

# NORTH STONEHAM COMMUNITY GROUP



<https://nscommunity.co.uk>

## Welcome!

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the North Stoneham Community Group newsletter! We hope you had a lovely damp Summer.

We're really pleased to introduce a new Trustee to the team, Alex Barrett. Alex lives on the new Heritage Place area of NSP, which will help us as we try to increase our reach across NSP. Alex brings a wealth of experience to our team and we can't wait to work with him.

We love putting on events and initiatives within the community, but a shortage of volunteers is beginning to have an impact. There is a risk that we may have to scale back next year. Helping out for as little as 30 minutes really could be the difference between us putting on an event or not. If you think you might be interested in helping us out, please do get in touch.

As like most of you, we are eagerly anticipating the opening up of Highwood Avenue (unless it's opened since we printed this!). We've been acutely aware that Homewood Park has felt a little cut-off from the wider NSP Community for some time, so we really hope Homewood residents will be able to access and enjoy our activities much easier than they could before.

Email us stating that you'd like to join and that you are happy for us to hold your data  
[nscommgroup@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

# SUPPER TRAIL

Tues 31st October 5-7pm  
North Stoneham Park

See Map for more details



Stop for Supper Among the Sweets  
Points Across North Stoneham Park

Main Course

Hot Dogs

Dessert

S'mores & More

Drink

Hot Chocolate



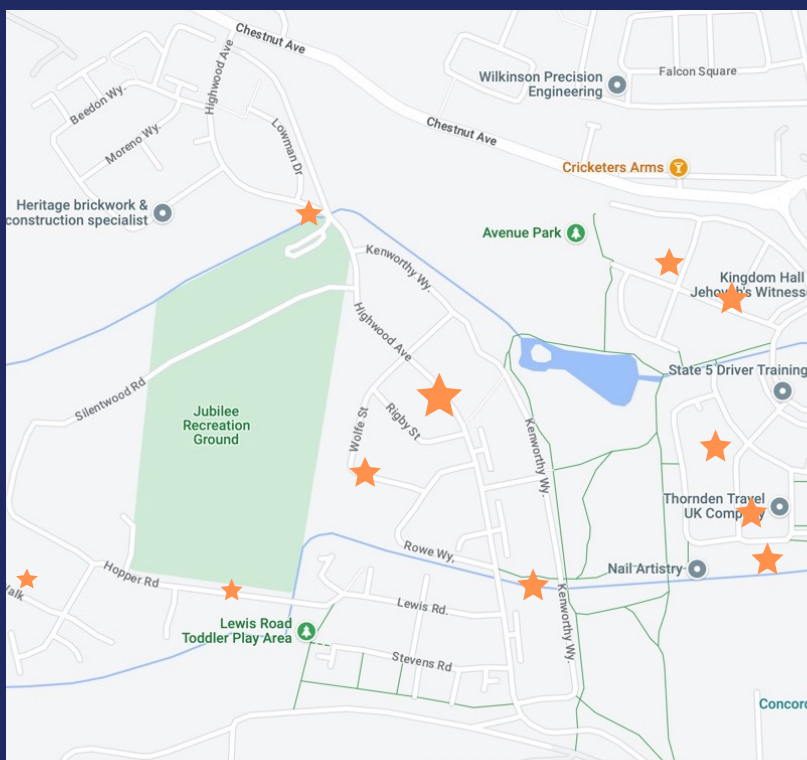
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Hosted by St Nic's Church  
with A Little Help From Our Friends



## Supper Stops

- Hopper Road
- Heritage Walk
- Highwood Avenue
- Wolfe Street
- Longster Road
- Knott Dive
- Gannaway Road
- Weston Way
- Lowman Drive
- Highwood/Manning Close



# Community Fridge <https://nscommunity.co.uk>



8th October saw the 6th month anniversary of the Sustainable Stoneham Community fridge launch and what a six months it has been. I thought it might be a good opportunity to share some of the statistics from the past 6 months.

