



FWS Newsletter

SPRING 2026



COMMUNITY CHALLENGE & AGM

Bar will be OPEN



Date : 25th March 2026

Time : 7.30pm

Venue : Fairfield Village
Hall

- Test your knowledge
- Three Fun Rounds
- Play Alone or as a Team

FREE ENTRY

Fairfield Community Association

Festive Thanks

As you read this, Christmas 2025 may be a distant memory, but as this is being written at the beginning of January, this is the first opportunity when we can comment on Festive Fairfield 2025, which had a bigger programme with 11 events taking place. Some events were more popular than others and one highlight was Rock Around The Christmas Tree, which was led a group of teenagers and their band the Dead Spirits. The Community supported the Swan Inn in delivering Breakfast with Santa, and an enjoyable Carol Service was held on a Sunday morning, enabling older people to get involved. Attitudes are changing and the gathering of people at the Village Hall to see in the new year came to end, with our final Movie New Year party. What should be in the Festive Fairfield 2026 programme? Get involved and be part of the organising team. Pop along to the FVCA AGM on Wednesday 25 March 7.30pm. To everyone that supported our Festive Fairfield 2026 programme, by attending an event and/or volunteering, huge thanks for helping to bring joy.

Are YOU up for the Challenge, and will you celebrate YOUR Community

Our annual Community Challenge, which includes a short AGM, will be on Wednesday 25 March at 7.30pm, Fairfield Village Hall. There will be three fun rounds: Screen Test, Rock n Roll Bingo and General Knowledge, and the bar will be open.

Our AGM celebrates us as a community and shows its appreciation for all the volunteers who work hard to benefit Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge. If you don't agree with what others in the community are doing to benefit where we all live, tell us, and if you appreciate what is being done, please attend this annual event, and occasionally others during the year, it will mean so much to the team.

NEW Book & Blu-ray Swap

In January we launched a new initiative, in response to suggestions received from members of our community; a Book & Blu-ray swap at the Village Hall, in the Barton Room, open during Foodie Fairfield & also during the Wednesday Social. Bring ONE book/Blu-ray and swap for another on the shelf (please only swap, do not donate additional).

Café/Shop Volunteers Needed

To help run our community shop, serving customers on a Wednesday afternoon. The shop is currently open 1.30pm – 3.45pm, we would like to extend our hours to 5.30pm. If you can help, pop in and speak to us. We also need additional volunteers to help with the café during Foodie Fairfield, 1st Saturday of each month, 9am – 12noon.

Treasurer Needed

Due to the current treasurer moving out of the area, a new Treasurer is needed for the Community Association, ideally with basic bookkeeping skills. If you can fill this voluntary role, email chair@fvca.org.uk

BOOK SWAP

Books | Coffee | Friends

FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL

OPEN during
the Wednesday Social & Foodie Fairfield



Fairfield Village
Community Association

Dog Mess Risk to Livestock

In recent months there has been an increase in dog faeces being left in fields that are used by livestock, with a very noticeable rise in the fields leading to the Fairfield Forest.

Dog faeces can pose significant risks to livestock, particularly when they are contaminated with infectious sporocysts. These sporocysts can cause serious health issues in cattle, sheep, and other livestock, leading to conditions such as fever, anorexia, and even death. The spread of neosporosis, a disease caused by these sporocysts, can result in abortions and other health problems for affected animals. To prevent these risks, it is crucial to ensure that dogs are kept under control and that their faeces are properly managed.

To prevent illness and abortions, please pick up and bag dog mess, and carry with you until you reach a waste bin.

Plea for Consideration

Despite appeals for people to refrain from setting off fireworks, we still have residents setting off fireworks to mark Bonfire Night, the New Year and other events.

As a rural farming area, we have livestock, as well as horses and pets, that do not enjoy the loud bangs that come with fireworks. The loud bangs scare them, they panic and bolt, running into fencing & barn walls, or for some, having a heart attack.

Please, please, respect the rural community where you live; we suggest people go to organized events which do not provide a risk to livestock.

Subscribe to our eNewsletter

If you want to keep up to date with what's going on in our community with more regular updates, and additional news and crime prevention advice, subscribe to our eNewsletter, which will be sent to your email inbox several times a week. To subscribe, fill in the Newsletter subscription box on our website www.fvca.org.uk or email admin@fvca.org.uk

NEW Knit & Natter

Knit and Natter with other knitters at the Village Hall on the 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, 1.30pm – 3.30pm. It's FREE to join in, and there's FREE hot drinks & biscuits.

Support Your Village Hall – Join the 200 Club

Not a member, why not join?

