

## PARISH GRITTING PLANS

All Parish and Towns are being offered grit by County Council for when it snows. Following last year it is hoped that, by having some grit locally, the parish council will be able to co-ordinate its spreading. Unfortunately, grit was stolen by gangs last year who then took it on to sell elsewhere. County will continue to grit the main roads when it is needed and during snow but have reduced their gritting of outlying areas when it is only cold or icy and will only do these during snow.

The local grit needs to be used sparingly and, therefore, the parish council has had to consider where it might be needed. The following areas are listed to be gritted by the volunteers only when it snows and, should other areas be highlighted, the parish council will consider whether adding such would be practical. Whilst icy patches that might exist may be included it is not practical to grit the roads.

Twenty yards each side of the parish council bus shelters.  
Outside the Torcross and Chillington Post Offices/ Shops.

The pavement from A379 to Chillington Health Centre.

The access/pavement to the Parish Hall and in future, if necessary, Chillington Community Hall.  
The steps down from Green Park Way to the A379  
Access pavements only to the frontage of the turning circle/driveway into the Stokenham Primary School if school is not cancelled.

Pavements around the parish were considered but it was agreed that when residents were snowed in the parish council was not going to be able to service all the parish with the small amount of salt grit available. Hopefully, residents will keep a clear access to their properties.

## THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter has reached you through the good offices of our District Councillor, John Baverstock, and his team of deliverers to whom we are grateful. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions please contact the Parish Clerk tel. 01548 581185 or email [clerk@stokenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stokenham-pc.gov.uk)

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## COUNCIL NEWSLETTER CHRISTMAS 2011

We, the members of the new council, are looking forward to a year in which major changes will take place due to the implementation of the Localism Act, which we hope will provide greater powers to the Parish Council and enable us to provide a better service to you all .

Your council would like to send to each and every one of you our best wishes for the festive season and hope that 2012 will bring you peace and good health.

### OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

On Sunday, 20th May the Olympic Torch Relay will pass through our parish; full details of the route and timetable will be published closer to the event. It is hoped that the whole community will play a part in the celebrations. *Further information will be included in our Spring Newsletter.*

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable housing for local people in the South Hams is a priority issue with both District and Parish Councils. To enable us to implement the correct policies it is necessary for us to work with up to date information. One of the essential sources of information is the number of people registered for social housing. If you live in Stokenham Parish, or know of someone who has a local connection to the Parish and with a need for social housing please ask them to register with South Hams District Council (01803 861234) or Devon Home Choice .  
at [www.devonhomechoice.com](http://www.devonhomechoice.com).

### Beesands Play Area

The play area at Beesands has £25000 to spend on improving the facilities and have sought proposed plans from three companies. The plans were put on display in Beesands where people were invited to comment on the proposed improvements. The children of Stokenham Primary School were also invited to view the plans and offer their thoughts. Following this public consultation and discussion with the Beesands Village Green Association, the Parish Council are pleased to go with what the children wanted and that the company that has been selected will provide us all with great facilities for our children. With the play park being in an area of outstanding natural beauty we will ensure that the colours chosen will be in keeping with the local environment. The order for the play park has been placed and we hope to have the new facilities by Easter 2012

## CHILLINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Despite an ominous start to the day, we had another excellent fireworks evening with a record-breaking crowd and superb display; many said the best ever (again!). BBQ, bar and tuck shop all did a roaring trade.

The table top sale was disappointing – although it was a beautiful day with the hall and gazebo outside full up with 17 tables. It was very well organised and widely publicised but poorly attended! The kitchen was busy with tea, coffee and delicious home made cakes on offer. In stark contrast, the Music Quiz at the Globe was a huge success – it was a sell-out and raised over £400 for the hall rebuild fund.

Our next “do” is the Christmas coffee morning in the Village hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 10 till 1230. Santa will be in his Grotto and there will be Christmas presents to buy as well as our homemade chutney, jam and marmalade – all proceeds to the new Village hall fund so we do hope for some local support for that!

There is an initial application going in very shortly to the Big Lottery Fund; we expect to hear by mid-January whether they are willing to take our application beyond this first step. If this is not successful we will be rethinking our whole strategy and considering a less ambitious build which could possibly be managed within the monies available from Section 106 contributions. We are still waiting for a meeting to put our current plans forward to the Planning Department; this we understand could be happening in the near future.

Meantime, the hall is regularly used by the Tai Chi, Rainbow and Art Club groups and the Monday Yoga class will return to the Chillington hall in the early Spring.

The CCA now has use of a dedicated window at the Post Office, for which we are grateful. Hopefully people have become used to looking there for our news updates. Fundraising in the shop (thanks to Anne Boxwell), where we have a constant supply of books for sale and the donation pot, continue to raise significant sums and the running total is displayed in the “CCA window”.

## STOKENHAM

### Village Community Association

As you know we are organising Diamond Jubilee celebrations for residents of all the villages within Stokenham Parish. This will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June on Stokenham village green. We have lots of activities planned for all the family during the afternoon plus The Red Bullets and a disco in the evening. We are aiming for all activities and entertainment to be free of charge but to do this we need to raise funds now. We NEED the support of the whole parish. Our Apple Day and Body Shop event were successful. By the time you read this, the Christmas Evening by Stokenham Brownies and Guides and the Christmas pudding sales by Esme Heath will have taken place with profits from both coming to the celebration fund. Next will be a quiz at The Church House Inn on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January and a Murder Mystery Evening on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Hall. If you would like more information on these please contact Lesley on 580013. The Diamond Jubilee Cash Draw tickets will be on sale very shortly. They cost 50p each with cash prizes of £300, £150 and £75. It is essential that this is a success in order to achieve our aim for a free celebration event so please give your support. If you are able to sell some tickets on our behalf (maybe outside of the parish) please contact Malcolm on 580363. Thank you to all who have supported us so far.

It's business as usual during this time of fundraising with our next bulk oil order to be placed in January.