



October 2025

Over the past month we've received some good news about the L&F Community Site having been successfully listed as an Asset Of Community Value. This was shortly followed by formal notification to the Borough by De La Rue of their intention to sell the site. So the ACV has been effective but we now need to start business planning!

Don't forget to start putting your food waste in your new caddies as we'll be getting food collected from next week. Talking of new things, we have a new family-friendly Martial Arts class that has started on a Sunday in Lady Rose Hall. On 21 Oct our PCSO is dropping by and this Saturday is your opportunity to provide feedback on the future of St. Mary's church. Read on for details.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month - 21 Oct starting at 19.30.

Find a link to the [Overton News&Views](#), available a few days after the start of each new month. Also the latest Whitchurch Town Council newsletter [here](#)



Next PC meeting Tues 21st Oct

Public time starts at 19.30 with formal PC meeting following straight after. All welcome.

Please be aware that the parish clerk email has changed from laverstokeclerk@gmail.com to clerk@laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk. Over the next month all the Parish Councillor email addresses will also be moved to format: firstname.lastname@laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk.



Sat 4 Oct - Harvest Festival & Church consultation



ACV approved & Community Site for sale

In early September the Parish Council was given the good news that the Laverstoke & Freefolk Community Site had been listed as an Asset of Community Value by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. This was followed a couple of days later by a further formal notification that De La Rue are selling the site. At this point the Community right to Bid regulations come into play (Localism Act 2011).

At its 16th September meeting the PC agreed to confirm its interest in bidding for the site - which it has done within a defined 6 week period.

Now the full 6-month moratorium on the sale will operate. This provides an opportunity for the PC/community interest group to prepare a business plan, secure appropriate finance and make a bid to buy the asset on the open market. However De La Rue still has the right to sell to whoever they wish at whatever price at the end of the moratorium period. In this case the period ends 3 March 2026.

Harvest Festival is taking place this coming Saturday, 4 October, at St Nicholas Church at 10.00. What a harvest there has been this year. If nothing else, come and have a look at St Nicholas before we clear away all the decorations on Monday.

St Mary's Church will be open to visitors on Saturday and Sunday from 10.00 - 16.00. If you have never been inside, please do pay a visit. It is part of our village Heritage, and we want you to treasure this special building as much as we do.

Coffee and Cake – what's not to love? **Come along to Lady Rose Hall between 11.00 - 13.00 on Saturday and sample some home-made bakes. We really want to hear from you regarding the future of our church.** You might want to know what goes on behind the scenes. Can we use the building for anything other than church services? Can you help in any way to preserve and keep it viable? What does our parish church mean to you? Or just come and have a coffee and a chat. Bring your neighbours. This is a village affair.

Brenda Bond, Churchwarden

We often get asked 'what exactly does the L&F community Site encompass?' It includes: Lady Rose Hall - our village Hall, Kingfisher Day Centre for Elderly and car park; the archery field, the tennis courts, the pavilion used by the Test Valley Men's Shed and the site access track. This area offers multiple facilities benefiting a huge variety of people in the community!

So we now need to build a team to work on this - building a business plan and securing appropriate finance. If you are interested in being involved in the future of the site we'd love to hear from you. Please contact our clerk Nicky Nicklin on the new email address:

clerk@laverstokeandfreefolk.org.uk. or leave a message on 07725 368012.



Separate your peelings and scraps!

Residents can now start separating their peelings and scraps from their rubbish, ready for the start of weekly food waste collections next week commencing 6 Oct!



Police visit L&F 21 Oct

Andy Jones, our local PCSO, will be holding an informal drop in session on Tues 21 Oct. He'll be in the playground in Laverstoke between 10.00 - 11.00 for any residents who care to meet with him to raise any concerns or find out more about community policing.



Black Arrows archer leads GB team in Serbia

This month has been a great month for Team GB Archers. Thirteen Archers took part in the European Field Champ in Poland and achieved seven gold and 4 silver medals against the best European archers. The team included four of our Warren only members and is a great achievement. In October it will be the European 3D Championships in Serbia and our very own Steve Allam will be competing and leading

By now you will have been given indoor (silver) and outdoor (green) food caddies and an info leaflet and a roll of compostable liners. All food waste must be contained in liners or plastic bags and will be collected weekly on the same day as your rubbish and recycling containers..

All food items put into the caddies - including fruit and vegetable peelings, raw or cooked meat and fish including bones and shells, tea bags and coffee grounds, eggshells, pet food and all uneaten food and plate scrapings - will be turned into greener energy and fertiliser.

Check your information leaflet for what can go into your food waste caddy or scan the QR code on the top of the silver indoor caddy.

Food waste collections provide a great opportunity to recycle unavoidable food waste like fruit and vegetable peelings, meat bones, teabags and eggshells. It is hoped that the service will also help us to see where we are throwing away excess or out of date food. Reducing this wastage can help to save money on food shopping and it will cut carbon emissions.

