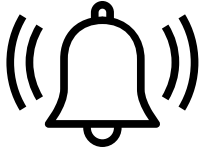


Parish Pages

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RURAL CRIME



How to Minimize Crime:

At our October meeting, we were joined by PCSO Spyridon Mouzakit and PC Tim Bunt, who specialize in rural crime. They introduced themselves and led a brief discussion on crime prevention strategies for our area. The main focus was on deterring potential burglars and how best to achieve this.

Their advice centered around implementing deterrents that make it difficult for intruders, such as installing CCTV, alarms, and motion sensor lighting, as well as using private camera systems. They also recommended registering valuable equipment on Immobilise - The UK Property Register (www.immobilise.com). This is a free online system where items can be registered with a serial number, making it easier to return stolen property to the rightful owner if recovered.

They emphasized the importance of reporting all suspicious activities through the Police's online reporting system, as collective reports may contribute to valuable evidence. Additionally, they suggested creating a local WhatsApp group for parishioners to report suspicious activities. This tool would keep everyone in the parish informed of any concerns and allow the group lead to report relevant issues to the Police. They also advised against sharing such concerns on social media, as it could inadvertently alert potential criminals.

A group will be meeting shortly to investigate this idea and will report further on what is practical. Input and support will be needed from parishioners

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YOUR NEWSLETTER

Over the past few months many of you will have been receiving a copy of Parish Pages produced by Amport Parish Council. We are pleased with the feedback and hope to continue to distribute it free of charge to every house in the Civil Parish of Amport, which includes parts of Weyhill, and East Cholderton. The Civil Parish is the body that represents all residents on local issues and is the local link to Test Valley BC and Hampshire County Council as well as other organisations such as Southern Water. If we are missing any houses in the Civil Parish, please make this known.

Parish Pages should not be confused with the Parish News, which is a 4-parish magazine, distributed to its paid subscribers in the ecclesiastical parishes of Amport, Monxton, Grateley, and Quarley. Parish News is, therefore, not delivered to residents in the ecclesiastical parish of Weyhill or to anyone who does not subscribe to it.

Parish Pages is meant to be a community publication, and not focused on church matters. The intention is that all residents of the Civil Parish of Amport can be informed of any news or events in the Parish. All contributions of news and ideas are welcome and should be forwarded to our Editor tessa@amportparishcouncil.org.uk.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH



Join Us for a Joyful Christmas Festival!

All parishioners are invited to the annual Christmas Festival at St Mary's Church, Amport! This beloved tradition is a time for everyone—family, friends, and neighbours—to come together in celebration, fellowship, and festive fun within our community. This year's festival will be filled with activities for all ages and will take place on Saturday 7th December 2024 from 3-7pm.

Come along and create your own beautiful Christmas wreath, let your children try their hand at our Christmas crafts, browse local artisan stall, most importantly celebrate the lighting of the Christmas tree in our Parish.

From 5pm you can come and decorate the tree, in exchange for a gift or food bank donation. 6pm we will head outside to sing some carols with the choir and turn on the Christmas lights.

Whether you're looking to get into the Christmas spirit or just want a fun afternoon out with the family, there's something for everyone at the Christmas Festival.

All proceeds will go towards supporting St Mary's Church and The Woman's refuge, Andover, and donations / gifts to the food bank.

Date: 7th December

In Aid of the Womens Refuge and St Mary's Church Amport

Time: 1:30pm - 7pm

Wreath Making: 1:30pm - 3pm - £25pp - Mulled wine / hot chocolate with mince pie

Children Festive Session 1 - 15 people from 4pm - 4:45pm ,Christmas Festive Session 2 15 people from 5pm - 5:45pm

(Sponsored by Beckie's books)

Decorate a ginger bread heart - 1 to eat, 1 to place on the tree, Christmas crafting with make your own tree and wand! - £10



Additional Activities from 3pm

- Christmas wrapping session - Bring your presents and we will wrap for a donation!
- Write your letter to Father Christmas and make reindeer food
- Make your own Christmas Stocking
- Sausages and Mulled wine from 5pm - 7pm Cake & Sweet Treats
- 10 Stalls



Breach Farm Brewing

The Brewery is open every Friday and Saturday. There are food vans and events on the following nights in November - the beginning of winter timings:

Thursdays is run club and Mug night

Friday, 1 Nov - Open 4 - 10pm The Woodland Pig

Saturday, 2 Nov - Open 4 - 10pm John The Greek

Thursday, 7 Nov - Mug Night 4 - 9pm, run Club 6 pm Peppones Street Food

Friday, 8 Nov - 4 - 10pm Topsy Toastie

Saturday, 9 Nov - The Funky Pickle.

