



North Stoneham Community Group



A big thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone that has supported the North Stoneham Community Group since its inception in February 2022.

We have been overwhelmed at the amount of support we've received. We really hope that you've enjoyed the events that we've put on to date, including our Easter egg hunt, litter picks & jubilee events. We have lots of exciting plans for the future, so stay tuned! Remember, we are here to develop, support and strengthen community cohesion at North Stoneham and the surrounding areas through events and initiatives.

If you are aged 18+ and live, work, or have a community involvement in North Stoneham, you can become a member by either sending us an email (see below) or giving us a 'like' on our Facebook page.

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WANT TO JOIN?

Do you want to hear all about our community events and receive our newsletters?

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SEND AN EMAIL

Email us stating that you'd like to join and you're happy for us to hold your data - nscmmgroup@gmail.com

3

YOU'RE A MEMBER!

Welcome to the group!



Avni was presented with a £20 Hobbycraft voucher for her efforts. The logo now features on all our publications and posters.

News in brief

New Trustees

We'd like to welcome 3 new members to the Board of Trustees!



Clive Dlima
Local Resident



Tracey Jones
Local Resident & NS Craft Group



Adie Smith
Local Resident

Logo Competition

Congratulations to Avni (age 11) for her winning design of the NSCG logo!

Summer Trails

Join us on the 6th August as we launch our summer trails!

Are you looking for something fun and free to do over the summer holidays? Join us at YMCA Eastleigh from 2pm-4pm on Saturday 6th August as we launch our summer trails!



We've put together some History & Nature trails around NSP. These app based trails, using the 'Actionbound' app (which can be downloaded onto your smartphone - paper copies will be available from the YMCA cafe for those without), will take you around various parts of the park to teach you all about the history of the site and the nature that you can find here. The first trail will be released during our launch event, with subsequent new trails released on the 13th and then the 20th August. Each trail will take around 45 mins - 1 hour to complete.

As well as the trail, we'll be hosting a FREE craft event in the main hall of the YMCA where you can paint rocks and make bug hotels out of plastic bottles. You won't want to miss it!

The Living Room

Our friends at St Nic's Church host a weekly wellbeing cafe for all ages.

They meet every Tuesday in term time, from 10am-12pm. Join them for free tea, coffee,

cake, newspapers and chat. There's something for everyone from babes in arms to those more senior in years!



Facebook

You can find and 'like' us on Facebook - search for "North Stoneham Community Group".

Please consider giving us a 'like' to be kept up to date.



Litter Picking

We host regular litter pick events across the park.

You can always find details of our latest litter pick event on our Facebook page. They usually last for 1 hour. Afterwards, we all meet for a chat at YMCA Eastleigh over tea, coffee or juice that is kindly provided by the YMCA for free. We have a supply of bags and litter grabbers, so just turn up!



North Stoneham Craft Group

The group meets every other Tuesday, from 6:15pm until 8pm at YMCA Eastleigh.

Everyone is welcome and you can arrive and leave whenever you like during the session.



Upcoming dates:

- 19th July - Beaded Crafts
- 16th August - Air Dry Clay
- 6th September - Poppies (knitting, crochet, felting & paper crafts)

If you'd like further details, you can find the group on Facebook and Instagram; search for 'North Stoneham Crafts' or email northstonehamcrafts@gmail.com

Autism Ambassadors

Since NSCG's inception, inclusivity has been high on our agenda.

We want all of our community to feel welcome and be able to engage in the activities we put on. As a first step, we will shortly discuss how we might create a small team of 'Autism Ambassadors', an initiative led by the local branch of the National Autistic Society.

How successful we are will depend on those from our community who may volunteer to train as Ambassadors and offer local support with us.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in getting involved with, please contact us at nscommgroup@gmail.com

Coffee & Catch Up

Come and join us for coffee and a catch up

YMCA Eastleigh
Community Centre & Cafe,
Whieldon Way, SO50 9SB

Tuesday's
2pm - 3.30pm

Find out what's going on locally, meet new friends and join a new social group, all whilst helping to shape the area you live in. Special discounted price on coffee and cake on Tuesday afternoons! For further information please contact us by emailing customer@vividhomes.co.uk

VIVID **EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL** **YMCA**

Squirrels

The Squirrels are coming!

No, not the grey ones we often see in our woods but Red Squirrel Dreys, the new Scout section for 4 - 6 year olds.