- 3.3 tonnes of surplus food saved from going to landfill
- 404 individuals from the community have donated surplus food to the fridge
- 2675 individuals have taken surplus food from the fridge
- 330 hours spent by our dedicated volunteers doing checks, cleans and collections
- 5 days per week we have restocks from our corporate partners

We've been absolutely blown away by the success of this initiative and we have big plans to grow what we are doing. Some of these plans include expanding our daily restocks to 7 days per week, purchasing a freezer so we can reduce even more waste, and we have been given funding from the Asda Foundation do this, running more cookery workshops to teach essential life skills and help with budget meal ideas and even a second fridge location but we can't do this without your help as we need more volunteers. If you can spare as little as 30 minutes per month to help, please get in touch. We offer a fully funded food hygiene course and certification to all our volunteers, a full induction and training plan and warm welcoming team of volunteers. If you'd like to know more please get in touch at [sustainablestoneham@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablestoneham@gmail.com)



## Free Cookery workshop

*feed a family on a budget!*

Sustainable Stoneham is running another "Feed a family on a budget!" cookery session, this is only possible with the continuing support of 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/Sahxe/activities/cookery-workshop>

**Sunday 22nd October  
13:00 - 15:00**

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

QR link for booking:



*SCAN ME*





## FREE EXCHANGE EVENTS AND 50P AN ITEM JUMBLE



February 2023 saw the first NSP jumble sale to raise much-needed funds for NSCG and to support the community fridge via Sustainable Stoneham, we could not have predicted just how successful and popular this event would be raising more than £600 to benefit the local community. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and so it was decided that this would become a regular event. The next jumble in August was combined with a free school uniform exchange and both were well attended raising almost £400 and giving away over 40 items of uniform completely free of charge.



2nd December 2023 will see our community exchange stall at the popular Christmas light switch-on event, offering a completely FREE Xmas jumper, coat and gift exchange, Donations of boxed and/or re-giftable toys, as well as reusable jumpers and coats for all ages, are accepted on the day, or any time beforehand but please remember that you don't have to donate anything to take something and you don't have to take anything if you donate something. Moving towards 2024, we plan to run three jumble sales and the first will be January 21st at 2 pm, so please save the date.



As well as your attendance we would also be very grateful for any jumble donations you can spare, Clothes of any description as well as toys, books, baby items, bric-a-brac, bedding, homeware, electronics, etc, anything in good clean condition please. Could you spare an hour or two on the day to help setup, man the tables or pack down? Your time is greatly appreciated and it's a great way to get involved with your local community, this event is run entirely using volunteers and 100% of the money raised is ploughed back into the community.



**PLEASE CONTACT US ON [NSPJUMBLE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NSPJUMBLE@GMAIL.COM) TO ARRANGE DROP OFF OR COLLECTION FOR DONATIONS ANYTIME, OR TO DISCUSS ANYTHING JUMBLE OR EXCHANGE RELATED.**

# PAINT THE PARK YELLOW!

## SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS AND TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART.



The first prize of a £30 Pickwells voucher went to Edward and Harmony Clifton. 10ft 2 when measured, but we think it has grown since! They are looking forward to spending their vouchers on pumpkins!



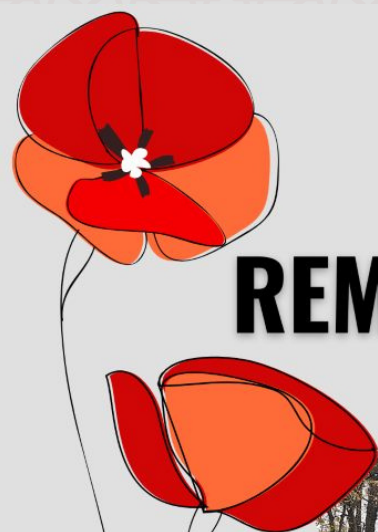
Carly won the second prize, a £20 Pickwells voucher



Anna won the third prize, a £10 Pickwells voucher



# NORTH STONEHAM PARK WAR SHRINE



## ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

LEST WE FORGET



Remember the people our streets are named after

Sunday 12th Nov

10.45-11.15

Followed by free refreshments at YMCA





The Parish of  
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& Bassett

**FREE**

# Welcome!

## St Nic's Community Cafe Church

YMCA North Stoneham Park 4-5.30pm  
17th Sept, 15th Oct, 19th Nov, 17th Dec



**CRAFT CAKE LEGO GAMES ACTIVITIES FUN**

shared-space

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

*Join us in the Living Room*



CHRISTMAS 2023 AT THE BERRY THEATRE!

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH THEATRE AND PINS AND NEEDLES PRESENT  
RAYMOND BRIGGS'

# Father Christmas

SATURDAY 9 - SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER  
See website for times and prices

Tickets  
from:  
**£15**



[WWW.THEBERRYTHEATRE.CO.UK](http://WWW.THEBERRYTHEATRE.CO.UK)  
023 8065 2333  
The Berry Theatre, Hedge End, SO30 4EJ



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The  
**Berry**  
Theatre

**EASTLEIGH**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Lyric

PINS & NEEDLES  
PRODUCTIONS

## Please be considerate to your neighbours



Let's work together for the benefit of the local community and our neighbours.

