

Soulbury Parish News

March 2025



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Soulbury Community Hub



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The Parish Council plans the revival of the Newsletter in hard copy format and get it distributed to as many homes as possible. For this to be possible any contributions for the newsletter need to be provided to the editor **by the 18th of each month** for inclusion in the following newsletter.

Soulbury Village Dates for your diary March 2025 onwards

Sunday 2nd March	11:30 am	Parish Communion (All Saints Church).
Thursday 13th March	2:30 pm	Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall).
Thursday 13th March	7:30 pm	Dream Team Meeting at The Boot Inn (80th VE Day Anniversary Celebrations).
Sunday 16th March	11:30 am	Parish Communion (All Saints Church).
Monday 17th March	7:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting (Parish Hall).
Sunday 23rd March	11:30 am	Brunch Church Service (All Saints Church).
Thursday 27th March	2:30 pm	Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall).
Thursday 27th March	6:30 pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting - APCM (All Saints Church).
Saturday 29th March	11:00 am	Soulbury Spring Litter Pick (Parish Hall).
Sunday 30th March	9:30 am/12:00 pm	Soulbury Breakfast (Parish Hall).
Sunday 30th March	11:00 am	Benefice Mothering Sunday Service (All Saints Church at Wing).
Sunday 6th April	11:30 am	Parish Communion (All Saints Church).
Thursday 10th April	2:30 pm	Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall).
Saturday 19th April	2:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt (Soulbury Millennium Green).
Sunday 20th April	11:30 am	Parish Communion – Easter Day Service & Baptism Service (All Saints Church).
Thursday 24th April	2:30 pm	Social Group Meeting (Parish Hall).
Friday 25th April	6:30 pm	Race Night 2025 (Parish Hall).
Sunday 27th April	11:30 am	Brunch Church (All Saints Church).
Thursday 8th May	TBC	80th Anniversary VE Day Celebrations.
Saturday 21st June	TBC	Soulfest 2025.
Saturday 8th November	TBC	Fireworks Display.

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

Rev. Dominic Wright

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Soulbury Breakfast

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 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 or clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk

All Saints Church – Soulbury

Dear Friends

When I look back on the last time I wrote to you it was September. I wrote about dark nights getting longer, folk being isolated. Now its nearly over, Spring is on its way. Clocks go forward at the end of the month.

Another year is celebrating itself in Spring, with snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils, as we yearn towards an early summer and warmth.

Our heads and hearts look forward to it, before that we have Easter, and before that Lent.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 5 March. (We have 4 services dotted around the Benefice that day) It lasts 40 days. Lent is primarily identified with the time Jesus spent in the desert fasting, praying, and being tempted. That's why we hear so much about folk giving up things for the period of Lent. Alcohol or chocolate, however, if you don't drink much alcohol or eat a great deal of chocolate it's not really cutting it is it? What its really about is making a difference to your life during this time. For example you might want to commit to taking a couple of hours out each week to concentrate on you, thinking about life, where are you going? Is this what you are really about for the next 30 years? Something that is a bit different from the norm and something that does take commitment.

The Benefice (our 8 Churches) are running a couple of different sessions on Wednesday Evenings during Lent, they both begin on Wednesday 12th March. Dom our fab Rector is running a Zoom course on the Nicene Creed (Its 900 years old this year). Dom has put together some very specialist speakers for these evenings and it should be really good for those of you who have a good understanding of the Christian faith and wanting to go deeper.

Whereas Annie and myself are running Wednesday evenings at Wingrave Church at 7.15 for 7.30pm for those wanting to grasp a little of the Christian faith, we are asking you to dance with us as we talk to each other about where we are coming from and where we might hope to go. We have food involved and general friendship and chat, we really, really do hope to see you there.

You see, all this before Easter and perhaps before your Tulips have blossomed, and when Easter comes, well who knows what we are up to. I look forward to spending my ever-emerging year with you, let's go.