For only £1.00 month, you will be supporting the Village Hall, and there are cash prizes to be won!



For an application form & further information visit:

<https://fvca.org.uk/200-club/>



GET FRESH & LOCAL WITH
FOODIE
FAIRFIELD

 **FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH** 
9AM - 12NOON

FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HALL (B61 9LZ)
FAIRFIELD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Shop Local and Support Local Food Producers

Locally sourced & artisan foods are on sale at the Forfeld Store, Fairfield's Community Shop at Fairfield Village Hall. The shop is open:

- during Foodie Fairfield (1st Sat, 9am - noon) and
- 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday afternoon (1.30pm - 3.30pm)

Our stock includes Hinton's Gin, Astley Wines, Pimp Your Mayo, Franks Biscuits, Croome Cheese, Cotswold Gold Mayonnaise, Mathew's Flour, Droitwich Salt & Soap, Cosy Hot Chocolate, Emily Jams & Pickles, Two Farmers Crisps, Pimhill Porridge & Muesli, and much more.

If you love your community, help us keep it tidy

Due to the small number of volunteers, we are struggling to keep on top of keeping all our community tidy. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP WHERE YOU LIVE TIDY.**

Please join one of Community Litter Picks on the 2nd Saturday of each month, meeting at 10.30am outside the village hall. We only ask that you donate one hour of your time to help keep where you live tidy. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear, equipment will be provided.



If weather conditions are not favourable, the litter pick will be postponed until the following month.

Next litter picks: 14 March, 11 April, 9 May

Know Your Fruit

An information board will soon, if not already, be sited in the Coronation Orchard detailing the different fruit trees that have been planted. The information board has been funded by the Community Association and Worcestershire County Council (County Councillor Divisional Fund). In about three years' time, residents will be able to enjoy the fruit that has been produced.

More Trees for the Fairfield Forest

During the winter, with assistance from Woodland Trust corporate supporters & contractors, several thousand more trees have been planted.

Recycle your Ink Cartridges

There is a recycling collection box at the Village Hall for Ink Cartridges (sorry, not able to accept laser cartridges). The box can be accessed on a Wednesday afternoon, during Foodie Fairfield and during screenings/shows.

Paddle & Pint

Wednesday 29th April

7.00pm — 9.30pm



Pop along to the Village Hall for a friendly game of Table Tennis or enjoy a relaxing drink from the bar and catch up with friends & neighbours.

******The Shop Will Also Be Open******



It's Not All Jam & Cake at Fairfield Women's Institute

With interesting activities & speakers there's something for everyone.

Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7pm at the Village Hall



Community Spring Lunch

This year's Bring & Share Lunch will be on Sunday 10th May, in the Village Hall from 12noon.

Before the lunch there will be a short service, where we bless the fields, farmers and food producers, wishing them a good harvest year. We are hoping to be joined by some recently born lambs.

Mothering Sunday

Join us on Sunday 15 March as we say thanks to all those people that love and care for us at 11.15am in the village Hall. Take one of our gifts and give it to someone special.

The Wednesday Social 2026

Wednesday afternoons at the Village Hall, 1.30pm – 3.45pm, there is something for you to do, and joining in is **FREE!** There's even **FREE** hot drinks & biscuits, plus you can charge your mobile devices and use the laptop to surf the internet. NR: There's no Wednesday Social on the 3rd Wednesday, but there is movie screening with an admission of £5.50

1st Wednesday – Freecycle, Board Games, Indoor Curling and Coffee & Natter

2nd Wednesday – Table Tennis and Coffee & Natter

4th Wednesday – Table Tennis and Coffee & Natter

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Easter Service

There will be a special Easter Service on Sunday 5th April 11.15am, in the Village Hall, led by Rev'd Mark Turner. Everyone Welcome.

Additional Dog Waste Bin for Fairfield

Thanks to the Community Association and the Swan Inn, a new dog waste bin is now situated on the edge of the Swan Inn car park.

Neighbourhood Watch

Help Keep Our Community Safe

Life's safer when you know your neighbours and the community pull together. If you see suspicious activity REPORT IT, online via <https://www.westmercia.police.uk> or telephone 101. If it is safe to do so, share your observations with us admin@fvca.org.uk so that we can make others aware.



What is Suspicious Activity?

If a vehicle/person feels out of place please report to the Police as suspicious activity, tel. 101. Even if something seems trivial to you, it's worth reporting as it could be important/vital information. Please remain vigilant at all times, and not just during anyone incident.

Protect Your Property

FREE Crime Prevention booklets and SmartWater Property Marking kits are available from the Community Association during the Wednesday Social and Foodie Fairfield.