For more information on food waste recycling in Basingstoke and Deane visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/food-waste

the team. Steve switched to a "Traditional" bow style after COVID and is currently the Hampshire, English and British Field and 3D champion. This will be his first event with team GB.

As for the rest of us at Overton Black Arrows we have seen event wins for Angus, Rob, Paul, Dave and Steve at recent competitions. We also start our next beginners course on 11 Oct at Laverstoke and many of our archers are enjoying shooting at the range on these lovely evenings. If you would like to know more about us please follow facebook.com/overtonblackarrows or visit our website www.overtonblackarrows.org



Hardy's talk on Climate Change & Gardening

The mornings here at Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants are just starting to feel a little autumnal with the mellow mists hanging



Martial Arts class in Lady Rose Hall

From September we have had a new Martial arts class taking place in the village Hall. Senshi Martial Arts are family karate classes and self defence training. They take place on Sundays from 10.00 - 11.00.

All ages and abilities are welcome from 5 yrs upwards.

For more info email:

senshiyuukarate@gmail.com or call/text

Phil on 07803 845852.



Free home energy survey

Ahead of the energy price cap going up again on Wednesday (1 October), every household in Basingstoke and Deane is being invited to book a free home energy survey that could help them save hundreds

over the field beside us first thing. Plus, the migratory birds have all gone for this year but we'll be looking out for them in the spring - playing 'who spots one first!'.

We've still been busy selling our plants at various plant fairs and the RHS Malvern Show. There is such an abundance of colour this time of year and it's the perfect time to be out planting and mulching. Our propagation team have been actively gathering seed around the nursery and are looking forward to next year already.

As for October, we will be changing our opening hours on 1st October, closing at 16.00 on Monday to Saturday.

Claire Michell, who some of you may know as The Garden Editor, will be here on 10 Oct to talk about Climate change and gardening. What does it mean? Knowing Claire, this will be highly informative. To find out more and book a space please go to www.hardysplants.co.uk, where you will also find details of the Christmas wreath workshops. Many of you who have attended them in the past have told us they are a lovely way to kick start the Christmas season.

of pounds a year on their energy bills. The one-hour visits, carried out by trained assessors from the Borough Council, are designed to help people understand how to keep their homes warmer and more comfortable in the colder months while saving money on energy.

After their home visit, residents receive a tailored report with practical steps they can take to improve their home's energy efficiency and lower heating costs. Advice ranges from simple, everyday tips to more impactful home improvements, like insulation and solar panels. It also covers grants and funding that could partly or fully pay for these home upgrades, depending on people's individual circumstances.

It doesn't matter if you rent or own your home, live in a flat or a house, or use gas, oil, or another heating system - if you live in Basingstoke and Deane, this service is available to you.

Free home visits with the council's energy-saving experts can be booked at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/home-energy-survey



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Next meeting dates:

21 Oct

18 Nov

16 Dec

20 Jan

Laverstoke and Freefolk

PC meetings now take place on 3rd Tues of month in Lady Rose Hall starting at 19.30 with up to 30 mins public time. Anyone is welcome to attend to ask questions, make suggestions or air views on local issues during the public time. Time will be split equally between the number of people wishing to speak. After public time parishioners are unable to interrupt the Council meeting. **Note: no meeting is held in August unless a planning or other**



L&F Contacts

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(manned M-F 09.00-17.00, S&S 09.30-15.00)

Duty Manager for urgent e.g.

licensing issues: 07971 508691

(manned when duty manager on site i.e. all events plus M-Th 09.00-17.00)

Security is available 24/7 inc closed days.

Neighbouring web-sites:

[Whitchurch Town Council](#)

[Official Whitchurch web site](#)

[Original Whitchurch web site](#)

[Overton Parish Council web site](#)

Our Local Sports Clubs:

[Whitchurch Tennis Club](#)

[Overton Black Arrows Archery Club](#)

[Overton Rugby Club](#)

Our church:

[St Marys Laverstoke](#)

Our Local Day Care Centre:



Classes in Lady Rose Hall

Ladies Boxing: Mon 18:45 - 19.45

Contact: Brandon Elliott on 07402 366067

Yoga: Tues 19:30 - 20:30

(except 3rd Tues of month)

Contact: Natalia on

natalia@thelittleyogacompany.com

07880 742817

Karate & Self Defence: Sun 10.00 - 11.00

Senshi Martial Arts family classes - 5yrs +

Contact: Phil on

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Parish Council:

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**time-dependent
matter arises.**

[Kingfisher Day Care Centre for
Elderly](#) or
kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com

Millennium Green:
[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](#)

**To Report problems with:
roads, footpaths & verge**
[Hantsweb](#)

trees on roads:
0300 555 1388

water:
[Southern Water](#)



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