



Fairfield Village Community Association

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Safer & Accessible Fairfield

Over the past few month, Fairfield Village Community Association have been lobbying to make the roads through the village safer and more accessible for pedestrians. The Association is looking for realistic solutions that have minimal unintended consequences.

At the request of the Community Association the County Council carried out traffic monitoring over a 9-day period in May. The survey found that the average speed between St. Mark's Church and the entrance to the Recreation Ground averaged approximately 30 mph, with a number of vehicles exceeding 36 mph each hour.



Police Inspector Corteen attended June's Community Association meeting and heard from residents the issues that they face with vehicles exceeding the speed limit and cars parked blocking pedestrian access, forcing people to walk on a road that the County Council has described as "busy and, at times, dangerous".

During June and July, West Mercia Police carried out some speed checks along Stourbridge Road (outside the Village Hall, the Shop and at the junction with Swan Lane) and on one occasion stopping 9 vehicles out of just over 50 between 6pm and 6.30pm.

Inspector Corteen has informed the Community Association that Fairfield is one of her [speed check] priorities and officers will be deployed when resources are available.

Richard Clewer, Senior Highways Liaison Engineer, Worcestershire County Council, met up with the Association in June and has proposed, subject to funding, a number of measures to slow traffic:

- Timers to be fitted to the 20 mph school advisory signs;
- Mini-island to be re-painted;
- Missing bollard (mini-island) to be replaced;
- 30 mph roundels on the road to be re-painted;

- White lines to be painted on the road at the entrance to the village to give the impression of a pinch point;
- New signage to be erected – Senior Citizen warning triangle and T-junction sign near Wood Lane.
- Small 30 mph signs throughout the village.

The Community Association will monitor the effectiveness of these measures.

Parking in the village is limited and finding a solution is not easy. The Community Association is aware of a number of near-miss incidents with cars exiting the Village Hall and impassible footpaths requiring elderly pedestrians and residents with mobility issues to have to walk on the road.

The County Council have, so far, proposed:

- “Think Before You Park” signs; and
- Enforceable “Keep Clear” bus stop area to be painted on the road (bus stop on the side of the road near Shop).

The Community Association have proposed to the Parish Council the extension of the Recreation Ground carpark by six car spaces, creating 12 car spaces. The Parish Council have agreed to obtain quotes, hard standing and matting, and once received will consider the Association’s proposal.

Drivers of vehicles are asked not to obstruct views from driveways and to ensure that space is left on footpaths to accommodate a wheel chair or a double children’s buggy.

Job Opportunity - School Crossing Patrol Warden

Are you an adult looking for a bit of extra cash? Or do you know someone that is seeking a part-time job?

Fairfield needs a School Crossing Warden – The County Council will consider a job share.

Duty times: 8.35-9.05am 3.00-3.35pm (5 hours 25 mins) - Term Time Only

Salary: £7.43 per hour

Interested? Visit www.fairfieldvillage.co.uk/school-crossing-patrol.html

Email: jobs@worcestershire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01905 763763



Veolia Update

The Community Association has received the following update from Steven Aldridge, Principal Planner, Worcestershire County Council:

The County Council have received approximately 215 responses to the 2nd Consultation that ended 15th July.

Over 150 responses were received during the first consultation in 2013.

Due to the volume of documents submitted and consultation responses received the earliest meeting of the Planning Committee to discuss the application will be in November, they are hoping December at the latest.

The County Council will have a better idea of when this application will be placed on the Planning Committee agenda in early October.

Floral Fairfield

July 2016 saw the start of an annual competition encouraging households & businesses in Fairfield & Stoneybridge to create ribbons of colours throughout the community by displaying hanging baskets and floral tubs in front of properties.

Prizes were awarded to the best floral displays that can be seen and enjoyed by people passing by.

Properties were judged by Bromsgrove Garden Designer, Lindsay Stanton, on the morning of Friday 8th July.

Fairfield Village Community Association, who organized the event, said that the event was a success and are looking forward to more residents taking part in Floral Fairfield 2017. The Association would like to thank Lindsay for judging properties and County Councillor Sheila Blagg for helping to fund the prizes.



Overall Winner: 12 Stourbridge Road

Large Property: Winner: Hilltop Farm, Dordale Road; Highly Commended: Fairview, Dordale Road

Small Property: Winner: 2 & 4 Dordale Road, Highly Commended: Bourn Cottage, Bournheath Road

Business Property: Winner: The Paddocks (Cattery), Parish Hill; Highly Commended: Swan Inn & Newbarn Farm, Swan Lane

Happy Birthday Ma'am

Residents and friends of Fairfield & Stoneybridge celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday in June with a special Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mark's and an indoor street party at the Village Hall, with entertainment provided by talented Bromsgrove singer Jo Higgett.

Supervising children in fancy dress and adults wearing a "Hat for the Queen" was the Queen, who kept watch from the stage.

Children and families that attended this celebratory event were given a copy of the book *The Servant Queen and the King she serves*.

Thanks to all that attended and for the food donations.



A Brighter Spring Entrance

The Association has received a grant to purchase bulbs that will be planted in front of the planters at the entrance to the village and elsewhere around our community.