Crime Data

Recorded crime in the Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stonybridge area for the first 11 months of 2025. Please remain vigilant, report suspicious activity, let's work together for a safer community.

	Burglary	Violence & Sexual Offences	Criminal Damage & Arson	Public Order	Other Theft	Drugs	Vehicle Crime	Anti-social Behaviour	Possession of a weapon	Other Crime	Notes
Jan		2			1			1			
Feb					2			1			
Mar		1	2	2							
Apr				1				1			
May	1	1			1						
June					1					1	
July		2		2	1		1				
August			1								
September		2	1		1						
October		1	2				2	2		1	
November		2									
December											
Total	1	11	6	5	7	0	3	5	0	2	

There's Safety in Numbers

Be part of our Neighbourhood Watch Group, to join (it's FREE) sign up to West Mercia Police's Neighbourhood Matter and opt in to join our Neighbourhood Watch Group, www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk Also, subscribe to our Community E-circular, fill in the Newsletter box on our website's Home Page, www.fvca.org.uk

Take Action to Protect Yourself

There is no doubt the criminals are always planning their next moves to defraud any unsuspecting members of the public, and their methods are becoming more sophisticated and harder to spot. The use of AI to generate messages, images and clone voices increases the need for greater vigilance in all we do online.

What can we do?

3 SIMPLE STEPS TO PROTECT

- Use strong and separate passwords for each of your online accounts. 3 Random Words with at least 8 characters and a combination of upper and lower case, numbers and symbols.
- 2 Step Verification (2SV) – Also known as 2 Factor Authentication (2FA) for your online accounts adds an extra layer of security by requiring a code or PIN to confirm your identity when you log in.
- Take time to stop and think before continuing a phone call, or clicking on a link from an unknown source. Never be pressurised into making a quick decision. Always check the email address before opening emails claiming to be from bona fide organisations such as your Bank, Government organisations or other businesses.

OTHER SIMPLE WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Install the latest Software and App updates on your devices as these often contain security patches to protect you from hackers
- Back up your data regularly, by storing your important files in a separate location such as an external hard drive or on the Cloud. This way all is not lost if you experience a ransomware attack, device loss or damage.
- Be careful when using public Wi-Fi networks as they are often unsecured and can expose your activities to others. Using a Virtual Private Network – VPN – can protect your privacy.
- Protect your personal information online, and do not share too much information about yourself on social media, online forums and other similar platforms. This is how you could become a target for scammers and identity thieves. Check your privacy settings on Social Media to make sure only your real friends see your posts.
- Beware of your Digital Footprint – every time you go online you leave a digital “footprint” which can show where you are and what you are doing. Once you post a file or photo online it may stay there forever and be used by others, so do not share anything that may cause you problems or embarrassment in the future.
- Educate yourself and your family about online safety by learning how to spot common online scams, and how to avoid them, and use the internet responsibly and respectfully to protect you and your family.

Take Five to Stop Fraud

STOP: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

CHALLENGE: Could it be fake? It's OK to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

PROTECT: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

- Avoid disclosing security details
- Emails, Phone Calls and Texts may not be authentic
- Always make direct contact with any organisation by using a genuine phone number
- Stop and Challenge any unexpected requests
- Protect others by reporting Fraud and Scams

How You Can Help Stop Fraud

If you've fallen for a scam, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via actionfraud.police.uk

Scam Text messages can be forwarded to 7726 to help phone providers take early action and block numbers that generate spam on their networks.

You can also report Scam mobile calls by texting 7726 with the word "Call" followed by the scam caller's phone number.

Forward Fake Emails received to report@phishing.gov.uk

If you think your bank account or personal banking details have been used fraudulently, then use the short phone number - 159 - to contact the Fraud Prevention Department of most major UK banks.

Fairfield Village Community Association, a group of residents working hard for Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge.

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Weekly Recreational & Community Activities at Fairfield Village Hall

Preschool: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9am – 3pm, Wed 9am – 12noon

Sunday: Pilates 10.00am;

Monday: Line Dancing 7.30pm

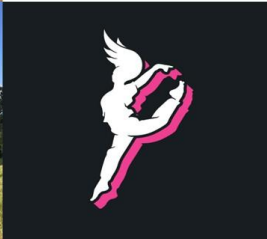
Tuesday: Supreme Stars Dance 4.00pm; Simply Strictly 7.00pm

Wednesday: Shop & Social 1.30pm (not 4th Wednesday)

