

# Stansted Network

## NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILS

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### DEVELOPMENT PRESSURES FACING STANSTED

Uttlesford District Council as the planning authority is preparing a new Local Plan to replace the current plan which was adopted in 2005. The next consultation on this new plan will be in Spring 2013 which will allow further studies to be completed and considered in full. As soon as a definitive timetable is available a new Local Development Scheme will be taken to Uttlesford's Cabinet for approval and their website updated. The Plan will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by a Planning Inspector.

The plan provides the basis for all planning decisions within the district. It contains policies relating to the location of development and protection of environmental features. These policies are monitored and reviewed by the council to make sure that the policies are meeting the council's aims. There is a necessity for a robust plan to be in place as soon as possible. Without it the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) will take precedence. As the Planning Minister Nick Bowles MP stated "Councils which do not produce credible plans to meet local housing need will find that the presumption in favour of sustainable development will trump local decisions." An adopted plan will mean that Uttlesford can take decisions locally.

In spite of Uttlesford District Council only proposing 60 new homes for Stansted in their draft Local Plan, speculative developers have stated their intent to build many more. Stansted has already taken significant additional housing principally in relation to the Foresthall Park Development. The Parish Council's view is that Stansted's infrastructure is already under stress. With significant additional housing our infrastructure without significant investment will be unable to cope.

Stansted is currently faced with a number of development pressures. The first application to be submitted is that of Elms Farm, Church Road. Although on Green Belt land the developers the Knight Group are seeking planning permission for 58 houses. Other proposed developments not yet submitted to Uttlesford are:

- 1) Taylor Wimpey has held a public consultation relating to land they control to the north of Pennington Lane and Bentfield Causeway. This covers an area of approximately 13.7 hectares. Their proposals include provision for approximately 170 new homes.

- 2) Bloor Homes have also held an exhibition relating to land they control at Walpole Farm, Cambridge Road. They wish to see 160+ new homes together with light industrial units.

- 3) Finally, Charles Church are planning to hold an exhibition relating to land at the Plantation site, Pines Hill. This would be for approximately 60 houses.

Clearly Stansted is faced with unprecedented development pressures which could if realised have a major effect on our community. The Parish Council is giving support to the newly formed Save Stansted Village - bentfieldgreen@hotmail.com

### CIVIL PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY PLANNING

Are there any interpreters out there willing to let us put their name/telephone number in Stansted's Emergency Plan? If so, please get in touch with us on 01279 813214 or email: parishcouncil@stansted.net and let us know the language/s that you speak. It is unlikely that we would need to call on you but we should always be prepared!

### STANSTED IN BLOOM

On page 22 you will find the entry form for this year's competition. You will see that there is a lot of scope for a variety of different entries. The competition will take place at the end of June - the actual date to be announced later - and we hope to invite a celebrity to judge the entries.



Now is the time to get thinking and planting for the entry that suits you best and we hope to see many different entries in the competition this year. Closing date for entries is Tuesday 30 April.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE - 2013

The Council has agreed that the Christmas Fayre will take place in the Lower Street Car Park again this year; given that all the relevant permissions etc are granted. The dates for the diary are 7th and 8th December.

To ensure this is a real community event, the Working Group who are co-ordinating this, would like to invite any local organisation/personal representative interested in supporting the Fayre and the planning of the event, to contact us. Please contact the council office on 01279 813214 or email: parishcouncil@stansted.net or Maureen Caton on m.caton@hotmail.co.uk

## VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Everyone is invited to a litter pick on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st April 10am to 1pm. Gerard, who is employed by the Council does an excellent job of keeping the open spaces and central areas clear of litter, but he can't do the whole village. So please spare a few hours on either or both days. We will meet at Crafton Green in front of the parish council office. Litter picking equipment will be provided.

