

WELCOME

This community newsletter is designed to keep you updated on progress as the various phases of the project are brought forward. Information can also be found on the website:

www.meonvale.co.uk

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FUN FEST ROUND UP

Thank you to everyone who attended the FunFest on the 14th August and a massive thank you to the volunteers who helped set everything up, clear up and helped throughout the day! We couldn't have done it without them!

We had a fabulous day with some lovely local craft and food stalls to look round and buy from, bouncy castles and races to keep the kids entertained and the Pavilion Cafe provided us with more cakes and coffee. CKMA karate gave a brilliant demonstration of their skills and food was provided by Shakespeare Spit Roast and Ice creams from Sweet Delights. The bar was provided by Binton Social club and manned by two wonderful volunteers. In the evening we had live music from Tom Hall music and Orange River Remedy who both kept us dancing 'till dark. - Christine Johnson





HAVE YOUR SAY AT MEON VALE

Come along and have your say on the future of Meon Vale

We want to help make Meon Vale an even better place to live, work and thrive. That's why we've been developing some exciting plans for the village's outside spaces and ideas about how we can work with the community to shape the long-term vision for Meon Vale.

On **Saturday 25 September** we will be hosting a drop-in event to present some proposals and invite the community's feedback and ideas about the future of the village.

Taking place at the Meon Vale Leisure Centre between 10.30am-4.00pm, we're welcoming anyone who lives at or uses the space around the village to come along and meet our team, view our proposals and share your ideas and opinions.

We'll be putting on activities for all the family, including:

- Inflatable fun for youngsters
- Woodland walks to explain our proposals for the village's outdoor spaces
- Dog walking and rambling adventures
- ...and much, much more!

We're also excited to be linking up with Stratford upon Avon Table Tennis Club's 'Family Fun Day', which will be taking place at the same time. Offering a great opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to pick up a bat and try out their ping pong skills, there'll even be a chance to challenge the Mayor of Stratford to a game!

Playgrounds, woodland and green open spaces

Earlier this year we ran a short survey asking residents for their comments about what they would like to see included in proposals for new playgrounds and potential enhancements to the woodland and green open spaces around Meon Vale. We were grateful to receive lots of positive, enthusiastic feedback and creative thinking and have been busy using this to inform our designs.

The plans are now being finalised for the new play spaces, which will be located on the edge of the woodland and include areas to suit both younger and older children. We want to share these with you before submitting a planning application to the local council later this year, and are keen to hear your views.



At the same time we've been continuing to bring forward some enhancements across Meon Vale's outdoor space and thinking about how the woodland can be managed in the longer-term. We have a range of opportunities and biodiversity initiatives that the community could take forward – and would like to hear if you want to get involved.

New community facilities, working together

As well as the outdoor spaces, we want to develop a strategy for improving the wider facilities at Meon Vale for the long-term benefit of the community. This could include how the community hall, pavilion and sports pitches are used. We're also exploring the possibility of providing a remote working facility for residents to access.

We've already been working with a number of local groups including the Meon Vale Working Group and Meon Vale Residents Association to gather some suggestions for initiatives and services that could be provided at the village.

Now we'd really like to hear from you. What initiatives do you think the community would benefit from the most? How else can we work together to build a strong future for Meon Vale? Would you like to become involved and volunteer yourself?

We want to hear from you

This event is your opportunity to have your say and help shape the future vision for Meon Vale – so please come along, share your ideas and get involved! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 25 September, but please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions in the meantime: meonvalestates@stmodwen.co.uk



MEON VALE

TUDOR GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our brand-new primary school has opened! Tudor Grange Primary Academy is now operating out of its new permanent home, which fronts on to Bailey Avenue in the heart of the Meon Vale community.

The temporary school, which is located on the land known as the 'pub-plot' next to Meon Vale Leisure Centre will be gradually taken down over the next few months and will have been completely removed by mid-October. We'll keep all of our residents updated with any emerging plans that may be brought forward for the pub plot.



MEON VALE CHURCH



Greetings from Meon Vale Church

As we begin to look towards Autumn, we have exciting news in that we are planning a monthly Church gathering in Meon Vale, starting in October. Keep an eye on www.facebook.com/meonvalechurch where we will be posting all the details in the coming weeks.

Meon Vale Baby and Toddler Group

Our Baby and Toddler Group runs every Thursday morning during term time from 10:00-11:00 in the Village Hall. The group is free and there is no longer any need to book in advance. The group is a great place to meet new people and lots of fun for little ones – why not pop in and join us? For more details visit the Meon Vale Baby and Toddler Group Facebook page. Remembrance and Thanksgiving service for the Covid-19 Pandemic.