Subject to landowner's agreement, Volunteers are needed to help with the planting:

Friday 21st October, Stourbridge Road South Planter (Mount Rd junction), 10.30am

Saturday 22nd October, Stourbridge Road North Planter (towards Stoneybridge), 10.30am

Dates for planting bulbs in other areas of the community are to be confirmed

Neighbourhood Watch

Incidents reported to the Community Association include:

- A silver Ford Transit stolen Monday 18th July from outside a house in Stoneybridge.
- Male seen on Brook Road, early hours of Monday 18th July checking a car parked on a householder's drive. The male was driving a dark BMW.
- Friday 8th July, at approximately 10.45pm there was an incident in Fairfield involving someone that was knocked off their bicycle along Stourbridge Road. The father of the person who was knocked off his bicycle wishes to thank the resident that helped his son.



The latest Neighbourhood Watch news and scams beings highlighted by the police follow the Association's Facebook page, facebook.com/fairfieldinformation

Keep Fairfield & Stoneybridge Tidy



Since March volunteers have litter picked roads in Fairfield & Stoneybridge, with some roads being litter picked twice. Children at Fairfield First School have joined the campaign, litter picking School Drive and around the school.

Over 50 bags of rubbish have been collected and volunteers are needed to help keep our community tidy.

CHANGE OF DATE: Litter picks will now take place on the second Saturday of each month; 10th September, 8th October, 12th November & 10th December, meeting outside the Village Hall, 10.30am.

Litter pick sticks, high-viz tops and refuse bags are provided.

Hedges

For the safety of pedestrians and motorists, residents are asked to cut back hedges that they are responsible for.

Financial Support For Elderly Residents

Did you know that Belbroughton United Charities provides grants for the relief of poverty for the elderly residents in the Parish of Belbroughton & Fairfield?

If you know of an elderly resident in the Parish struggling to pay their bills, keeping their home warm or have little food to eat Belbroughton United Charities offers one off grants.

To apply or for more information contact:

Pauline Jones, Telephone: 0121 453 7785, Email: pjones456@talktalk.net

Community Association Meetings & Communications

All residents and friends of Fairfield & Stoneybridge are invited to Community Association meetings. The aim of the Association is 'the furtherance of community life within the village for all of those residents there and also the preservation of the existing and future environment of the village'. We need to hear your views, please support these meetings.

The next meeting of the Community Association is on Saturday 3rd September, 10am, Fairfield Village Hall. Refreshments from 9.30am. Meetings will also take place on Saturday 1st October & Saturday 5th November, 10am, at the Village Hall.

Keep up to date with the latest news and what's on in our community by:

1. Registering your email address with fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com
2. Liking facebook.com/fairfieldinformation
3. Following Twitter @fairfield_info
4. Visiting www.fairfieldvillage.co.uk

Weekly Activities at The Village Hall

Monday: Kicks Dance School, 3.30pm

Line Dancing, 7.30pm

Tuesday: Sequence Dancing, 7.30pm

Wednesday: Welcome Club, 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: Zumba, 6.30pm - 7.30pm or 8.00pm - 9.00pm (except 25th August & 24th November)

Friday: Shortstepperz, 3.30pm - 4.45pm

Astro Club (Kids Martial Arts), 5pm - 6pm

Taekwondo, classes at 6pm, 7pm & 8pm

Diary

September

- 3rd: **Fairfield Village Community Association**, Village Hall, 10.00am
5th: **Parish Council**, Jubilee Room, Belbroughton Rec, 7.30pm
10th: **Community Litter Pick**, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am
14th: **Women's Institute**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
17th: **Ploughing Match**, behind Five Spices Restaurant
18th: **Countryside Show**, Romsley (see back page)
21st: **Little Fishes**, St. Mark's, 9.15am (Activities for toddlers and their parents)
28th: **Bingo**, Village Hall, 7.30pm

October

- 1st: **Fairfield Village Community Association**, Village Hall, 10.00am
3rd: **Parish Council**, Fairfield First School, 7.30pm
8th: **Community Litter Pick**, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am
9th: **Harvest Festival**, St. Mark's Church, 11.15am
12th: **Women's Institute**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
19th: **Little Fishes**, St. Mark's, 9.15am (Activities for toddlers and their parents)
21st: **Bulb Planting**, Stourbridge Road South Planter (Mount Rd junction), 10.30am
22nd: **Bulb Planting**, Stourbridge Road North Planter (towards Stoneybridge), 10.30am
26th: **Bingo**, Village Hall, 7.30pm

November

- 5th: **Fairfield Village Community Association**, Village Hall, 10.00am
7th: **Parish Council**, Jubilee Room, Belbroughton Rec, 7.30pm
9th: **PTFA Craft Fayre**, Fairfield First School
9th: **Women's Institute**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
12th: **Community Litter Pick**, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am
13th: **Remembrance Service**, St. Mark's Church, 10.45am
13th: **Anonymous Is A Woman - Think of England**, Village Hall, 6.30pm (A Live & Local Show – Touring Professional Theatre)
16th: **Little Fishes**, St. Mark's, 9.15am (Activities for toddlers and their parents)
23rd: **Bingo**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
24th: **National Vegetable Society**, Fairfield Village Hall, 7pm for 8pm start

HALESOWEN & HAGLEY FARMERS' CLUB



70th Anniversary

Countryside Show 2016

Fieldhouse Lane, Romsley B62 0NH

By Kind Permission of the Dunham Family & Mr. D. Withers

Sunday 18th September

Something for all the Family!

Show Opens 10:00am (Horse Show 9:15am)

Admittance & Parking £2 Per Person (Under 16s Free)

