

PENTON MEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

We continue to be blighted with the large numbers and size of HGV's trying to access SO Recycle and causing havoc on our village roads; Weyhill Bottom road, Short Lane, Chalkcroft lane and Newbury hill.

Please read the update below and take action. We must do what we can to ensure our lanes, roads and parish are kept free of these monstrously large vehicles.

Please be assured that we will continue to raise this issue with Test Valley Borough Council and our Borough and Council representatives and keep all our community informed.

This operation is clearly in the wrong place. With the abundance of business parks on our doorstep there is no reason why this company should not take advantage of trading from a suitable location with highway access. So Recycle are in breach of the planning regulations and have no authorised permission.

Our goal is for the site to be utilised under the B2 regulations that exist.

Finally, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a very happy 2024

The White Hart Pub

Great that our village pub, thanks to Kyle and his family is now up and running.

The public house being vacant so long has raised the question of what happens if the property would be sold. A Community Right to Bid was secured by the council in 2013, and will be renewable next year



SO RECYCLE



So Recycle Retrospective planning application 23/01717/FULLN

The response from Hampshire County Council Highways for the above is online. This can be viewed in full by either logging onto this link and typing in the above reference number:

<https://view-applications.testvalley.gov.uk/online-applications/>

alternatively, contact the clerk who will forward a copy to you clerk.pentonmewsey@org.uk

The important detail of Hampshire Highways comments is the following extract taken from the response:

'Whilst not a matter for planning, **HGV utilising these routes would be committing an offence in contravention of Section 5 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.** As a matter for planning, the utilisation of this route by HGV raises significant concerns given that the route is unsuitable for HGV traffic'.

It is down to our residents to keep reporting each and every occurrence as evidence. We must keep pressure on the authorities to bring this situation to a conclusion. Please forward ALL photographs or reports of HGV's travelling through the parish to access this site. The date, time and registration number of the vehicle must be given. All emails must be directly forwarded to:

Planning@testvalley.gov.uk quoting the above reference. TVBC will not accept third party forwarded emails from us.

The parish council will then report each incident to the Police as a contravention of the act.

New to the Parish?

We provide Welcome Packs to our new residents to the parish but we rely on being told you've moved in! if we've missed you, please let us know and we will happily deliver one for you. The pack provides basic information and details on groups etc. that you may wish to join.

You may not be aware that Penton Mewsey Parish Council have an email 'round robin' listing for THE PENTONS residents. This is to provide emergency information or information related to the safety and well-being of all residents. **If you would like to be added to this listing, please email the Clerk on the email address at the bottom of this page. Be assured all email addresses are never disclosed and remain confidential.**

Parking in the narrow lanes in the parish is always a problem. If you are unhappy about a vehicle being left in a position that you consider a danger to the public then please do contact Hampshire Highways for advice.

New Homes at Penton Corner in the future

There is the possibility of new homes being built on the long-standing Strategic Housing & Economical Land Availability (SHELLA) site at Weyhill Road Penton Corner. The proposal is in the very early stage of consideration with Test Valley Borough Council and any decision will depend on the outcome of the finalisation of the Local Plan review being undertaken. The council will keep all residents informed of any progress. If permission is granted when submitted, the work may start during late 2025 or 2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

We have 3 DEFIBRILLATORS and are hoping to increase this with another 1 during 2024. The location of our units is:

1 located at the Penton Village Hall on the outside wall to the right and before you reach the entrance door.

1 located on the wall at Elizabeth Court (Penton Corner) on the left as you go past the houses and facing the old Weyhill road.

1 located at Bluebell farm (Penton Gratton) mounted on the wall to the left at the entrance to the farm facing road.

If you are unfortunate to be with someone in need of a defibrillator your first immediate action is to **RING 999.**

The Ambulance service will confirm the location of the nearest Defibrillator unit and provide the access code to retrieve the unit.

- Start CPR on the casualty.
- The defibrillator is simple to use and will give you voice prompts on what to do.
- If you're on your own use the hands-free speaker on your phone so you can start CPR while speaking to ambulance control.
- Do not leave a casualty to collect the defibrillator, ask for help

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE EMERGENCY CALL INSTRUCTIONS.

News from the PRC

Happy New Year from the Penton Recreation Committee. 2023 was great for village events after the previous COVID lockdown. The Auction of Promises and the Summer Fete were two high points, showcasing the energy, enthusiasm, and generosity of many in our community. The last three months completed the year bringing us three more events.

The skittles evening was won by the Hillbillies, a Mewsey team taking the trophy after two years of Grafton success. In October Dennis Randall delighted us with his annual Vintage Model Train exhibition which fills the Large Hall with lots of gorgeous trains running around multiple tracks. He has already booked the hall for 2024; put Saturday 5th October in your diaries. The highlight of November was Penton Bonfire Night located in a new site which featured car parking overlooking the display. Hundreds of cars and people attended, some choosing to watch from the comfort of their cars, others enjoying the display while being warmed by the bonfire, hotdogs, and drinks – all included in the ticket still priced at 2021 levels. This event brings the community together, raises the image of the Pentons and also ensures the safety of pets and buildings, especially thatched ones, by encouraging people to enjoy fireworks away from the village.

For your New Year's resolution why not get involved with one of the regular activities at the hall: Painting, Table Tennis, Pilates, Choir, Puppy Training, Sugar craft and now Personal Training. Better still, organise a new group activity and base it in the hall – we would be happy to talk it over with you.

If you want to know more about the PRC, get more involved, or bring new ideas for the Pentons, contact any of the committee or visit one of our monthly meetings.

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