller number of people who will be aware of their local concerns rather than having to represent all people within a whole parish.
- Expenses: If you do produce your own leaflets/pamphlets you need to declare how much you have spent on this.

### Step 1: Check for local elections

Contact the Parish Clerk ([clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk)) and ask if there are vacancies on the Council.

Email your elections officer <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-Council>

Go to: [www.yourvotematters.co.uk](http://www.yourvotematters.co.uk)

### Step 2: Submit your nomination

If you can stand as a candidate, you will need to complete a set of nomination papers for the electoral area you are wanting to represent.

When you complete your nomination papers, you will need to show that you have been formally nominated by a particular number of registered electors in the electoral area you are wishing to stand. These are a proposer and seconder who support your nomination in the parish.

Nomination papers must be hand delivered to the Buckingham Council and will be checked upon delivery to ensure they are correctly completed. Please check on your local authority website whether an appointment is necessary.

Nomination forms available from Buckinghamshire Council offices and their website.

### Step 3: Nomination accepted, or not

The local authority will notify candidates in writing, via the post; this is the formal Notice of Validity.

### Step 4: Nomination made public

The Statement of Persons Nominated is published on the principal authority website following the Close of Nominations.

If there are more candidates than seats, an election will be held. If not, all candidates take office 4 days after 1 May 2025 (excluding the bank holiday). Existing Councillors go out of office on 7 May 2025 and newly elected Councillors take office on this day. New Councillors must sign the acceptance of office before they can officiate.

### Step 5: Start campaigning

Planning your Local Campaign <https://www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor/resources/council-toolkit-planning-your-local-campaign>

Planning your Communications <https://www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor/resources/council-toolkit-planning-your-communications>


### Step 6: Polling Day

The Electoral Commission's website has a host of useful information for Candidates, including rules on spending, attending events and dos and don'ts for campaigning and polling day.

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## Roles and Responsibilities

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### Role of the Councillor

**Councillors:**

- participate constructively in the governance of the Parish/Town
- participate fully in the formation and scrutiny of the Council's policies, budgets, strategies and service delivery including the Parish/Town Plan
- ensure, with other Councillors, that the Council is properly managed
- keep up to date with developments affecting the Council at local, regional and national levels
- promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of the Parish/Town effectively
- represent the interests of the ward (if applicable) for which the Councillor is elected and attend to parishioners enquiries, representations and complaints
- represent the whole electorate, listen and represent the views of the community when discussing Council business and working with outside bodies
- play an active role in the Council's arrangements to build community involvement and promote measures that contribute to the Council's vision
- attend Council meetings
- prepare for meetings and are properly informed about the issues to be discussed, take part in meetings and form sound judgements based on what is best for the community and then abide by majority decisions
- represent the Council on outside bodies and organisations to which the Councillor is appointed
- maintain proper standards of behaviour as an elected representative
- fulfil the statutory and locally determined requirements of an elected member of a Council, including compliance with all relevant codes of conduct and maintaining high ethical standards. (including not disclosing confidential information and not using Council resources for political purposes or for any other reason unless agreed by the Council)



**No member of the Council may act alone, the Council acts as a body and ALL actions must first have the resolution of the Council**

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**STEWKLEY PLAYERS PRESENT**

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**WRITTEN BY  
DAVID RENWICK**

Stewkley Players



**WEDS 26 - SAT 29 MARCH 25**

**8PM AT STEWKLEY VILLAGE HALL**

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## Local Policing

This is the Policing Team for Soulbury now based at Wing, not Winslow anymore.

**YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM**  
**Wing and Ivinghoe**



Inspector  
James Davies



Sergeant  
David Kuttner



Police Constable  
Dionne Edwards



Police Constable  
Jake Bye



PCSO  
Tina Hobson



PCSO  
Connor Smith



Special Constable  
Sam Richards

The neighbourhood policing team work with our local communities to make Aylesbury Vale safer

To contact your local Team call **101** or email them on [WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:WingNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk)

You can also report an incident on our website: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

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# Soulbury WI

## Soulbury WI news for December 20254 and January 2025

The **Christmas Social** meeting was held in the club room on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The meeting opened at 2pm with the singing of Jerusalem.