Best Pam,
Rev Str Pamela Reeves

Soulbury Millennium Green – February Report

Following our January SMG committee meeting and the subsequent tour of the SMG site later on that week to measure up and determine the various options for the proposed circular pathway extension, Richard Caplan tendered his resignation from the management committee and from undertaking voluntary maintenance duties on the SMG. This includes managing & supervising Sunday work by the Community Pay-back Team. Richard has devoted a great deal of love and attention to countless hours of voluntary work maintaining the Millennium Green and supervising numerous work projects over many years. He now feels he needs a break to now concentrate on his primary gardening business and some overdue rest & recovery. We are extremely grateful for all Richard's past work devotion and wish him well for the future. The SMG committee are currently exploring options to continue maintaining the SMG and providing supervisory Sunday rota duties so as to retain the Community Payback Team's working on this site. Volunteers greatly welcomed please!

As mentioned, four members of the committee met on site to explore options to measure up routes to complete a circular pathway for quotations & seeking available funding/grant possibilities. The first of the two favoured routes would extend the pathway up to paved standing stone area, follow the opposite hedgerow down towards the pond, then turn left and join the exiting pathway between the circular seat tree & pond. The second favoured route would take a right dog leg by the circular seat tree between the pond and spinney on the left, take another right dog leg turn along the children's play area metal fencing, another right dog leg to the entrance gate of the playground, then a further left dog left turn to join pathway by the Eco Toilet. This would give better access to the children's play area, particularly those pushing kid's buggies. Geoff Kiddle has agreed to lead & co-ordinate this process.

Work in Progress: During February, we have hired a skip and managed to managed to utilize the Sunday Payback Team to clear the accumulated waste at the entrance gate fenced woodland area, with the exception of six dumped car tyres which would have incurred a substantial additional environmental charge. Linslade Tyres kindly agreed to take these into their compound for a small donation towards their charity container & this has now been actioned by Nigel. Bridge repair work improvements have been taking place in the memorial garden area. A new urinal with much increased diameter drain tube outlet is on order to replace the existing Eco-toilet one. A new soak away needs to be dug out and suitable aggregate obtained.

Finance: It was reported that our current account balance was £15,975.86 with £49.01 still remaining Petty Cash. The Bucks lottery yielded £8.00 for

February. It was agreed to look at procuring a new decent gas barbecue during the next couple of months so this is available for Soulfest in June. Bedfordshire Barbecue Centre was suggested for possible purchase investigations.

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. We also need volunteers to join a rota on Sundays to help organise & plan the workload for Community Payback Teams.

Contact Nigel Kemal for further details or invitation to our next meetings (Mobile No. 07398 825430).

Future Event dates:

19/04/25 – Easter Egg Hunt

21/06/25 – Soulfest 2025

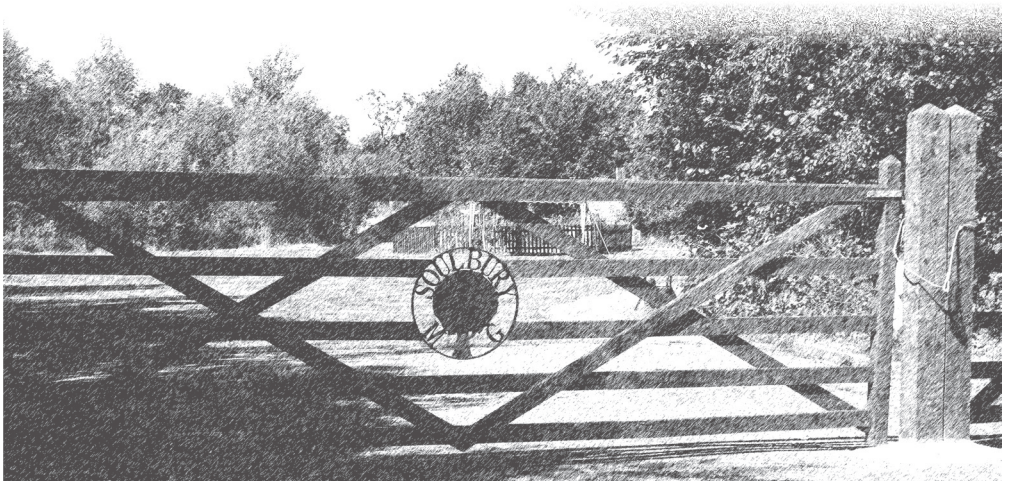
08/11/25 – Firework Display

We now have 55 members who have signed up for the 100 Club monthly draw. Thank you all for your support.

