

NORTH STONEHAM COMMUNITY GROUP

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Summer edition of the North Stoneham Community Group Newsletter. As always, we've been very busy over the last few months planning events and initiatives for the North Stoneham community. We have some really exciting things planned for the next few months. We thank you for your continued support of the NSCG. We love hearing the positive feedback that we regularly receive from across the park.

We've started the process of becoming an officially registered Charity. This opens up so many different avenues for us, particularly when it comes to grant funding to support our initiatives. It's a long and slow process, but we hope to receive charity status sometime in the Autumn.

In terms of funding, since our last newsletter, we've been successfully awarded funds by Hampshire County Council, Eastleigh Borough Council and The National Lottery. We can't thank these Organisations enough. This funding ensures that as many of our events as possible remain free to you all.

We're also thrilled to welcome a new Trustee to the team, Sian Aubry-Waddell. Sian has recently moved to NSP and is looking to get involved within the community. She brings a wealth of experience to the team and is already settling in well. We have another 2 Trustee vacancies, so if you fancy getting involved, please do get in touch! In particular, we're looking for volunteers living within the Homewood Park side of the estate.



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



If you are aged 18+ and live, work, or have community involvement in North Stoneham, you can become a member or volunteer 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!

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



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Community Fridge

It's been a very busy few months for Sustainable Stoneham since we launched our community fridge on 8th April. Since the launch, we have saved 1138 kgs of surplus food, which is the equivalent of two adult Grizzly Bears!

We have recently had visits from our local councillor Paul Bicknell and our local MP Paul Holmes, who wanted to find out what the fridge is about and to help promote the service in the local area. Our standout moment however has been receiving a 5 rating in our environmental health inspection, this is solely down to the support, hard work and diligence of our fantastic volunteers. Watch this space for what's next for the community fridge, we are looking to expand our services in the coming months.



North Stoneham Craft Group Update

What are we doing in the next few months?

Our group meets every other Tuesday evening between 18:15 till 20:00 at the YMCA Community Centre. You can arrive and leave whenever you like within those times.

We like to try new crafts and every one is welcome, come along and try something new, session cost is £2 to cover materials used.

Upcoming group dates

- 11th July
- 25th July
- 8th August
- 22nd August
- 5th September
- 19th September

Calling all Knitters & Crocheters - we need your help!

We are looking for people to help us with a special project. If you can knit or crochet and can spare a little time to make a few items please get in touch. It's not a big time commitment and supplies will be provided.

If you can't knit or crochet but would like to learn, come along to the session on 5th September and we are happy to get you started.

For more information please drop us an email at northstonehamcrafts@gmail.com

Stay up to date with what's going on by following us on Facebook or Instagram







FREE UNIFORM EXCHANGE

AND

50P AN ITEM JUMBLE SALE

2pm till 4pm
Sunday 6th August

YMCA COMMUNITY CENTRE
29 Whieldon Way
Eastleigh, SO50 9SB





To make jumble sale donations or for more details please contact sustainablestoneham@gmail.com

NORTH STONEHAM

NATURE DISCOVERY WEEK

5 August - 13 August

For more info, scan the QR code



Community survey

win a
£50
Amazon
voucher

Would you like to take part in a quick survey to help us find out more about the local community?

We're inviting residents to answer a few questions to find out more about people's interests and how we can improve the area that they live in.

Anyone taking part in the survey will be in with a chance of winning £50 Amazon vouchers.

Follow the link to have your say

www.eastleigh.gov.uk/NorthStonehamCommunitySurvey

Please note the survey will close on 31 July 2023.



Save THE Date

PAINT THE PARK YELLOW!

SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION

Seed and pots available free from YMCA, Torres Rise and Longster Road



All photo entries need to be submitted by 1st Sept
to the NSCG Facebook page or website: <https://nscommunity.co.uk>
Photos must include a tape measure to show the height from soil to flower tip.



