



# THE VILLAGE NEWS

Protecting & enhancing the place we love!

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**A very warm welcome** to the first of what we hope will be many regular news updates from The Village Society. If like us, you are passionate about 'village life' and all that it can bring to individuals and groups alike, then you have come to the right place. Do read on for more information about what The Village Society has been up to this year and what we hope to achieve in the future – we need passionate supporters who can join us, volunteer with us and help promote our work, so do spread the word, visit our website and social channels and get in touch [www.smvillagesociety.org](http://www.smvillagesociety.org)

## Run by Stoke Mandeville Villagers for everyone

Politically non-aligned, we welcome everyone over the age of 18 who visits, resides, or works in the village of Stoke Mandeville  
Being a subscriber to the website & membership is free to all households



## What we're working on

- Ensuring there are more Christmas decorations, carol services & festive activities in the village for everyone
- Litter picking around the village for Christmas and beyond
- Supporting social events – quizzes, seasonal events (Christmas singalongs) with local pubs
- Helping local businesses improve their footprint within the village
- Communicating what's going on in the village (& beyond) – newsletters, social media, website and printed magazine (coming in 2023)
- Consult on various issues affecting the village community eg: the Neighbourhood Plan, Speeding & Traffic
- Lobby PC to improve amenities and ensure devolved services are up to scratch
- Partnering with community groups to support their efforts throughout the winter months

## Join us this festive season

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Festive Wombling Litter Pick *around the Village* - meet on The Green at 11am  
Decorating the Trees on *The Village Green* - BYO decorations at 3pm

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Annual Christmas Fayre with Signing Choir at *SM Combined School* at 3:20pm  
Christmas lights switch-on at *The Village Green* at 5pm  
Christmas sing-along & mulled wine with the Village Choir at *The Bell Pub* at 6pm

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas sing-along with the Village Choir on *The Village Green* at 5pm  
Mince pies & mulled wine at *The Bull Pub* at 6pm

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Carols with the Village Choir in *St Mary's Church* at 6pm

# What we've done this year...



Christmas decorations on the village green - Dec 2021



Organized the Proclamation of the King on the village green - Sept



Queen's Jubilee decorations in village - June



Dedicated noticeboard in centre of village



Lobbied PC to prune & remove trees on village green - Oct



Lobbied PC to purchase a Fallen Soldier (in lieu of a war memorial)



Formation of a new Village Choir



Community Day at The Bell Pub - July



Family Fun Day at The Bull Pub - August

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