Next SMG Committee Meeting date is Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7:30 pm.

Soulbury Millennium Green Trust - 100 Club & Winners in 2025

January:	Wendy Taylor
February:	Tony Crack



Dream Team **VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations**

The re-convened “Dream Team” held its second meeting on Thursday 13th February which due holidays and other commitments four of our group were unable to attend. We did however have Karen, a founder member of our group and Cheryl, a recent arrival to our village, join the meeting group. As there has been a report that VE Day Celebrations were now to take place on Monday 5th May which is a bank holiday, whilst another report seemed to indicate that Thursday 8th May now featured on a Public Holiday website, confusion reigns. The official Pageant Master’s online website only lists **Thursday 8th May** (not a bank holiday) as the designated day of commemoration, which we have decided to adhere to.

Update on Proceedings: I understand Michael Fopp has agreed to raise the commemorative VE Day 80th Anniversary Flag at 9:00 am. The Parish Council have agreed to fund its purchase and Nigel will action this.

The Boot Inn have proposed three meal options for serving between 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm for a fixed price of £10.00. These are to be served up in disposable boxes for speed and efficiency and comprise of the following options: Fish & Chips, Sausage & Chips & Vegan/Vegetarian Sausage & Chips. The Meal Booking’s deadline will need to be 1 week prior to the event date and discussions are ongoing how to handle the bookings payments as the Boot will be unable to organise this.

We are unlikely to have Bell Ringers to ring our church bells at All Saints Church and also a Piper to process us to the Village Green is looking to be hard to find. Tony Crack has agreed to dress suitably for 9:00 pm and be Soulbury’s Town Crier answer, reading out the Proclamation. Vic has invited Sir Alex Bonsor to read the Tribute as the Beacon is lit at 9:30 pm. Then, Cheryl will hopefully lead us in singing the hymn “I Vow To Thee My Country” followed by other suitable hymns & wartime songs. Cheryl will try and obtain David Philip’s participation with his electronic keyboard. The Boot will provide bar facilities at the Village Green at one end of the marquee.

Next Meeting date: Thursday 13th March 7:30 pm at the Boot Inn.

We welcome all 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

Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday 17th February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. There were 3 members of the public present. Apologies were received from Cllrs Wright. Minutes of meeting on 20th January 2025 were agreed as correct. Matters arising: Christmas Tree for village green purchased and will be planted 3/3/25. All monies paid and received noted by all and Cllr Bennet signed the January 2025 bank statement.

Planning:

No new planning to discuss this month.

24/02711 and Appeal ref 25/00007/REF: The Paddock, Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DJ - change of use and conversion of existing hay barn into one dwelling house. Appeal lodged with Secretary of State. Council decided no further action required on its part.

Environment

a. Fountain

Awaiting Land Registry response.

b. Allotments

Plot 4 deemed unrentable due to being overgrown needs clearing for a new couple who want to rent an allotment. Clerk suggested to Michele Nicholas, site manager, that she tries some gardeners advertising locally as this is not the sort of work that Richard Caplan does. There are funds available for this. The question of increasing the allotment rents was discussed. To be diarise for 3 months hence.

