

NORTH STONEHAM COMMUNITY GROUP

<https://nscommunity.co.uk>



Welcome!

Welcome to another edition of the North Stoneham Community Group Newsletter. It's been a busy few months for the group and as ever, we thank you all for your continued support.

We are thrilled to announce that the NSCG now has a website! Please visit <https://nscommunity.co.uk> You'll be able to find out more about us, see details of our events and initiatives and sign up to our mailing list.

We'd like to extend a big thank you to Eastleigh Town Council, Cllr Wayne Irish and Cllr Tanya Park from Hampshire County Council, who have all awarded grant funding to us. These funds will now enable us to put on a number of free events and initiatives over the coming year, which we hope will benefit all members of the community.

If you are aged 18+ and live, work, or have 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!

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

Or scan this QR code to find us on Facebook and like our page



Have you spotted our brand new postbox? It is located next to the community centre



Sustainable Stoneham

The Sustainable Stoneham initiative has been set up following the successful Toy and Jumper exchange that was run at the end of 2022.

This year we have plans to hold several sustainability events and set up a Community Fridge with a view to minimising food waste across the community.

We are pleased to have recently been awarded a grant from Hampshire County Council to support this initiative. We are now looking for volunteers to help with this initiative, for more information or to volunteer please reach out

SustainableStoneham@gmail.com.

We would love to hear from you, share your feedback at <https://nscommunity.co.uk/contact/>



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Photo Credit : Alexandra Frances Lewis, NSP Resident

AGM Update

We held our first Annual General Meeting of the North Stoneham Community Group in January this year. We were pleased to see a number of people from the community in attendance. It must have been the free cheese and wine! The feedback we received was incredibly useful and something we will be considering over the next few months.

During the AGM, your Trustees for the next 2 years were elected. They are:

- Sammy Jordan (Chair)
- Tracey Jones (Vice Chair)
- Gaz Richardson (Secretary)
- Adie Smith (Vice Secretary)
- Agnes Rock (Treasurer)
- Matthew Nowell (Vice Treasurer)
- Lois Ainger
- Clive Dlima
- Kathy Grubb

We were delighted to welcome Kathy, who is a brand new Trustee.

We also said a sad goodbye to Jim Vaughan, who stepped down from the Board. Jim's wealth of experience in the community has been a big help to the NSCG over our first year. We are pleased that Jim will still be involved with us as one of our key stakeholders, in his role with Eastleigh Scouts.

Jumble Sale Update

We held our first Sustainable Stoneham Jumble and Table Top sale in February. The local community came together to donate a huge amount of Jumble and bric-a-brac. The event was a great success, with around 200 visitors and raised nearly £600. The plan is to use this to support both the Sustainable Stoneham initiative and the wider North Stoneham Community Group events throughout this year.



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. 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

EASTER



EGG HUNT

APRIL 8
10-2PM

FREE

CRAFTS
COMPETITION
REFRESHMENTS

YMCA EASTLEIGH, WHIELDON WAY
NORTH STONEHAM PARK



Basics Bank Collection Point Comes to YMCA



As part of our harvest celebrations in September we collected donations for Eastleigh Basics Bank for two weeks in the YMCA cafe. The response was amazing! We filled three large tubs and members of the community asked if we could make the donation point a permanent fixture...so we have!

There are now three large tubs on the community bookcase where we can put donations. The tubs have pointers on them for what to donate...tins, packets, jars, toiletries. As the tubs are filled they will be taken to Eastleigh Basics Bank by volunteers. If this is something you would be interested in helping with please contact us at nscommgroup@gmail.com.

The tubs are for donations and soon we will have our own community fridge where we can donate and dip into. Until then, if you need to, know that you can dip into the Basics Bank tubs as well as donate.

We would love to hear from you. Please share your feedback, and comments here



£5 per player
which includes a tea or coffee



**SHORT
MAT
BOWLS**

**EVERY FRIDAY
2PM - 3.30PM**

Just turn up, pay at the cafe and play, socialise and have some fun!

