



**Valley Park**  
Parish Council

# Valley Park Parish Council Newsletter

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## Happy New Year 2018!



Cllr Dowden welcomes the new Parish Clerk, Cristina Mitchell for the start of 2018

## Battle on to Save Vital Bus Service

The 46 Bus, which runs through Valley Park to Winchester will be withdrawn unless funding can be found to subsidise the service.

"This is the only bus service serving Valley Park and it is vital for residents visiting Winchester Hospital or working in Winchester."

*Cllr Alan Dowden*



The Chairman of the Parish Council approached the parishes along the route to join with Valley Park Parish Council in helping to fund the subsidy needed.

## New Play Area



"This is a much improved playground. The facilities are modern, safe and importantly fun. My own children have already given it their approval."

*Cllr Chris Thom*

Councillor Chris Thom and the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Alan Dowden inspecting the new play area at Violet Close



## Opening of the Knightwood Preschool



Cllr Alan Dowden and the local MP, Caroline Nokes opening the new Knightwood Pre-school

## Saints Legend Visits our Community



Cllr Alan Dowden, Councillor Chris Thom and Matt Le Tissier discussing bulb planting schemes

## New Facilities at Knightwood



A brand new skate park will be built at the Knightwood Leisure Centre this year. The young people who use the Skate Park have been involved in choosing the exciting, latest specification equipment. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Alan Dowden said: "By asking the young people who use the park, we get the equipment that will be used and appreciated by our young residents".

An outside gym for use by all ages is due to be constructed in the grounds around the leisure centre. The local borough councillors have used the installation of the new gym facilities inside Knightwood Leisure Centre to persuade the Test Valley Borough Council to add outside gym equipment for use by all age groups.

"This is a real plus we have gained, we have seen this type of gym in use in other areas and they are well used for fitness and fun."

*Cllr Alan Dowden*

## New Pathway from Skys Wood Road



To ensure the safety of the residents walking into and out from the Leisure Centre, particularly children and families using the exciting new facilities, Valley Park borough councillors have persuaded the council to install a new path from Skys Wood Road.

## Valley Park Health Walkers Celebration

30 walkers attended the 10 years celebration of the Valley Park Health Walk. Some of them were there at it's inception in 2007 and still attend every week. They had a choice of a longer main walk or a leisurely walk. The rain held off until the group got back to the Cleveland Bay pub in Chandler's Ford. Councillor Alan Dowden presented the volunteer health walk leaders with certificates of recognition for their outstanding support to the Valley Park Community.

The Valley Park Health Walk takes place every Saturday morning from the Cleveland Bay at 10.30am. The walks are offered free of charge and are run by a proactive group of volunteer health walk leaders.



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## New Picnic Benches



New picnic benches have been successfully installed off Wicklow Drive's open area. These were requested by students of local schools for the use by the community.