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

Correspondence and parish matters:

a. Lime tree by Oak tree at junction of High Road and Soulbury Road: received note from Climate response Team Leader said that moving the tree would be too stressful for the tree, so moving it is not recommended. Highways Head of Service is looking into the best way forward. Clerk responded suggesting this needs to happen quickly before the sap starts rising.

b. Cemetery management and compliance training: information received was given to Cllr Kemal as he is also a churchwarden.

c. Cottage adjacent village green: Email received from owner. Council agreed to acknowledge receipt of the email which will be considered further.

d. Village Green Rules and Regulations agreed and will be added to the website. Discussion took place on various areas of the village green where alterations have taken place or parking on the green occurs which are not within these rules and regulations. Work will commence to address this.

e. Hard copy of the parish magazine: clerk discussed with printer what was required and obtain dates by which he needed copy in order for the first hard copy to be delivered in March.

f. Clerk emailed village contacts with information regarding the forthcoming elections to try to get new councillors. Posters are around the village and information was put into the February edition of the Parish News and the Soulbury Community Hub. Exercise to be repeated in March.

Millennium Green:

Richard Caplan has resigned from the SMG committee and has stood down from working on the SMG. Committee are discussing ways forward. The new path route has been decided. Funding is now being looked at.

Councillors Open Forum

a. Cllr Stevens asked why information about village activities goes in so many places such as the Hub, parish mag, website, etc. This is because different age groups view different types media and we have to cover them all.

b. VE Day: cannot get a piper or bell ringers, Tony Crack will be town crier, Michael Fopp will raise flag outside the church and it was agreed that a VE day flag can be purchased for £45. Alex Bonsor will read the tribute. Fish and chip suppers will be provided by the Boot, advance booking only at £10/head.

c. Cllr Cross will make a base unit for the speed indicating sign.

Public Participation

Nothing brought forward.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 17th March 2025 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

The April meeting will be held TUESDAY 22nd April 2025 due to the Monday being Easter Monday.

Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward

Cllr Phill Gomm



Cllr Jilly Jordan



Cllr Iain Macpherson



Acknowledgment

Daphne Reeves 2nd November 1928 to 9th January 2025

We would like to thank everyone for their amazing support during this difficult time, and also all those who attended her funeral on 12th February in All Saints' Soulbury.

Daphne & husband Peter moved to Wing in 2004 to be nearer to us. She joined Soulbury WI and they both attended services in Soulbury & Wing churches. Peter died during COVID lockdown in 2020. Daphne's ashes are buried in Peter's grave near the path in Soulbury churchyard.

We would like to thank the WI for providing tea & coffee before the service and staff at The Boot for excellent refreshments afterwards with cakes again from the WI.

Chris & Chris Bryant

Soulbury Parish News 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



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- Make a difference to local people's lives?
- Give something back to your community?
- Help shape change for the benefit of your area?

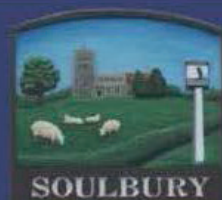
Local elections take place on the 1st May 2025 -you could be a candidate

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



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 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) 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

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.

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	Wendy Taylor
chairman@soulburyparish.co.uk	Victor Wright
mc@soulburyparish.co.uk	Maurice Cross
ahs@soulburyparish.co.uk	Alan Stevens
mr@soulburyparish.co.uk	Margaret Rowe
jb@soulburyparish.co.uk	John Bennet
nk@soulburyparish.co.uk	Nigel Kemal
sdm@soulburyparish.co.uk	Salina Darbyshire-Mackay

This information will also appear on the parish website.



Roles and Responsibilities

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

Soulbury WI

Soulbury WI news for February 2025

February 2025

The meeting opened at 2pm with the singing of Jerusalem.

We welcomed 2 visitors from Stoke Hammond, Sally and Hazel.

Our President then introduced Graham Horne to talk about 'The Thankful Villages of WW1'.

Some 16,000 communities in England and Wales sent troops to serve in WWI. Yet only 53 Villages – of which Stoke Hammond is one - saw all their men return. These are the Thankful Villages. We heard about this group of disparate places to discover the reasons why and find out a bit more about some of them. Graham took us on a photo tour of every village with a pause to mention those 14 Doubly Thank Villages - in that they also lost no service personnel during World War II. They all have a memorial to this, some very ornate, some just a simple plaque.

