

### **Villager article – March edition 2015**

The Parish Council is still looking for volunteers to initiate the Community Speedwatch campaign. A minimum of 6 people are required to get it up and running.

The parish council would like to get a Speedwatch rota organised where as a team you determine how often and when to set up of the Speed Indicator Device for your slot. Car number plates, the speed they are travelling (obtained from the SID) and the colour and make of car are all recorded and passed on to the main coordinator. This information is then passed to the Police for any action where appropriate.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the scheme is required to 'apply' by completing a form which can be obtained from the parish clerk (minimum age 18). The more people that become involved, the more flexibility and ultimately more speed checks can be undertaken. At least 2 people are required to man the SID and record the necessary information. If you have friends or family who are keen to help out on your shift please get them to fill in a form. We look forward to hearing from you!

Following submission of a grant application to replace a footpath stile, the parish council have been advised of their success. Therefore, we are pleased to advise that a kissing gate will be installed on the footpath at The Priory church in due course.

The parish council would like to thank to Stone Circle who have kindly offered to jet wash the bus shelter on the A339. The constant traffic flow has left it looking rather worse for wear so it will be nice for users to actually see the bus coming from the windows whilst seeking refuge from the weather!

Liaison was held with Manor Farm following a number of safety concerns being raised by local residents regarding the mud and clay on the road near to the church. Immediate action was taken to address the situation with further remedial work promised. The contractor also advised that all lorry drivers were asked to show due consideration to local residents.

Following the retirement of Mr Dennis Plester as the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for Salters Heath Road, a replacement is being sought. If you are interested in volunteering for the role please contact either the parish clerk or Mr Martin Budd for further details.

The precept request for financial year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 has been served upon Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. The precept is to remain at £9,450 for the 8<sup>th</sup> year running.

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Monk Sherborne Village hall, starting at 7.20pm.