- 1st prize £30 Pickwell Farm Voucher
- 2nd Prize £20 Pickwell Farm Voucher
- 3rd Prize £10 Pickwell Farm Voucher



HALLOWEEN SUPPER TRAIL

31ST OCTOBER 5-7PM

Would you be willing to offer
to be a 'supper stop'
(hot dogs/cake/drinks)?

We'd love to hear from you.
Please get in touch at
sam.jordan@mac.com



POPS INCORPORATED PRESENTS

SONGS FROM

MAMA MIA!

SATURDAY 22ND JULY 2023
7:30PM

TICKETS: £15 | £12 CONCESSIONS | £1 UNDER 18'S
BOX OFFICE: 023 8024 6555

www.thorndenhall.co.uk

THORNDEN HALL, CHANDLERS FORD, SO53 2DW



Save THE Date

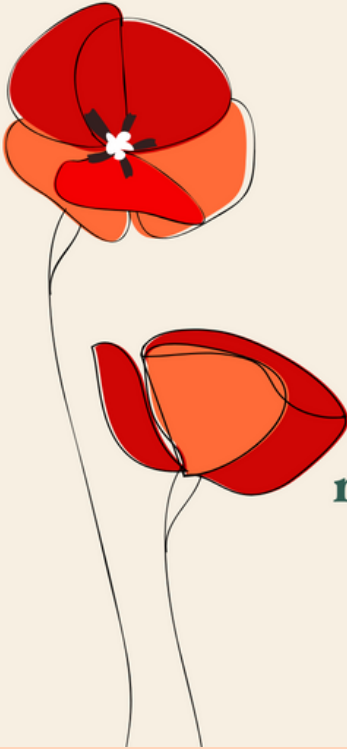
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SUN, 12 NOV 2023

Remember the heroes our streets are named after.

10.45 War Shrine NSP with free refreshments at the YMCA afterwards.

LEST WE FORGET



Soon it's Christmas

Sat 2nd Dec 5.30-7.30 pm

North Stoneham Park Community
Christmas Lights Switch On

Sunday 17th December 4-5.30 pm

Community Carols Around the Tree

Don't just save the date...get involved and help make it happen! We are looking for volunteers beforehand and on the day. Help us bring Santa, lights, free food and fun to NSP!

DEC 2023

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DO YOU KNOW?



NSCG is exploring the possibility of creating a community garden in North Stoneham Park, a place where we can grow fruit, vegetables and flowers together. The produce could be used by volunteers, to stock the community fridge and used for community cooking classes. To do this we need to secure grant funding and to do this we need to know and be able to show that this is something the community would like.

Please scan the QR code to share your thoughts, ideas, feedback and interest in this project



June 2023 : Cubs collected six big bags of rubbish in their community litter-pick

The 75 young members of North Stoneham Scouts have been putting the OUT into ScOUTing big time. By the end of July they will have had the chance to take part in air rifle shooting, climbing, canoeing, hiking, camping, archery, lighting fires and cooking, orienteering, gardening, creature spotting, astronomy, road, fire and personal safety, plus a Marwell Zoo visit. This is only possible thanks to the Group's great team of adult volunteers. Want to join the fun?

E-mail Hannah & Richard on group@northstonehamscouts.org.uk

Help us raise free funds

every time you shop online



You shop +7,000 brands donate For free

Shop at over 8000 places online including Amazon, EBay, Aldi, Asda, Sainsburys and others and donate to NSCG at the same time. Scan the QR code to get started.



Help us fund the free community events and initiatives we put on by shopping through the Easyfundraising app or the website and choosing North Stoneham Community Group. All retailers will make a donation to NSCG at no extra cost to you.

feed the family on a budget!