YMCA

shared-space

Join us in the Living Room



St Nicolas, Stoneham Lane // Tuesdays term time // 10-12 noon

Did you Know?

You could get 45% off your Southern Water Bills if your household income is less than £21,000 (excluding Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments) and you have savings of less than £16,000 or someone in your household receives pension credits.

Find out more here:

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/account/what-if-i-can-t-pay-my-bill>



With 100 young members and adult volunteers, North Stoneham Scout Group is one of the big local success stories since we launched in June 2021



We have a long waiting list – for every new adult volunteer joining our team, we can accept 5 new youngsters. Volunteering is good for your well-being, career-boosting skillsets and local networking.

Join one of our teams ~ Volunteering is #GoodForYou

Team Deliver: Help plan and deliver our wide-ranging programmes to local children and young people. Good for you and good for them.

Team Support: Help support our leaders behind the scenes by offering your skills in Communication, IT, Event Planning, Equipment Management, Administration - or lifting, shifting and building stuff!

We have a role that fits your interests and time you have available.

E mail Hannah or Richard and have a chat:

group@northstonehamscouts.org.uk

Supporting
North Stoneham
Community Group

Squirrels **cubs** **SCOUTS** Young Leaders

www.northstonehamscouts.org.uk / www.scouts.org.uk



Welcome!

St Nic's Community Cafe Church

YMCA North Stoneham Park 4-5.30pm

2 April, 7 May, 4 June, 2 July



CRAFT CAKE LEGO GAMES

Sustainable Stoneham Uniform Event

Sustainable Stoneham is now busy planning our Uniform Exchange & Jumble sale which will be held in early August, the final date to be confirmed shortly.

We will be working closely with the local schools to enable everyone the opportunity to recycle and reuse uniform items in the new school year, with an aim to reduce the number of items that end up going to landfill.

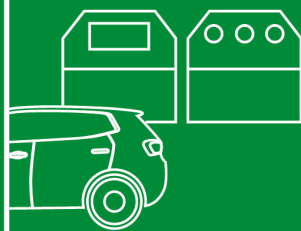
Alongside the Uniform Exchange event, we will be running our second Sustainable Stoneham jumble sale. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event or have any uniform items or general jumble you would like to donate, please reach out to SustainableStoneham@gmail.com to arrange collection/delivery and storage.



Won't fit in the bin?



Can it be recycled or reused?



Use your local household waste and recycling centre or recycling bank

Large items?



Use the Council's bulky waste service



Arrange a collection from a reputable charity



Hire a waste carrier. Make sure they are licensed.

Household waste left outside of your bins will not be collected.

North Stoneham HealthWalks



Every Monday at 10.30am

Join us on the new free weekly health walk at North Stoneham. Just be at the Community Centre by 10.30am with suitable footwear for a 2-3 mile walk that lasts approximately an hour.

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

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





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The Forget-me-not Café is a joint initiative between Eastleigh Rotary and The YMCA with support from Dementia Friendly Hampshire

Why not join us at the YMCA for a cup of tea and a chat between 1-3 pm on:



Friday 10th March
Tuesday 28th March
Friday 14th April
Tuesday 25th April
Friday 12th May

FRIDAY 21ST APRIL 7:00PM

Fryern Pavilion, Greenways, Chandlers
Ford SO53 2LE

Fish, Sausage or Pea Fritter & Chips Supper
Tea & Coffee
Bring your own alcohol & soft drinks

Non-Rotarians, family & friends welcome
Come as a team of 6 or we'll join you up
with other players to make up a team

Entry fee £10 per person

All proceeds to Rotary End Polio Now campaign

*Volunteers
Needed!*



Fryern Parish Council has kindly given Eastleigh Rotary a double pitch at the **Funtasia on 1st May** to promote Rotary in the community and raise some funds for good causes.

In return Eastleigh Rotary has been asked to help out at the event as marshals and ride safety. The club will be working with other community organisations at the event and should be a fun afternoon, weather permitting.

Come and join our friendly team - we need helpers for various shifts throughout the day.

For further information about any of the above, please contact us at events@eastleighrotary.org.uk