## CHARITY CYCLE RIDE

The J's Hospice will be holding a Charity Bike Ride on 28 April 2013 which will start and finish in Chelmsford. There will be 15, 35 or 50 mile rides available and anybody interested should contact the J's Hospice on 01245 475474 or visit their website [www.thejshospice.org.uk](http://www.thejshospice.org.uk)

## HAIRSPRAY, MMCC STYLE!

Congratulations to the staff and students at the Mountfitchet Mathematics & Computing College for staging an excellent production of the Broadway Musical Hairspray. This was attended by our Chairman along with the Mayor of Bishop's Stortford and they both thoroughly enjoyed the evening and would like to thank the College for inviting them. The College has the reputation of having a happy and welcoming environment and this was certainly evidenced by the enthusiasm and energy the cast put into their performance. The talent of the students shone out. The College is proud of them and so are we.

As the Headteacher remarked, the school is on a journey - it is entitled to expect community support and this we are very happy to give them. We wish them

well in their forthcoming Ofsted inspection, and trust they receive the recognition they deserve.



## NEWS FROM UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Negotiations are continuing on an agreement between the council and the developer for use of the Lower Street car park for the proposed health centre, etc. building and to ensure it will still provide adequate public parking in future years. Stansted is now facing four speculative planning applications in what has become a 'first come, first served' service in Uttlesford. The failure of the council to produce a five-year supply of land for new housing means that national rules have taken over. Applications that are not significantly harmful to the local environment are likely to be approved. Three more developers have launched plans since last month. We now have four developers bidding for schemes at Bentfield Green, Walpole Farm, Elms Farm and Pines Hill. It is likely that some, but not all, will be approved regardless of local opinion. We are faced with some difficult months ahead. A Hobson's choice is a 'take it or leave it' choice. This situation feels like a 'take it or get it' choice!

The business breakfast at Linden House on 1 March was a great success. It was a sell-out, so a few people had to be turned away. Just under 40 attendees tucked into a full English breakfast at 7.45 am. We heard from Guy Schooling about how Sworders' Auctioneers has achieved international acclaim after moving from Bishop's Stortford to Stansted Mountfitchet. Simon Jackson, the economic development officer from Uttlesford DC, spoke about plans the council has to support town centres and help grow business in the district. The economic development working group of district and parish councillors hopes to see a business-led forum grow from these breakfasts. The next breakfast will be on 5 April at 7.45am at Linden House.

**(Cllr Alan Dean)**

## TELEVISION OPPORTUNITY!!

I am hoping that you can help me. My name is Katy and I am a Researcher on the popular ITV1 Antiques programme, Secret Dealers. We are starting production on the fourth series of the show and we are looking for people with a passion for collecting from around the UK to apply to be on the programme. We are looking to film in the county of Essex .

**Secret Dealers sees three rival antique dealers doing battle in private homes for items they can sell. The competing dealers tour the house inspecting everything of value. The owners are then faced with a bonanza of surprise valuations and cash offers on some of their most prized (or not so prized) possessions. They can either accept or reject the offers and the owners must then face the choice between sentimental attachment and the chance to make a fast buck.**

If you know of anyone with antiques or collectables that they would consider selling then we would love to hear from them!

My number is **0117 970 7674** if you have any questions or would like to chat more about the programme. The email address is [secretdealers@rdftelevision.com](mailto:secretdealers@rdftelevision.com)

## DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

3 April	Full Council
10 April	Windmill & Open Spaces
17 April	Full Council
24 April	Highways & Finance

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## Neighbourhood Watch

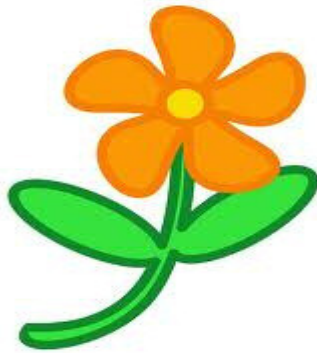
[www.stanstednhw.org.uk](http://www.stanstednhw.org.uk)

## Parish Public Transport Representatives

Valerie Trundle	-	813433
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# STANSTED IN BLOOM

## ENTRY FORM 2013



NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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CONTACT TEL. NO. ....

E-MAIL .....

CATEGORY ENTERED (please tick any that apply):

BEST GARDEN (front or back)  TUB

WINDOW BOX  BASKET

PLANTED AREA

Please return forms to Parish Council Offices by Tuesday 30 April 2013