



North Stoneham Community Group



Welcome!

We hope you all had a wonderful Summer!

Although the dark nights are drawing in and the cold weather is on the way, we have a number of exciting events and initiatives coming up over the Autumn/Winter period. Thank you for your continued support over the last few months. We know that this winter is going to be a real struggle for many families across North Stoneham Park. We will do all we can to help put a smile on the faces of everyone living here.

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. We'd love for you to join and be a member of the group to help show your support. We're always keen to hear any ideas you may have for events and initiatives!

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WANT TO JOIN?

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

2

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!

News in brief

As One Project

You may have seen the 'As One' banners across the estate saying "Fill your street with friendliness".

The initiative has been developed by As One, which since 2010 has pioneered Street Associations. As One exists to promote greater friendliness (as opposed to 'keep oneself to oneself') and to stimulate the restoration of true community at the grass-roots level, especially amongst neighbours who live on the same street.



We've teamed up with As One & St Nic's Church to roll out this exciting project at NSP.

The project aims to bring back that sense of community spirit that was around during the covid lockdowns. At the time of printing, we will have hosted our first tea party event with 10 different streets picked randomly across the estate. If successful, we plan to roll it out across NSP. You can find further details on the As One website. <https://as-one.uk>

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.



Halloween supper trail

The NSCG and St Nic's would like to feed you supper amongst the sweets!

SUPPER TRAIL
NORTH STONEHAM PARK
5-7PM MON OCT 31ST

Supper stops amongst the sweets across North Stoneham Park

MAIN COURSE
Keep a look out for the hot dogs

DESSERT
Where there's smoke there's fire. Get some Smores

DRINKS
Wash it all down with our luxury hot chocolate, maybe even some mulled wine!

NSCG
The Parish of North Stoneham & Bassett
HOSTED BY ST NICOLAS CHURCH

From 5pm until 7pm on the 31st October, hot dogs, burgers, toasted marshmallows & cookies will be available on Avenue & Homewood Park. Hot chocolate and mulled wine will be available on Chestnut Park. You can use the map on the right to help you find the locations!



You can also download a copy of the map here: <https://tinyurl.com/bddr495n>

Advertisements

Do you have a local business or community group that you'd like to feature in our newsletter?

Our newsletter is delivered to every occupied house/flat on NSP, which is currently in the region of about 850 homes. This is a great opportunity showcase your local business or community group. If you'd like to feature in a future edition, please contact us.



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Christmas events

AT YMCA EASTLEIGH

Christmas Light Switch-on

Saturday 26 November, 6 - 7.30pm

- Performance by the Stoneham Park Primary School
- Light switch-on at 7pm
- Appearance from Elsa and Anna from Frozen
- Free hot food
- Festive stalls and craft activities
- Snow machine
- Free toy exchange

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Christmas Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 17 December, 6 - 7pm

St Nicolas Church invite you to carol singing round the Christmas tree, with a brass band. Hot drinks and mince pies available.

COMPETITIONS

Children's bauble competition

from Monday 7 November

Complete your design and drop it off at the YMCA community centre with a completed entry form by Friday 18 November. The baubles will be used to decorate the tree, with prizes for the winners of each age category.

'Deck the halls' competition

Decorate a window in your house for 6pm on 17 December for everyone to see on their way to or back from the Christmas Carols. Prize for the best dressed window!

eastleigh.gov.uk/nsp-christmas

Christmas market

Can you help bring a community Christmas market to NSP?

At the Christmas event, we'd love to offer a range of stalls from local businesses. Stallholders will need to be available from 5:30pm-7:30pm on Saturday 26th November.

If you are interested in playing your part in bringing Christmas to NSP, please contact Sammy Jordan at sam.jordan@mac.com - letting her know your name and the stall that you can offer by Monday 7th November.



When allocating stalls, we will give priority to local residents and the need to offer a range of different stalls. We will confirm the chosen stalls to those interested by Friday 11th November. All stall holders will need to pay a £10 non-refundable deposit to secure their stall, as well as provide 1 prize for the raffle.

Christmas volunteers

Can you help us to put on a successful event on the 26th November?