Tea and refreshments were served, and club business matter were discussed.

Members were reminded that annual subscriptions are due in March.

Plans are taking shape for our 50th Anniversary event in May and our annual outing in July.

The raffle was drawn and the meeting ended at 4:30pm.

The next meeting is **Tuesday 11th March at 2pm**, when we welcome Jean Yates to talk about 'Ladies of the Grand Tour'. An informative look at a number of early lady travellers, some of whom ventured abroad for education and enlightenment, but many to avoid scandal. There were also a number of aristocratic women who were married off in their early teens and who just sought happiness and adventure. We will follow their journeys across Europe and some as far as the Middle East.

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 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

March - In like a lion and out like a lamb

*Functional Skincare By
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Though the weather may not adhere to this old saying these days, March is still a month that has us thinking of changing weather.

Shifts in weather can significantly impact your skin. With the Dermaivduals corneotherapeutic skincare range, you can customize your products according to the season—just like you would with your clothing, opting for more layers in winter and less in summer.

If you would like to know more about Dermaivduals skincare range, message now.

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Soulbury Cricket Club

2025 season is coming soon

Our season starts with an away game versus Stoke Hammond at 1pm on Sunday 18th May.

There are 18 fixtures in 2025 including the Soulbury Smash - an all day 3 team T20 type event running from 11am to late with a BBQ and afternoon tea – on Sunday 13th July and the Brian Mead Memorial game on Sunday 24th August.

Indoor nets have started – they’re from 12 noon to 2pm at Cottesloe School Wing every Sunday apart from Mothers Day on March 30th.

We are having a Race Night at Soulbury Parish Hall on Friday April 25th. (see advert on page 21).

2025 fixtures

We look forward to seeing you.

Sun 18 May	1pm	Away	Stoke Hammond CC
Sun 25 May	1pm	Home	Walton XI
Sun 1 Jun	1pm	Away	Buckland & Aston Clinton CC
Sun 8 Jun	1pm	Home	Simmons CC
Sun 15 Jun	1pm	Away	New Bradwell CC
Sun 22 Jun	1pm	Home	Boxmoor CC
Sun 29 Jun	1pm	Home	Road Runners CC
Sun 6 Jul	1pm	Away	Leighton Town CC
Sun 13 Jul	TBC	Home	Soulbury Smash
Sun 20 Jul	1pm	Home	Cublington CC
Sun 27 Jul	1pm	Away	Aspley Guise CC
Sun 3 Aug	1pm	Home	Milton Keynes CC
Sun 10 Aug	1pm	Home	Leighton Town CC
Sun 17 Aug	1pm	Away	Mursley CC
Sun 24 Aug	1pm	Home	Memorial Game
Sun 31 Aug	1pm	Away	Stewkley CC
Sun 7 Sep	1pm	Home	Buckland & Aston Clinton CC
Sun 14 Sep	1pm	Home	Aspley Guise CC

Players, Scorers, Spectators, Helpers, Families – please come along. We have a great value bar!

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

Adrian Hunt Chairman



RACE NIGHT



Friday 25th April

£15 PER PERSON

(Includes 2 course dinner)

BRING YOUR OWN BOOZE!

6.30PM (First race at 7PM)

At the Village hall

Buy horses in advance for £5 each and choose the names!

Sponsor a race for £10 and name it!

Contact Jess to buy your ticket, sponsor a race and buy your horses!

Please also advise of any dietary requirements

Email - svccsocialerevents@gmail.com

New Members Welcome

Would you like to be part of a
welcoming, sociable, local cricket club?