Free Cookery Workshop

Sustainable Stoneham is running our first "Feed a family on a budget!" cookery session, this has been made possible by working in partnership with the ASDA Community Foundation and YMCA. Session will be free to attend for Adults and Children over 8 years old if accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian. Booking will be required via link to attend: <https://widget.eola.co/3ahxe/activities/cookery-workshop>



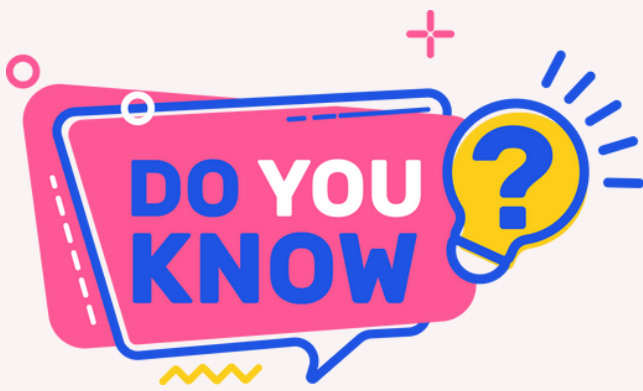
Scan the QR Code to Book



Thursday 3rd August
10:00 till 13:00

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





The YMCA community centre has lots going on for all ages...

For Adults

Over 60's group – Join us weekly on Tuesdays from 2-4pm for a friendly chat, discounted hot drinks and cake.

Short Mat Bowls – On Friday afternoons from 2-3.30pm in our hall anyone is welcome to try short mat bowls for £5 per person which includes a tea or coffee.

Great Strides Running Group – A new free weekly running session lead by our volunteer, Royal Marines Commando Instructor Mark, meeting on Wednesdays at 7pm.

For Young Families

Toddler Play – Come along on Wednesdays 10 am-12 in the hall for a free play session for toddlers.

Baby & Parent Group – Currently on Fridays in the upstairs room. Soon to be merged with the above toddler group on Wednesdays.

Free Family Fun – At various times across the year we run great activities in our hall and youth room which families can enjoy for free! Keep an eye on the YMCA's social media channels for dates.

Youth Club – If you are 11+ you are welcome to join our youth club on Thursdays from 4.15-6.15pm.

SEN Activity Session – Fun activities in the hall for families with SEN children to enjoy in a non-judgmental, supportive environment during school holidays. There is a small charge per family.

Tech Support

Laptops On Loan – Working with Vivid Housing and the Lions we have 2 laptops that can be used in the café to job hunt, write CV's, connect with family, look for social support and more.

Digital Mentor – Launching soon, a community volunteer who is an IBM professional will offer sessions for people who need a bit of help or tuition in this digital era. From using computers, iPads and phones, to online banking, social media, email, and even digital doorbell set up. Watch this space!

School Holiday Children's Activities:

Let our amazing range of activities keep your children entertained during the summer holidays. From bodyzorb, cheerleading clay play, laser tag, and nerf games, to an SEN activity group, weird science, crazy creatures, & multi craft workshop. Not forgetting our free toddler play sessions on a Wednesday. To book any of our activities simply go to: <https://widget.eola.co/3ahxe>

Chatty Café: We are part of the nationwide 'Chatty Cafe' scheme and have a dedicated table in the YMCA cafe area. If you sit at the table you are guaranteed a warm welcome from the YMCA team who will come and chat to you! Chatty Cafe is a nationwide scheme to promote togetherness, inclusion and reduce isolation. You can find out more, including other local venues, via the Chatty Cafe website www.thechattycafescheme.co.uk

Volunteers:

The YMCA is a community centre and volunteers from our community have an important role to play. The YMCA needs volunteers to be able to reliably deliver all our community programmes and assist us in making the community centre the centre of your community. We're very thankful for anyone who gives up a small amount of their time to make a difference in our community. We are currently looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Toddler Play -Wednesday mornings, from 9 am to 1 pm.
- Messy Play: These tend to be on random weekdays, but we'd love some help to set up, deliver and clear up.
- Gardening: Any time during the week to help keep our outside space setting looking trim and bright.
- Café: Required for various days of the week for maybe for a couple of hours to assist the café team at peak points.

If you are interested derren.storey@ymca-fg.org would love to hear from you!