We are looking for volunteers to help us on the night with a range of different tasks including setting up, packing away, manning stalls, event

marshals and much more! Please send us an email if you think you can help - nscommgroup@gmail.com

Toy and jumper exchange

Reduce, reuse, recycle, regift!

No need to buy another Christmas jumper this year. Come along and grab one from our toy and jumper exchange. Children outgrow toys so quickly, so why not find something new for them here. Let's help each other have a great Christmas and help the planet at the same time.



If you have any unwanted toys/jumpers that are in good condition and you wouldn't mind donating them, please contact Matthew Nowell at mattnowell@gmail.com - Matthew is happy to collect, or will let you know of specific drop off points, including the YMCA. Any items remaining after the event will be donated to charity.

NSCG AGM

Our first AGM will be held on 25th January 2023 at 7pm

We'll produce our annual report and accounts, as well as electing members to the Board of Trustees. Please come along and give us your ideas and thoughts on how we run (and check we're not spending donations on fancy holidays!). Free refreshments will be provided.

Raffle prizes

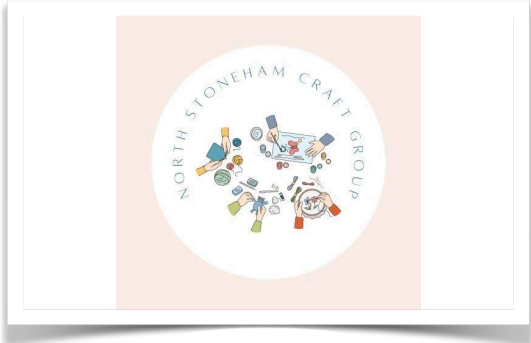
We'll be running a raffle during the Christmas event.

We are looking to collect prizes for the raffle during the Christmas event on 26th November. If you are part of a local business or group and would be happy to donate a prize, please drop us a line!

North Stoneham Craft Group

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

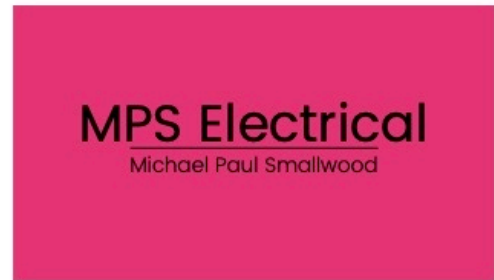
Everyone is welcome and you can arrive and leave whenever you like during the session.



Upcoming dates:

- 1st November - Stars (knitted & crochet)
- 15th November - Poppies, pottery painting
- 29th November - Marbling
- 13th December - Christmas crafts, including cards and beaded snowflakes
- 10th January - Macramé
- 24th January - Polymer clay

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



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Squirrels

North Stoneham Scouts' Squirrels section for 4 and 5 year olds has launched.

Phase 1 is with the children of volunteers while they become familiar with the new program. Phase 2 for other local children will begin during November.



The group are looking for a Committee Chair and Secretary, someone to manage the website and communication, plus an equipment team. If you can help, contact group@northstonehamscouts.org.uk

Squirrels meet at the Stoneham Park Academy on Monday's from 4:15pm to 5:15pm.

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!



You can also join St Nic's each Sunday at 4pm for an informal service and at 10:30am on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.

Donations

Would you like to donate money to the NSCG?

Although we make a point of ensuring that events we host are free to the community as far as is possible, they do cost us money. So far, events have been paid for through grants, help from other groups and out of trustees own pockets. As we look to grow and develop, we will need further funds to enable us to put on

bigger and better events. If you'd like to make a donation towards the NSCG, no matter how big or small, please contact us. Any donations received will be greatly appreciated!

North Stoneham Health Walks



North Stoneham Health Walk Leaders training days

Monday 14 November • 10am - 12noon

We're looking for more Health Walks Leaders, to ensure the new walk in North Stoneham will be sustainable. If you would like to become a volunteer walk leader but are unable to make the training date please still get in touch to register your interest.

North Stoneham Health Walks will Launch in January 2023

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

YMCA Eastleigh, North Stoneham Community Centre, 29 Whieldon Way SO50 9SB



We're always on the lookout for volunteers to help us put on events. If this is something you'd like to get involved in, send us an email - nscommgroup@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: _____