**Soulbury Village Cricket Club
welcomes you!**



We play friendly Sunday
games against local
opposition



We are always looking for new members to:

- play in the team - all ages and abilities welcome
- learn to score or umpire
- just come along to watch and be involved socially

Nets start on Sunday 16th February

12-2 at Cottesloe School

alongside our friends at Wing CC

Contact us through our Facebook or Instagram pages
or via our play-cricket page:

<https://soulburyvillage.play-cricket.com/Aboutus>

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**Inspector
James Davies**



**Sergeant
David Kuttner**



**Police Constable
Dionne Edwards**



**Police Constable
Jake Bye**



**PCSO
Tina Hobson**



**PCSO
Connor Smith**



**Special Constable
Sam Richards**

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You can also report an incident on our website:

www.thamesvalley.police.uk

In an emergency always call 999

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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 week nights, weather permitting.

Closures and diversions

To carry out the work safely, we will need to close the A5, and divert traffic as detailed below: *(page 23)*

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.

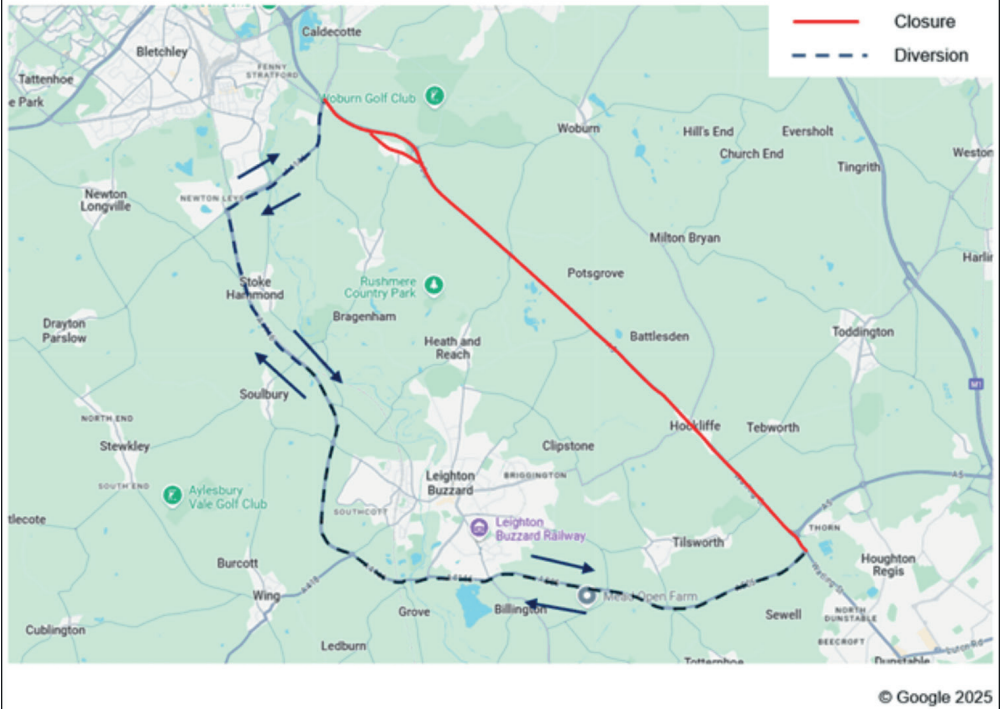
Please keep a copy of this letter in your vehicle and you will be escorted through the closure. Please be patient when you need our support with leaving or returning to your property as you may have to wait until it is safe to escort you.

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

Closure	Dates	Diversion
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 Thron Roundabout	Monday 17 to Fri-ay 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.

A map of the diversions can be found overleaf

A5 Little Brickhill to Thorn Roundabout diversion



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

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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Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council

Buckinghamshire Lottery: Win big, give back and make a difference!

17 February 2025

Which good cause will benefit from your random act of kindness? That's the question from Buckinghamshire Council to residents this Random Act of Kindness Day (17 February 2025).

With Buckinghamshire Lottery, Buckinghamshire residents can make a difference to their community by supporting local good causes while also potentially winning big.

By purchasing a ticket for just £1 per week, players not only have the opportunity to win cash prizes including the weekly £25,000 jackpot, but 60p of every ticket sale goes directly towards supporting local good causes. From animal charities, scout groups, charities providing support for health issues like cancer, mental health and Alzheimer's, local food banks, sport clubs and youth projects – there's a good cause close to everybody's heart.

