

THE COLNE VALLEY PARTNERSHIP

The Colne Valley Partnership has agreed to adopt a new structure that is not solely reliant on local authorities, involves a wider range of partners and changes the Colne Valley from an informal partnership to a legally constituted organisation that can raise its own income.

A vision and six objectives (landscape, resist urbanisation, biodiversity, recreation, rural economy, community participation) for the new organisation have been agreed.

The Partnership is looking at opportunities for assets to be transferred to the new Colne Valley organisation.

A response has been submitted to the High Speed 2 consultation focussing on the impacts of the proposal on the Colne Valley, particularly during the construction phase and the unknown impact of the phase 2 proposals for the Heathrow Spur.

Steady progress has been made over the past few months, working towards a sustainable future for the Colne Valley. If you have any queries, comments, suggestions and offers of help please contact Stewart Pomeroy at Groundwork Tel: 01895 839857 or E-mail: spomeroy@groundwork.org.uk or drop into the Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre in Denham Country Park.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

'Christingle' Service at St. Mary's Church, Denham on
Sunday 4th December at 4 pm.

The children of Denham Village Infant School have their Christmas Fair on **Saturday 3rd December, 12 till 3pm** and will be singing Christmas carols on the **Village Green on 5th December at 5.15 pm** and the children of **Tilehouse School** will be carol singing outside the café/bar in **Denham Garden Village** on **Wednesday 14th December from 7pm**, followed by refreshments at the school.

**Finally,
Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year.**



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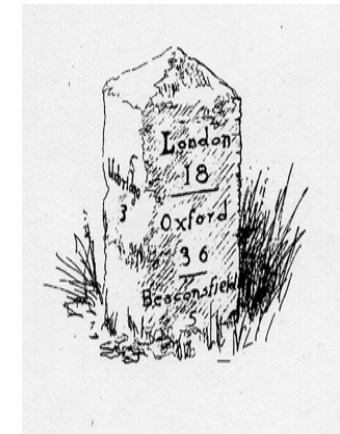
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NEWSLETTER

DENHAM TODAY



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STREETLIGHT SWITCH OFF TRIAL TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY

The three-year streetlight switch off trial which took place across the county has ended and the public can now give their views to Bucks County Council in the final stage of the consultation process.

The Parish Council has consistently fought to have the lighting restored on the following roads: A40 Oxford Road from A412 traffic lights to Tatling End; A412 from A40 traffic lights to Denham Green; (A40 Oxford Road from Denham roundabout to traffic lights has been permanently removed from the trial due to the footbridge/crossing issue).

Residents can view this information on the BCC website to check that all issues have been considered prior to a final decision being made. The consultation will run until **11 December 2011**. Tel: 0845 370 8090 E-mail:

customerservices@buckscc.gov.uk

www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay

A TIME TO GIVE...

South Bucks has the lowest crime rates in the country but Christmas time can provide easy pickings for the unscrupulous, so, with a few common sense precautions, you can avoid the heartache of allowing the criminals in.

Keep purchased presents out of sight and away from windows and mirrors.

Make sure your presents are insured and properly marked.

Leave your home looking occupied at all times.

Rubbish left outside can advertise what new goodies you have, so dispose of packaging carefully.

When shopping keep your purse/wallet close to your body and don't carry more cash or valuables than necessary.

For further advice on keeping safe contact South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team: 01895 837220 or email : communitysafety@southbucks.gov.uk.

DENHAM AND GERRARDS CROSS CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The Denham & Gerrards Cross Children's Centre, in Nightingale Way, Denham, is run by Barnardo's in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council. The Centre provides free activity sessions and services for any child under five and their parents or carers. The Children's Centre currently offers a range of sessions such as Stay and Play, Messy Play and Baby Sensory Play. Anyone can come to these sessions and they are free. These sessions aim to provide parents and carers with quality time with their child and an opportunity to meet new friends. The Children's Centre also offers specific courses such as Baby Massage and paediatric first aid courses. These sessions are free but places are limited so booking is essential: to do this contact the Children's Centre directly on 01895 835976.

The Children's Centre also works closely with the local health team and the National Childminding Association. The friendly staff will be able to provide information on a range of support agencies like the Speech and Language team. If you find it difficult to come to services please contact the Children's Centre as they may be able to provide one to one support in the home or transport to attend Children's Centre sessions. For more information on any of the above, please contact either Lisa or Sophie on 01895 835967 or visit their website:

<http://www.barnardos.org.uk/buckschildrenscentres>

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL TRANSPORT

A further consultation on a revised home to school transport policy has been approved by Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet Members.

The consultation will run until **31 January 2012**. Parents and carers can have their say by completing a short survey online www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay or by attending one of the drop-in sessions to be held around the county during the consultation period.

KEEP FIT FOR CHILDREN

With child obesity and adult heart disease rates rising, we owe it to our children to encourage them to lead an active lifestyle. Recreation and play area facilities are plentiful: with so much open countryside and dedicated play areas within a short walk of home, Denham residents have no excuse!

The Parish Council provides and maintains playgrounds, footpaths and open areas for all age groups, and by the time you read this newsletter, new playground equipment may be available at the Knighton Way Lane play area.

There are many clubs and sports groups children can join: the Blackstone Football Club are currently looking for new players and now have regular games at the Alderbourne field and Knighton Way Lane play area. If you want to know more please contact Andy Welsh on 07887 757408.



Full details of the Denham play areas and other activities are on our website:

www.denhampc.co.uk/ or call us on the phone number overleaf. For further information about other facilities in South Bucks, look at the SBDC website: <http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/>

You can also often find details of independent one-off activities and things going on in the school holidays on the Parish notice boards.