Please ensure that waste is put in the correct bins if household waste is put in the wrong bin or in front of the bins in the communal bin stores the bins will not be emptied.

Visit the Eastleigh Borough Council website to find out more details about waste and recycling [www.eastleigh.gov.uk](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk)

Each time that Trinity clear a bin store it costs between £200 and £500, depending on the items and amount to be cleared. This cost is charged either to the estate, or the apartment blocks dependent upon the location of the clearance. If there is evidence that the rubbish belongs to a particular resident, Trinity reserve the right to recharge the cost to their service charge.

Leaseholders and residents are encouraged to assist Trinity with identifying offenders within the estate.

Please park vehicles considerately for your neighbours and pick up after your dog to help keep the neighbourhood tidy.

**Report issues to Trinity via [www.trinityestates.com](http://www.trinityestates.com)**

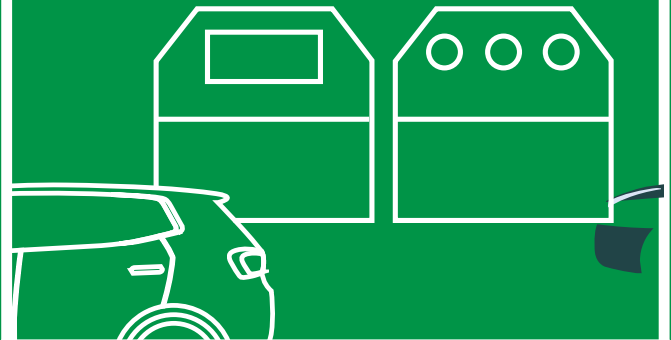
**Report issues to Vivid Homes via their customer service [emailcustomer@vividhomes.co.uk](mailto:emailcustomer@vividhomes.co.uk)**



# Won't fit in the bin?



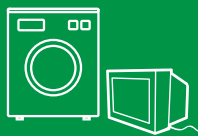
Can it be recycled  
or reused?



Use your local household  
waste and recycling centre  
or recycling bank

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

## 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.

**LIMITED  
PARKING**  
Please walk or  
cycle if possible



NORTH STONEHAM  
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GROUP

# Christmas events



**AT YMCA EASTLEIGH**

## Christmas Light Switch-on

**Saturday 2 December, 5.30 - 7.30pm**

- Performance by the Stoneham Park Primary School
- Light switch-on at 7pm
- Local choir and band
- Free food
- Festive stalls and craft activities
- Snow machine
- Free toy exchange

**Free  
Christmas  
grotto**  
(Book online)

## Christmas Carols around the tree

**Saturday 17 December, 4 - 5.30pm**

St Nicolas Church invite you to carol singing round the Christmas tree. Hot drinks and mince pies available.

## COMPETITION

### Children's decoration competition

**from Monday 16  
October**

Complete your design and drop it off at the YMCA community centre with a completed entry form by Thursday 16 November. The decorations will be used to decorate the tree, with prizes for the winners of each age category.

[eastleigh.gov.uk/nsp-christmas](http://eastleigh.gov.uk/nsp-christmas)

