

# Swepstone

January 2019

Issue 1

## Parish Council

*Elected by you, and working with you to make a difference for us all.*

### Police Report

There have been no reported crimes in the Parish in the last 30 days, however an uninsured motorbike was seized in January, in addition to an individual from Swadlincote being arrested in Swepstone following a police chase.



Our Police support will be contacting the haulage companies that are breaching weight restriction on Main Street Swepstone, and there will be speed checks to be conducted on Odstone Lane, Main Street, Newton Road and Swepstone Road during commuter and school run times, due to complaints of dangerous traffic speeds.

Information regarding nuisance motorbikes using Catters Lane has been passed to the police. They advised the council that the process is to make an arrest following a verbal warning, and they have committed to placing signs to this effect. These signs will then acts as the first warning, meaning that any motorbikes causing nuisance will immediately be seized on arrival. We are encouraged to call 101 to engage police action, and to make a note of any unusual van registration plates that are nearby, as these are often transporters for the motorbikes.



### Topics in your Newsletter

- \* **Police Report**
- \* **Number 7 Bus Service**
- \* **Aylesbury Gardens**
- \* **Thank you to....**
- \* **Party in the Parish**
- \* **Dates for your diary**

### *Extra Focus Inserts on:*

- \* **Community Safety**
- \* **Elections**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**DEFIBRILLATOR CODE: C0159X**

**You can contact us via:**



**clerk.swepstone@gmail.com**

**Or come to a meeting**

Visit: [www.swepstoneparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.swepstoneparishcouncil.org.uk)

## AYLESBURY GARDENS

The occupiers are requesting leave to appeal against the planning Inspectors' decision on a point of law.

We will receive notification from the High Court on the 25th January as to the next steps. We will keep you updated.

## NUMBER 7 BUS SERVICE

Our bus service operates on a "hail and ride" basis which is common for bus routes that have scattered demand or light use.



Please signal to the driver if you wish to use the service, and the bus will find the next safe and suitable place to allow you to board.



## PARTY IN THE PARISH - 6th JULY

The Parish will be hosting an open event for everyone! No tickets, no cost, just bring your picnic rug and pack your favourite picnic food and drink.

There will be live music from 2:00 till 4:00, and an opportunity to support the Friends of Newton Burgoland Primary School by visiting their hot drinks and cake stall. The annual Wraggs Yard camp-out will follow into the evening..... put it in your diary!

## **Thank you to...**

The Ludlam Family at Cattows Farm who kindly donated and delivered our Parish Christmas Trees, and also a big thank you to those who helped to put them up and decorate them so beautifully.

We heard lots of positive comments!



# January Extra Focus:

## *Elections 2019....*



**There will be vacancies on Swepstone Parish Council this May, and we are looking for new Councillors to support our Parish. If you're unsure about the role of a parish councillor, please read this brief overview of the role.**

By becoming a parish councillor you can become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support, with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve in your parish. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that is very rewarding and can give you a sense of achievement



**As you can see from our achievements overleaf, we make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the community such as planning matters, crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.**

Parish councillors have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, those other organisations that do make the final decisions such as the district and county council, health authorities, police etc, and so in this respect parish councils are extremely powerful.

**The organisations that do make the final decisions know that a parish council gives the best reflection of how a community really feels about something, and its views will be taken seriously.**

So if you are free to meet once a month, we ask you to consider nominating yourself in early March.

**But of course the best way to find out what it's like to be a parish councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now. Come along to a parish council meeting, or speak to one of our councillors and find out what they think of the job. Visit [www.swepstoneparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.swepstoneparishcouncil.org.uk) for more information.**

# January Extra Focus:

## ***Elections 2019....***



***In the last year, Councillors have supported the Parish in a variety of many ways, but to name a few...***

- \* Secured £1000 in Grant Money from NWLDC to invest in the parish
- \* Defended the Aylesbury Gardens Appeal
- \* In the final stages of installing a "Swap Stop" Red Phone Box library on Main Street Newton Burgoland
- \* Coordinated the installation of attractive entrance gates to both villages
- \* Purchased a mobile speed indication device
- \* Installed defibrillators and held training
- \* Supported the WW1 Centenary commemoration with lamp post poppies
- \* Opened the channels of communication with The Belper
- \* Improve the focus around "Community Safety"

***On the "Wish List" for 2019/2020...***

- \* Purchase grit bins for each village
- \* Replace all benches in both villages
- \* Replace Swepstone Church Hall Notice Board
- \* Purchase another speed indication device
- \* Slowly replace street lighting in the parish to a more traditional "heritage" style look
- \* Defend HS2 and Project Mercia

### **Timeline of Election Events**

- ◆ **Nomination Packs will be available from the first week in March**
- ◆ **Publication of Notice of Election & start of nomination period is Friday 22nd March**
- ◆ **Deadline for submission of nominations is 4pm on 3rd April**
- ◆ **Election Day is 2nd May**

# January Extra Focus:

## *Community Safety Scheme....*

The parish council have joined North West Leicestershire's District Council's (NWLDC) crime prevention initiative. The community safety scheme aims to help residents to deter thieves by improving home and personal security and protecting items of value. In simple terms – make it more difficult for a thief to enter your home and outbuildings such as sheds and make it difficult for them to sell your property by clearly identifying who it belongs to.

The parish has two community safety champions who have attended NWLDC training and have a range of equipment which is available **FREE** to residents of Sweptstone and Newton Burgoland.

The equipment includes, shed and window alarms, security marking pens and cycle and lawnmower security stickers. In addition, there are personal alarms, 'purse bells' and car key pouches.

Police and crime prevention officers stress that this initiative is to support their work and not replace it. They advise that most burglaries are opportunist and taking a few simple steps to protect property will deter thieves.

We hope that as many people as possible will take advantage of these items as funding for the scheme is limited.

### **What do I do next?**

**Contact the parish clerk with your details and a community champion will arrange collection or delivery.**

**Please state which items you are interested in from the list overleaf.**

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## *Community Safety Scheme....*

### **Shed Alarms**

Simple to fit and operate with 2 remote controls.  
Highly visible sign to warn thieves.  
These signs are also available separately.



### **Property Marking Kit**

Marker pen and warning stickers to protect valuables such as TVs etc. This also helps police to return any stolen property that is recovered.



### **Purse Bells**

These simply attach to a purse. Pickpockets and thefts from handbags are on the increase. This simple idea provides an alert of attempted theft.



### **Personal Alarm and Torch**

Small alarm which emits siren when pressed.

### **Window Shock Alarms**

For use on vulnerable rear ground floor windows and patio doors. Any attempts to break glass or force window will activate the alarm. Easily applied using adhesive pad.



### **Key Protection Pouch**

#### **(for key-less ignition car keys)**

A specially designed pouch to prevent 'bouncing', in which thieves use software to pick up key signals from a distance to steal a car. Some cars, such as Ford are specifically targeted in this crime.

