

Stanton by Dale Parish Council Christmas Newsletter 2024



Many thanks to Rector Phil Selby for supporting switching on our Christmas lights once again and to Santa for his joyful presence!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SBD WI

Stanton By Dale WI had its 90th birthday in November! The ladies enjoyed a celebratory meal with many dressing in 1930's style clothing!. The PC recognises the important role our WI plays in supporting our local community and maintaining the principles of the National movement.



SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

We now have 3 SIDS located on the entrances to the village which will remind road users that they are in a 30mph zone and will provide us with valuable data to inform future speed mitigation plans. The SID on Quarry Hill may be relocated. The 'Dragon's Teeth' markings on Main Street provide an additional warning.

VILLAGE SIGN CARRIERS

We were hoping that these would be completed before going to print, as we know installation is imminent.



WILD ABOUT EREWASH

Cllr Mark Alfrey, Environmental Lead Member, was invited to a meeting to hear our concerns about this year's policy to restrict grass cutting on verges and in some public spaces. Cllr Alfrey informed the PC that due to the number of complaints received and the potential dangers associated with the policy, he was in the process of consulting with a range of experts on rewilding to inform best practice for next year. He assured us that there would be a return to regular mowing.

SIGNIFICANT PLANNING APPLICATIONS & CONSULTATIONS

Proposed Solar Farm, Boyah Grange, Potato Pit Lane, Dale Abbey. Details available on EBC website planning reference ERE/1024/0006

Chesterfield to Willington Pylon Project-National Grid upgrade

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-the-stages-of-the-nsip>

REMINDERS

To report fly-tipping:- <http://lovecleanstreets.com/reports/home>

To report HGVs:-

<https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/formBuilder/weight-restriction-monitoring/CBD8D83D-F40D-46FB-B0E4-6B55C235667C>

If you are celebrating New Year with fireworks, please be responsible and aware of local livestock and family pets.



VILLAGE HALL HIRE

Unlike many PCs who hire their meeting space, we have the responsibility to maintain the village hall on a full time basis. This means that all income from hiring the hall contributes to its upkeep. Faye, our Clerk, has worked tirelessly to promote the hiring of the hall and this year has organised wreath making and card making workshops. It is hoped that more workshops (possibly basket weaving and Easter wreath making) will be organised next year. Details will be on the website.

Thanks to George Simnett Family Funeral Directors and Jo Beth Floral Design who sponsored our wreath making workshops.



Area of Spend	Allocation	Spend to date	Remaining
Administration Insurance, IT, Audits, Website, Newsletter Training etc.	£5094.00	£2263.47	£2830.13
Employment	£10000.00	£7300.65	£2699.35
Projects Playground equipment, Sign carriers, SIDS	£6700.00	£6700.00 +£21912.94 (ext funding)	£0.00
Village amenities Floral displays, VH utilities & maintenance, Playground inspections and repairs, grass cutting, footpaths maintenance, Xmas tree etc	£13780.00	£6583.11	£7196.89
Total	£35574.00	£22847.23	£12726.37

*It is deemed best practice for PCs to maintain a reserve of 6-12 months of annual running costs. We are now in the process of ring fencing reserves which will be put in a reserve account to earn some interest. Precept Having scrutinised this year's budget and anticipated next year's spend, the finance committee agreed to increase the precept by 3 - 5%. This will be resolved at our January meeting.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas from Garry, Chris, Lynne, Bev, Fiona, Phil and Faye