Thursday, 14 Nov - Mug Night 4 - 9pm, run Club 6 pm Traveling Thai

Friday, 15 Nov - Open 4 - 10pm Food by Aneke - Ramen bowls

Saturday, 16 Nov - Open 4 - 10pm Oishi Buns - Bao Buns

Thursday, 21 Nov - Mug Night 4 - 9pm, run Club 6 pm The Funky Pickle

Friday, 22 Nov - Open 4 - 10pm Topsy Toastie

Saturday, 23 Nov - Open 4 - 10pm Arty-Stan Neara'politan Pizza. Celtic Music Jam Session 7.15pm

Thursday, 28 Nov - Mug Night 4 - 9pm, run Club 6 pm Oishi Buns - Bao Buns

Friday, 29 Nov - Open 4 - 10pm The Woodland Pig

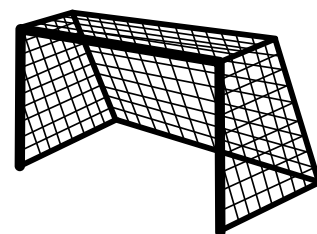
Saturday, 30 Nov - Open 4 - 10pm Food by Aneke TBA



Goal Posts

The goal posts on the Amport Village Green are going to be replaced with new ones. They present ones are very tired and old.

We have had to remove part of one goal so all children, please bear with us until we can get the new ones installed.



Amport School Parking

There is a continuous issue with parking around the school during pick-up and drop-off times, which has raised serious concerns about the safety of the children.

Certain areas are specifically off-limits for parking, including villagers' driveways and directly outside the school. Unfortunately, the absence of yellow zigzag lines outside the school is contributing to the problem, as these markings clearly indicate where parking is prohibited.

While the school is informing parents about appropriate parking areas, the lack of visible lines is a hindrance. The school and Parish Council are actively working to have these lines reinstated as soon as possible, and they are in contact with Hampshire Highways to expedite the repainting.

Please be mindful of the above to keep the children safe!



SUPPORT FOR A LOCAL RESIDENT

Weyhill resident, Aaron Lane (18) is an amateur boxer who recently competed in the National Boxing Championships, to achieve a ranking in the under 86kg weight category for England and achieved the Bronze medal! Aaron has only been boxing in tournaments for a year, so this is an excellent achievement, one of which his family and the local Weyhill community are very proud. Aaron is currently completing a PT and Nutrition course which will give him more time to train at the gym. He has had several offers from boxing promoters who have already seen his potential but wants to continue as an amateur for a while, with a plan to turn pro by the end of 2025.

He is reaching out to the community for more sponsors, as the fights take him all over the country most weekends and he needs accommodation and travel, a fight kit and training gear plus pro brain scans yearly. Any donations are very welcome and for donations of £250 (or more - he would not turn you away if you would like to donate more and are so inclined!) you would have your company name on televised fights and social media, and on his kit and of course, the satisfaction of supporting a local up-and-coming sportsman.

If you are interested in supporting Aaron, please contact aaronlane2006@icloud.com

Speed Awareness Signs for the Parish

The Parish Council has been working diligently on the lengthy process of securing speed awareness machines for the entire parish. We have now received approval from highways for the designated locations where these signs can be installed.

There is, however, a cost involved, which the Parish Council has agreed will cover. However, for this project to succeed and move forward, we need volunteers to assist. The role of volunteers would involve moving the signs every two weeks and charging their batteries.

The five approved locations for these signs are:

- Westbound near The Hawk Inn, Sarson, Amport
- Westbound near the approach to Amport Primary School, The Green, Amport
- Northbound near Haydown Farm entrance, Wiremead Lane, East Cholderton
- Southbound and northbound, Dauntsey Lane, Fyfield
- Northbound and southbound, Fyfield Road, Fyfield



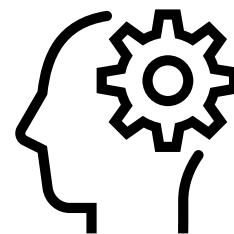
If anyone is willing to help, please contact the clerk! The sooner we have volunteers in place, the sooner we can get these signs installed and operational.

TECH HELP??

Is there anyone in the parish who would like to help out with some Technical Support:

Websites, bouncing emails etc

Please do let us know if you are able to give the Parish Council some help and advice !



Food Vans on Amport Green

**THERE ARE NO FOOD VANS ON THE GREEN THROUGHOUT THE WINTER
AND THESE WILL RESUME IN MARCH 2025**

WHO IS WHO ON THE AMPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Chris Harris - Chairman & responsible for the Village Green & The Fen, Southern Water, Highways, Village Hall & local Crime

Stephen Coke - Vice Chair & responsible for finance, principle & process & Speed Awareness

Sally Baker - School liaison & resilience plan.

Alan Montagu - Solar Farm liaison & Fox Farm Liaison

Tessa Hawkings-Byass - Projects , footpaths & communications - newsletter and Face Book

Peter Harvey - Projects & children's play area

Diana Stephenson - Neighbourhood planning/Village design statement/parish plan.

Peter Waller- Resilience plan including flood planning

Clare Hemmings - Weyhill representative and Neighbourhood plan

Howard Dix (NEW COUNCILLOR) - Dauntsey Lane representative & Local crime

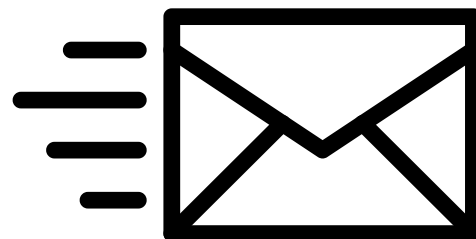
Heather Bourner - Our Amazing Clerk!

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MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parish Council meets on a Monday at 07:30pm at the Amport School. Anyone is welcome to attend our last meeting of 2025

18 November