Thursday: Ignite Academy of Dance 4pm; Zumba 7.00pm

Friday: Ignite Academy of Dance 4pm; Taekwondo 6.00pm & 7.00pm

For Bromsgrove Arts events & screening visit
www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk



THE
Wednesday
SOCIAL

Church Services at St. Mark's

2nd Sunday 11.15 am Worship4ll - Family Service

4th Sunday 11.15 am Holy Communion

Volunteers Needed

- Support for live music gigs (setting up: usually 3pm -4pm on day of gig, and clearing the hall: after the show)
- Stage Lighting technician
- Front of house for screenings & shows
- Photographing & videoing shows (must have camera)
- Setting up for Foodie Fairfield – on the Friday before the event 8.30pm – 9.15pm
- Clearing the hall after Foodie Fairfield
- Litter picking community



Bournheath Village Community Centre

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month



10.30am – Noon

Meet & Catchup with other residents from the Fairfield-Bournheath Community



7.30pm – 9.00pm

Social Table Tennis

Bromsgrove Arts – the home of Fairfield Flicks, Music & Drama



Welcome to **BROMSGROVE ARTS**, a Community Entertainment initiative that is delivered by a brilliant team of volunteers.

Thank you for your support we are able to bring people together and help reduce loneliness and social isolation.

Our programme continues to be varied, with recent movie releases, quality live music on our stage, touring drama and Event Cinema productions. We aim to keep admission prices affordable, sometimes we control the price, and at other times we do not, and we will try our best to keep prices as low as possible for all of you. **If you book online, we do not charge a Booking Fee.**

Some of our screenings are very popular, so advanced booking to avoid disappointment is advisable.

For further information and to book advance tickets visit www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk, alternatively tickets can be purchased from our community shop or before/during the interval of any of our screenings/events.

Our licensed bar sells a selection of WINES, CIDERS, WOODCOTE BREWERY BEERS as well as soft drinks, and our volunteer team will offer you a warm welcome.

NEVER MISS WHAT'S GOING ON

For updates on What's Coming to Bromsgrove Arts, why not subscribe to our e-Newsletter?

We will not share your email address, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

To subscribe, email hello@bromsgrovearts.org.uk or fill in the subscription form that can be found on our website.

VOLUNTEER WITH US

If you would like to join our flexible volunteer team to help deliver our growing Bromsgrove Arts programme, serving behind the bar, helping with lighting, promoting our events, do get in touch hello@bromsgrovearts.org.uk

Have you got a camera and can you take High Quality photographs for media publication? We need your assistance, drop us an email.

We also need some muscle, supporting our live music events (setting up: usually 3pm -4pm on day of gig, and clearing the hall: after the show). Your help would be appreciated.

OUR SPRING BARTS PROGRAMME

For full details of each of the below shows/screenings, visit www.bromsgrovearts.org.uk or pick up our What's On programme booklet from the Village Hall.

28th Feb	8.00pm	Live Music: The Moon Poppies
1st March	7.00pm	National Theatre Live: The Audience
4th March	7.00pm	Othello
7th March	8.00pm	James Acaster: Cinemagoers Welcome
18th March	7.30pm	Othello
21st March	8.00pm	Live Music: Small Changes
25th March	2.30pm	The Choral
		Junior Flix: The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants
2nd April	11.00am	SquarePants
5th April	7.00pm	Easter Sunday: Othello
15th April	2.30pm	Movie - Check website for details
15th April	7.30pm	Movie - Check website for details
18th April	8.00pm	Live Music: The Grondo Palace Blues Band
22nd April	7.30pm	Stratford Theatre Company: Much Ado About Falstaff
25th April	8.00pm	Live Music: Jack Goodall
3rd May	7.00pm	National Theatre Live: All My Sons
9th May	7.00pm	Midland Concert Orchestra: The Blitz Ball
16th May	8.00pm	Live Music: The Classic Blues Show
20th May	2.30pm	Check website for details
20th May	7.00pm	National Theatre Live: All My Sons
27th May	7.30pm	Movie - Check website for details
30th May	8.00pm	Live Music: Paul Mills- Simply Dylan , Donovan, And Me
7th June	7.00pm	National Theatre Live: The Playboy of the Western World
13th June	8.00pm	Live Music: Rewind The Seventies Tribute Show

Support Throughout The Year

If you need a chat, try calling one of the following who are available to listen:

- Victim Advice Line - 0800 952 3000
- West Mercia Women's Aid Helpline (available to help all victims) - 0800 980 3331
- Men's Advice Line - 0808 801 0327
- The Mix (for under 25s) - 0808 808 4994
- National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0800 999 5428
- Samaritans - 116 123