Members took part in festive craft activities, making Christmas Wreaths, Waterless Snow globes and Jam-Jar Lanterns. Refreshments were served and we all had the opportunity to sample Margarets' famous Mince pies.

Everyone then gathered in a circle to pass around the Secret Santa gifts. A collection was made, in lieu of giving Christmas cards, and this years charity was the **Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal**. **£105** was raised which Julie Day forwarded to them by way of an order via the Salvation Army Amazon Wishlist. The meeting finished with the singing of The 12 Days of Christmas.

The **Christmas Lunch** was held on the following Tuesday at The Boot. We all had a lovely time and the food and service were excellent. It was so nice to be back in the village for our annual lunch. Our thanks to all the staff at The Boot for making the event such a success.

### January 2025

The meeting opened at 2pm with the singing of Jerusalem. Our speaker was David Swain from the charity Shelterbox.[[www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org)].

Their mission statement is 'no one without shelter after disaster' and to date through their supporters, volunteers and partners, they have supplied appropriate assistance for more than three million people around the world after disasters. They provide shelter, essential items and technical assistance to help some of the world's most vulnerable people recover and rebuild their homes. They listen and adapt support to the needs of each community, working together with those affected by disaster, alongside local supporters and partners. Look out for a 'village' of white tents when you see new disasters reported on the TV, as they may well be Shelterbox tents.

David explained the charities growth from beginning as a small operation in Cornwall developed alongside the local Rotary club to the now sophisticated organization it has become in the intervening 25 years. Since 2006 they have had the patronage of the then Duchess of Cornwall, who has, as The Queen, retained her Patronage of ShelterBox.

Tea and refreshments were served and club business matter were discussed. The raffle was drawn and the meeting ended at 4:30pm.

The next meeting is **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm**, when we welcome Graham Horne to talk about 'The Thankful Villages of WW1' .

Some 16,000 communities in Britain sent troops to serve in WWI. Yet only about 50 places – of which Stoke Hammond is one - saw **all** their men return. These are the Thankful Villages, and this is their story. We will look at this group of disparate places to discover the reasons why and find out a bit more about some of them.

Visitors are welcome to attend at the cost of £3. If you wish to come along, please just let us know by using the contact phone numbers published in the Soulbury newsletter <https://soulburyparish.co.uk/womens-institute/> and you will be warmly welcomed.

## **2025 WI program**

*Monthly Meetings held at 2.00 pm 2nd Tuesday each month Soulbury Parish Hall [VISITORS £3.00]*

- 11 February Thankful villages
- 11 March Ladies of the Grand Tour
- 08 April Downton Abbey's Connections with Bucks, Berks and Oxon
- 13 May Resolutions / 50th Anniversary Event
- 10 June Dots to DAB - History of radio
- 01 July Members meeting
- 08 July Outing
- 12 August No Meeting
- 09 September Boudicca – Warrior Queen or Rebel
- 14 October A Great Railway Journey
- 16 October Group Meeting – evening – Hosted by Wavendon Belles
- 11 November AGM
- 02 December Christmas Social
- 09 December Christmas Lunch

## Soulbury village Cricket News 2025

We played 14 games in 2024 winning 7 and losing 7 with a couple of early games cancelled due to the wet weather.

As always our matches were played in a great spirit with both teams enjoying the excellent Soulbury cricket teas at our home games.

There were outstanding batting and bowling performances in 2024. At Boxmoor on May 19th Austin Jones and Alfie Smees shared a terrific first wicket stand of 118.

Both Austin Jones and James Carter averaged over 40 in the 2024 batting averages and Nathan Thrower took 5 wickets for 11 runs against Milton Keynes CC on July 14th.

There are 19 fixtures in 2025 including the Brian Mead Memorial game on August 24th and the Soulbury Smash on July 13th.

In April 2024 we had a very popular Race Night and we'll be holding another one this year on Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall – details coming soon.

My thanks go to our hard working groundsman Roger Rolls, all of our players, Ian Parrott for help with and use of the ground, Mrs Chris Bryant for scoring, Robert Wright for his help with maintaining the equipment and the Committee for keeping the show on the road.

If you have any questions or need more info please contact me on 07702 019 553.

Adrian Hunt  
Chairman

### Parish Council Email Addresses

Due to GDPR regulations the Clerk and Parish Councillors should not be using their own personal email addresses for parish council business. Therefore, the following email addresses have been set up for everyone to use when communicating with the parish council.

[clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk)  
[chairman@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:chairman@soulburyparish.co.uk)  
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[ahs@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:ahs@soulburyparish.co.uk)  
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Wendy Taylor  
Victor Wright  
Maurice Cross  
Alan Stevens  
Margaret Rowe  
John Bennet  
Nigel Kemal  
Salina Darbyshire-Mackay

This information will also appear on the parish website.

## Advertising Rates

To advertise in this magazine the rates are as follows:

	Annual	Monthly
Full page (portrait)	£200	£30
Half Page (landscape)	£100	£20
Quarter Page (Portrait)	£50	£10
Small Ads (landscape)	£33	£5

Ads will appear in the newsletter and on the parish website.

[sdm@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:sdm@soulburyparish.co.uk)

# Information from National Highways

## Important roadworks information

### A5 Little Brickhill to Hockliffe - safety improvements

Dear Customer

Following a formal statutory process, I am writing to let you know that we're reducing the speed limit on the A5 between Little Brickhill to Thorn Roundabout.

Section 1 – Little Brickhill and Hockliffe will change from the National Speed Limit of 60mph to 50mph

Section 2 – Hockliffe and Thorn Roundabout will change from the National Speed Limit of 60mph to 50mph

These speed management changes are based on collision and risk assessment data.

This scheme aims to improve safety for all road users by reducing the number of people harmed on this route.

Work includes the installation of speed limit signage and seven new variable speed cameras to enforce the new speed limits.

We are not responsible for the enforcement of speed limits, that responsibility lies with the relevant police force.

We are planning to start work on **Monday 27 January 2025**. This will last approximately **13 weeks**. We will work between 8pm and 6am on weeknights, weather permitting.

#### Closures and diversions

To carry out the work safely, we will need to close the A5, and divert traffic as detailed below:

<b>Closure</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Diversion</b>
A5 Little Brickhill to Thorn Roundabout in both directions	Monday 27 to Friday 31 January	Traffic travelling northbound on the A5 will be diverted off at Watling Roundabout onto the A505/A4146, before rejoining the A5 at Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout.  Traffic travelling southbound will follow the same diversion as above, but in reverse.
A5 Little Brickhill to Thorn Roundabout	Monday 3 February to Friday 21 February (weeknights only)	Lane closures will be in place.
A5 Little Brickhill to Thorn Roundabout in both directions	Monday 24 February to Friday 14 March (weeknights only)	Traffic travelling northbound on the A5 will be diverted off at Watling Roundabout onto the A505/A4146, before rejoining the A5 at Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout.  Traffic travelling southbound will follow the same diversion as above, but in reverse.
A5 Little Brickhill to Thorn Roundabout	Monday 17 to Friday 21 March	Traffic signals will be in place
A5 Little Brickhill to Thorn Roundabout in both directions	Monday 24 March to early May (weeknights only)	Traffic travelling northbound on the A5 will be diverted off at Watling Roundabout onto the A505/A4146, before rejoining the A5 at Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout.  Traffic travelling southbound will follow the same diversion as above, but in reverse.

Laybys between Kelly's Kitchen in Milton Keynes and Thorn roundabout along the A5 will be closed 24/7 while we introduce the speed limit reduction and install the new variable speed cameras.