As life begins to return to normal, we would like to offer the

opportunity to pause and reflect upon the significance of the last 18 months. It is a time during which many of us will have experienced grief and loss; many of us have lost loved ones, while others have lost employment, opportunities, time with family or suffered ill physical or mental health. It is also a time that has been marked by kindness and self-sacrifice and many of us will be deeply grateful to key workers, neighbours, community figures and others who have helped us during this time.

To mark this, we would like to invite you to a special service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at St. Swithin's Church, Lower Quinton on Sunday 31 October at 10:30am. As part of the service, we are inviting people to bring flowers that they will be able to lay at the foot of a cross in the churchyard in tribute to those who have lost their life during the Covid-19 Pandemic. All details of the service will be published on our Facebook page.

Remembrance Sunday

In addition to the above service, our traditional services of Remembrance will take place on Remembrance Sunday (14 November), where we particularly remember the sacrifices made by our armed forces.

Services will be taking place at 10:45am at both St. Swithin's Church, Lower Quinton and the Church of St. James the Great, Long Marston. All are welcome.



THE PAVILION



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COFFEE SHOP & COMMUNITY SPACE

Opening hours:
Tuesday - Saturday
10am - 4pm

Located alongside Meon Vale Park & Skatepark
CV37 8YE
(Parking free)

Instagram: @thepavilionatmeon Facebook: @thepavilioncoffeeshop

A huge thank you from our team to all our customers and volunteers who have supported us over the last couple of months. We have been overwhelmed by all your kind comments and support.

We are a non profit organisation aiming to support the community through FoodShare and community projects.

The FoodShare is for those who are struggling and need that bit of extra support. Please call Steph Hillier on 07720975023 or email marstoneditor@yahoo .com, or Debbie Woodliffe at clerk@marstonsicca-pc.gov.uk, if you feel that you require some extra support.

All conversations are strictly confidential.

Warm wishes
Steph Hillier, Manager



SAFETY ON SITE

We're aware of some concerns about safety on site, and St. Modwen takes the wellbeing of Meon Vale's residents very seriously. Stratford District Council has funding for two CCTV cameras on site that can be monitored by the council, and St. Modwen are working alongside the council as well as the local police force to stop anti-social behaviour. If you have any concerns or issues on site, please make sure they are reported to Meonvaleestates@stmodwen.co.uk.



SITE UPDATES

Gas Main on Chestnut Avenue

The open gas main on Chestnut Avenue was scheduled for repair by ESPE on 16th September.

Streetlighting

We have been working to get the street lights on along Bailey Avenue and Chestnut Avenue and this winter, works will be undertaken to light up the areas and increase safety.

Speed along Wellington Avenue

Several residents have raised concerns about the speed

of vehicles travelling along Wellington Avenue. Although Wellington Avenue was designed as a 30 mph highway, it remains under private ownership (St. Modwen Developments Limited) until it is adopted by the local authority.

In response to residents' concerns about vehicle speeds, we had reduced the speed limit to 20 mph and now, following a series of further surveys, we have decided to install a series of traffic-calming measures along this stretch of road. These measures will remain in place until the highway is offered to the Local Authority for adoption, at which point they may be removed. For more details, please contact estates@meonvale.co.uk

MEON VALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Residents' Association successfully applied for funding for sporting activities in Meon Vale and we have partnered with Meon Leisure Centre for table tennis sessions (bat & chat for over 50s) and free sports activities for children over the summer holidays. We are planning to support other sports and activities for residents, so please keep an eye on our social media feeds for up-dates of subsidised activities. It's important to keep active!

We also received a grant from Warwickshire Council Council's Green Shoots fund. This is a fund to support community action for climate change and we have lots of ideas of how we can make meaningful change in our community. We will share more news on that soon. But if you want to be part of this initiative, please join the Association or drop us an email and let us know how you would like to get involved.

We plan to launch a website so that we can keep everyone up to date with our news and events. Check out www.meonvalera.org for news and updates.

If you would like to take an active role in the development of our new community, you can join the residents' association and volunteer to support our activities. We also have positions on the Executive Committee, which is a fairly large and friendly

group. No experience is necessary – we just need Meon Vale residents who want to support our community and have some spare time. If you are interested in joining the Executive Committee, or other volunteering opportunities in the community, please drop a line to meonvaleresidents@gmail.com to arrange an informal chat.

Please register to join our mailing list via <http://eepurl.com/hr134T> to keep up-to-date with news and relevant information or if you are a resident, please do join the Association to show support for what we do. - **Meon Vale Residents Association**



A story shared is distanced halved. If you have your own news to share, please contact our communications team: meonvaleestates@stmodwen.co.uk and we'll be happy to share it in our next newsletter.