North Stoneham Scout Group is part of the county Scout rollout of this fully piloted and researched early-years programme. By the time this newsletter arrives through your letterbox, NS Scouts hope a core team of local volunteers will be in place who, after initial training, will launch the Squirrel Drey in September. Meeting times are as yet unknown as this will depend on

the new team. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to sign your child up, please email the team at group@northstonehamscouts.org.uk



The Scout Group is also looking for a Committee Secretary. If you think you could help, please send them an email.

St Nic's

St Nic's support a lot of the community events on NSP and have some things going on that you may be interested in.

The Church is located on Stoneham Lane, just before you get to Eastleigh Football Club. On the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, they have Holy Communion. This takes place at 10am, with coffee available afterwards.

At 4pm every Sunday, they have an informal, intergenerational and interactive service. Free refreshments are provided.

Once a month, they host a community event where they gather simply to have fun which might be over Lego, a film, crafts or even racing cars! Keep an eye on their Facebook page for more details. Search for 'St Nic's North Stoneham'.



Nature Discovery Week

Eastleigh Borough Council and YMCA Eastleigh are hosting a free week of nature themed activities.

NORTH STONEHAM

NATURE DISCOVERY WEEK
6 August - 13 August

Free - booking not required

North Stoneham Community Group trail launch 6 August • 2-4pm	Plant identification 9 August • 10am - 11am
Bug houses workshop by North Stoneham Craft Group 6 August • 2pm - 4pm	Bird Watching 11 August • 9.30am - 11.30am
Bug hunting 9 August • 12noon - 3pm	Bat walk with Hampshire Bat Group 11 August • 8.15pm Booking required
Bird feeder making run by the Scouts 9 August • 12noon - 3pm	Litter pick 13 August • 10am

eastleigh.gov.uk/NSP-natureweek

EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL **YMCA** **YMCA Eastleigh**
North Stoneham Community Centre,
29 Whieldon Way SO50 9SB

YMCA Youth Group

A new, free Youth Club is launching at YMCA Eastleigh on Thursday 21st July.

There will be free pizza and refreshments! The Youth Group will be held every Thursday for ages 11-14 (4pm - 6pm) and 15-18 (6:30pm - 8:30pm).

With comfy sofas, a pool table, air hockey, board games, Xbox, craft equipment plus use of the sports hall, there's fun for all to just hang out and 'be'.



Neighbourhood Watch

NSP is within a Neighbourhood Watch area.

Over 140 households on the estate are signed up to the scheme. People join for many reasons, whether to improve personal safety and security around their home or to become part of a group and meet new people. NW also brings communities together that share a sense of responsibility for where they live.

If you're not already a member and would like to join, send the team and email at nspneighbours@gmail.com



North Stoneham Health Walks



Volunteering information event

Monday 8 August • 10am - 12noon

We're looking for more Health Walks Leaders, to ensure the new walk in North Stoneham will be sustainable. Drop in to talk to the HealthWorks team to learn more.

Launch Walk • Monday 15 August • 10am

Join us on the new free weekly health walk at North Stoneham. Just be at the Community Centre by 10am with suitable footwear for a 2-3km walk.

For more information about these walks around the Borough, visit eastleigh.gov.uk/health-walks or call 023 8068 4813

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Easter Event

We held an Easter egg hunt back in April.

Approximately 380 adults and children took part in the event, which was many more than we were expecting! We hope you all enjoyed the day. It was nice to see so many members of the community out and about, enjoying the lovely weather that we had.



Jubilee Craft Workshop

We hosted a Jubilee craft workshop at the end of May.

Thank you to everyone that attended. Congratulations to our competition winners who won certificates and chocolates for the longest bunting and longest paper chains!



During the event, we managed to put lots of different people in touch that went on to plan Jubilee street parties. It was great to see so many going on over the Bank Holiday weekend. Congratulations to residents of Longster Road/ Knott Drive and Beedon Way/Moreno Way, who won the 'Best dressed Jubilee street party' competition!



Looking to volunteer?

Would you like to help the group put on successful community events?



We're always on the lookout for people to volunteer, particularly people that can help set up before events and pack away afterwards. If this sounds like something you'd like to get involved in, please send us an email with your contact details at nscmmgroup@gmail.com

Do you have a local group or event that you'd like to advertise in our next newsletter? Drop us an email to discuss nscmmgroup@gmail.com

NOT TECH SAVVY?

If you want to join the group as a member but don't have access to email, fill in the following form and we'll ensure we send paper communications to you. Completed slips should be returned to **21 Highwood Avenue, North Stoneham Park**

Date: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Tel: _____

You consent for us to hold a paper and/or electronic copy of your data. Signed: _____