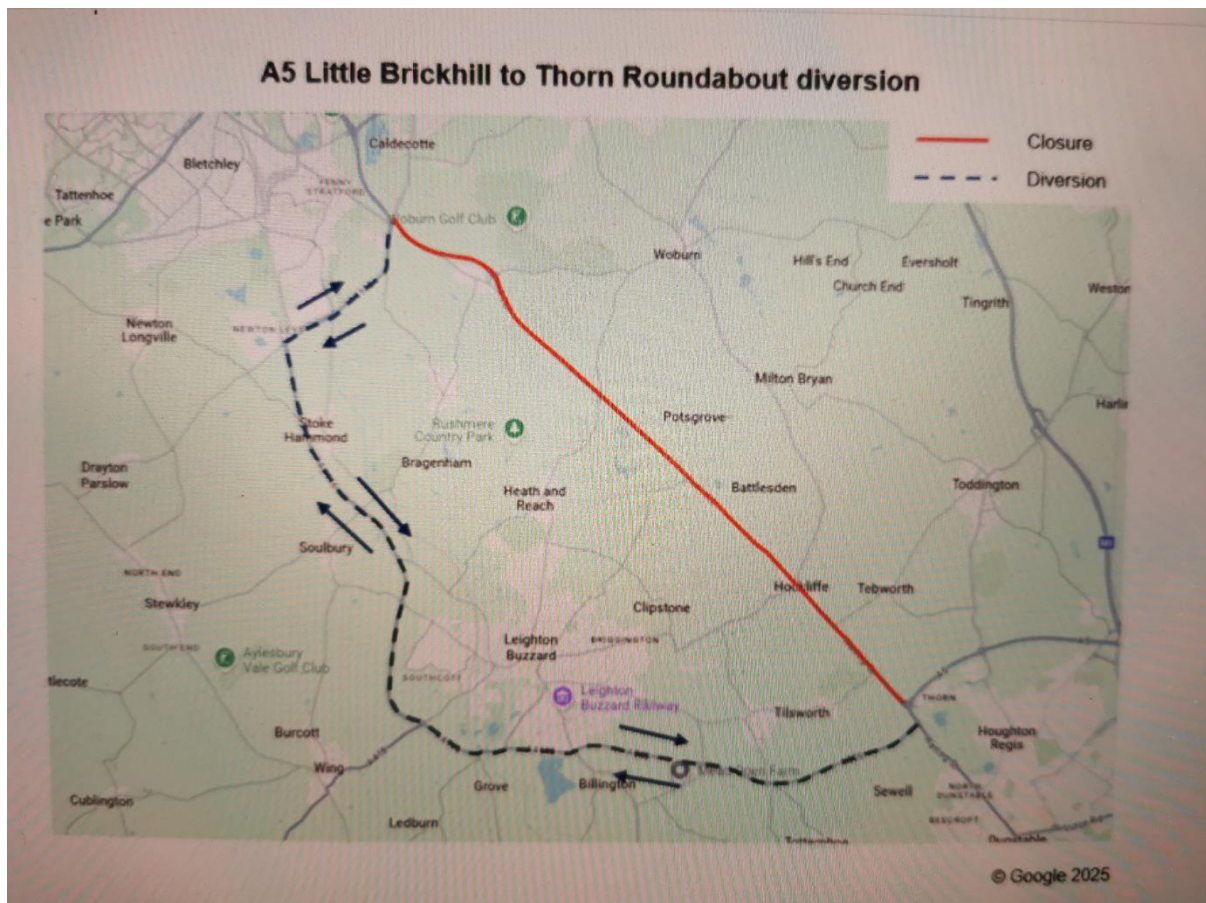
#### **Escort through the work**

We have identified your property as one that may be directly affected by our work. We will help you leave and return to your property whilst the A5 is closed to other traffic.

Please keep a copy of this letter in your vehicle and you will be escorted through the closure. Please be patient when you need our support with leaving or returning to your property as you may have to wait until it is safe to escort you.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and apologise for any noise and disturbance caused by our work.

A map of the diversions can be found overleaf.



### How to find out more

Please visit our dedicated webpage which will be updated regularly throughout the works or alternatively sign up for updates here: <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/east/safety-schemes-in-the-east-region/>

### Other work in the area

While we are installing new speed cameras on the A5, work will also take place on the M1. We are co-ordinating these closures on the A5 with the team working on the M1 between junction 10 to 13, to reduce delays to your journey.

There are safety upgrades on the M1 between junctions 10 (Luton Airport) and 13 (Milton



Keynes South/Bedford). The M1 work involves installing new CCTV cameras, Motorway Incident Detection and Automatic Signalling (MIDAS) and repairing variable message signs, which are used to assist with the management of traffic on the motorway. You can find out more about the planned M1 road closures in Bedfordshire at [www.nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/east/m1-junctions-10-to-13-enhancements](https://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/east/m1-junctions-10-to-13-enhancements)

We are also working with the A5 Stoney Stratford to Portway Concrete surface repairs and maintenance who have a local diversion in place. You can find out more about the planned A5 Stoney works here: <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/east/a5-stony-stratford-to-portway-concrete-surface-repairs-and-maintenance/>

Yours faithfully

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