Buckinghamshire Lottery offers a 1 in 56 chance of winning – much better odds than the National Lottery. Recent winners include Mrs P who won £250 last month while supporting the Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Service - South Buckinghamshire.

Diana Chadwick, Operations Director - RSASS commented: "RSASS has been proud to be a good cause supported by Buckinghamshire Lottery since 2021, benefiting from essential community support.

The funds raised through the lottery have directly contributed to expanding our therapeutic services and outreach programs, helping survivors of sexual violence and their families access the compassionate care they need. Thanks to this vital funding we've been able to extend our counselling hours, and reach more individuals across South Buckinghamshire who deserve safety, healing, and empowerment.

Every ticket purchased truly makes a difference in transforming lives and strengthening our community.”

Last year, over £66,000 was raised for good causes registered with Buckinghamshire Lottery, and nearly £28,000 was raised in addition to this for Buckinghamshire Lottery’s Community Fund which supports even more local projects and community groups in the county.

“We’re thrilled by the success of Buckinghamshire Lottery,” said Arif Hussain, Buckinghamshire Council’s Cabinet Member for Communities. “It offers residents the chance to win cash prizes while also supporting local causes that make a real difference in our community. By purchasing a ticket, you not only have the chance to win big, but you’re also helping to fund important projects and organisations that enhance the lives of those in our community. It’s truly a win-win situation.”

Arif added: “We have 381 local good causes registered, so there’s plenty of choice for people when choosing who they want to support. All proceeds from the lottery go towards supporting local projects and organisations that make a positive impact on the community. Whether it’s supporting a local sports team, helping to preserve a historic building, or funding youth programmes, Buckinghamshire Lottery is an easy way for residents to make a difference.”

There’s already over 1,500 active players across Buckinghamshire who helped raise nearly £94,000 last year for local good causes – and you could join them.

To purchase a ticket and support local causes, go to:
[buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk](https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk)

If you’re part of a local good cause looking to boost your fundraising in 2025, you can sign up online for free. There are no set up costs or admin fees, just a great way to raise money and to give your supporters a chance to win themselves. As a registered good cause you’ll get your own customisable lottery webpage, funds sent directly to your account every month, great prizes for your supporters, marketing help and materials to help you promote your good cause through Buckinghamshire Lottery, and weekly reports via email updates.

For more information visit **[buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/good-causes](https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/good-causes)**

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Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council

Help shape the future of nature in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes

06 February 2025

Help shape the future of nature in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes
Buckinghamshire Council wants to hear your views on the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes are home to a wide range of habitats and species, including internationally rare chalk streams, ancient woodland and nationally significant populations of species such as native black poplar trees and black hairstreak butterflies.

The health of the natural environment is critical in supporting these habitats and species.

Thomas Broom, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment, said:

"Nature is vital for making our county a healthier, cleaner place where we can enjoy life in our natural environment. We rely on nature to provide us with clean air, water, productive soil for food, flood protection and space for recreation. This work will be all the more vital with the government imposing more than 100,000 new developments on the county and we will use this strategic framework, alongside our work on Biodiversity Net Gain to help mitigate this damage."

"Following an extensive period of stakeholder engagement we have developed a draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes to help reverse the decline in nature in our local area.

"We want to hear your views on our draft priorities and measures for nature, together with the associated mapping of areas that could become of particular importance for biodiversity, so they align with the nature you think is important to see in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes in the future. You do not need to be an expert on nature to take part."

You can tell the council your views in one of the following ways:

- Complete the online survey
- Email lnrs@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- Write to LNRS priorities, The NEP, Planning and Environment, Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street Offices, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA

Your views need to be submitted **by 24 March 2025**.

The Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership is leading the development of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council, with the support of representatives from, Milton Keynes City Council, Natural England and many other organisations including Environment Agency, Forestry Commission, Chilterns Conservation Board, and the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust. Further information on the LNRS consultation can be found at: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/environment/lnrs-consultation/>

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