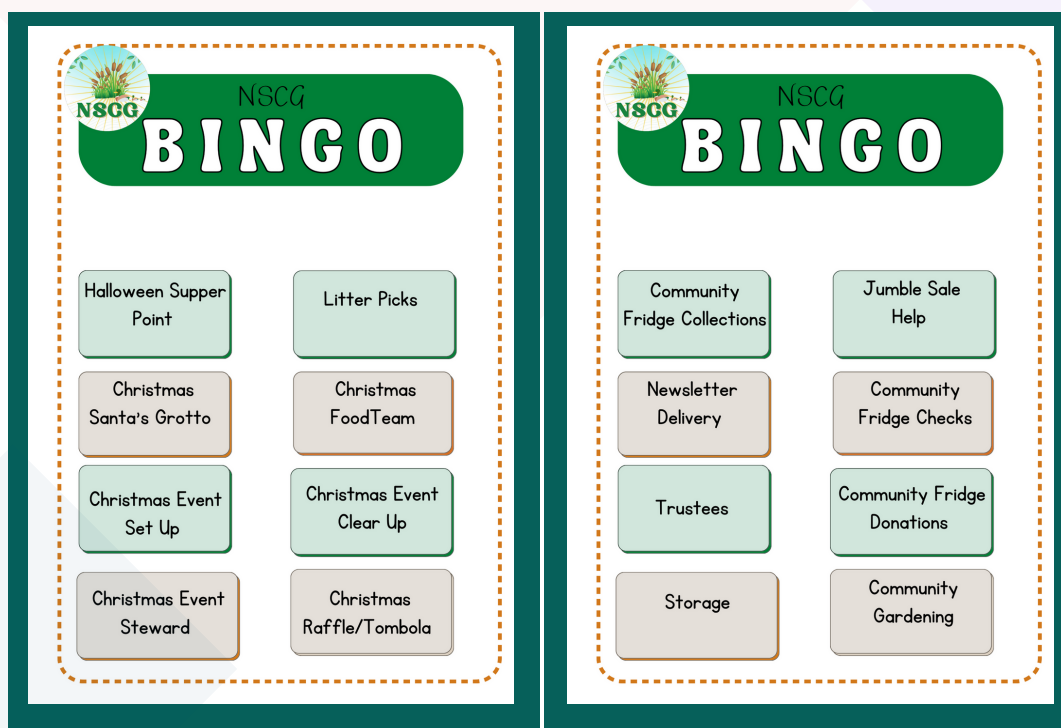


# Making North Stoneham Park the Best Place to Be

North Stoneham Community Group is just a bunch of people who want to make North Stoneham Park a great place to be. BUT we can't do it without you!

NSCG doesn't want to do things to or for NSP, we want to do things WITH our community...with you!

We are all volunteers, many of us work, and we all juggle other things with being Trustees for NSCG. We'd love to hear your hopes and dreams for NSP and we'd also love your help! There are lots of ways to become involved and many don't mean a regular commitment.



Let's play BINGO and see how many opportunities we can tick off together! The last person to sign up so we can shout 'COMMUNITY' will get a prize...as well as the benefit of knowing you are playing a part in our community!

## Do you value our newsletter and being kept up to date about what's on?

Newsletter delivery - 3 hours per year March/July/October. We deliver to 1000 homes so really need help across NSP.

## Do you think our Community Fridge is a great asset to the community?

It takes a lot of work and a big team to keep it clean and stocked up. Fridge collection from a local supermarket? – 90 minutes on a rota to suit. Daily fridge checks to keep the fridge clean and get rid of out-of-date items? 15-30 minutes per week...or less if we get more people on the rota! Fridge Donations – whenever you can!!! We can pay for you to take an online Food Hygiene course (90 minutes) if you are part of the fridge team.

## Do you enjoy the jumble sales and exchanges (uniform and Christmas toy/jumper)?

Could you give 1+ hours 1-3 times a year collecting/sorting/helping on the day?

## Does litter bother you?

Litter picking – 2 hours per year to help make NSP the place you want it to be.

**Do you love green spaces and want to explore how we can use them to benefit the whole community?**  
Join the North Stoneham Community Gardening group as we explore our green spaces across NSP.

**Do you enjoy our Halloween Supper Trail?**  
Supper Host – 2-3 hours once a year

**Enjoy our events at Christmas, Easter and jumbles. Help make them happen!**

- Set Up/Clear Up – 1 hour per event.
- Event Steward – 1-3 hours per event.
- Santa's Grotto helper – 1-3 hours per year
- Help us feed 500 people for FREE! Serve on the Christmas food team – 1-6 hours per year
- Christmas raffle/tombola – 1-4 hours per year

**Do you want to help make NSP a great place to be and have fun doing it?**

Become a Trustee and join the NSCG family shaping our events and initiatives. 2 hours per month plus optional working groups. Would you like to help but can't commit to anything regular? Do you have any space we could use as storage e.g., for jumbles and events at Christmas/Easter? Ad Hoc Hands – Called on occasionally when we need a hand, and you have one to spare!

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**You can definitely 'try before you buy'! Contact [nscommgroup@gmail.com](mailto:nscommgroup@gmail.com) or [sam.jordan@mac.com](mailto:sam.jordan@mac.com) with any questions...or declarations of Bingo! NSCG volunteers get a special discount rate at the YMCA in the café and on room hire too!**



**Fireworks Display & Bonfire**

The Nightingale PTA is happy to announce our annual Bonfire Night event taking place on

**Friday The 3rd Of November**

5pm-7:30  
Bonfire lit at 6pm  
Last entry 6:30  
Fireworks start at 7pm

Refreshments will be available to purchase  
(Hot & Cold Drinks, Burgers, Sausages, Chilli & Nachos)

Ice cream van  
Candy floss  
Cake sale  
Games  
Raffle  
Souvenirs  
Lights

Online ticket prices  
Individual £6.50  
Group of 4 £24  
(Free entry for Under 3s)

Tickets are £7 on the gate, and subject to availability  
Card payment available at the gate, refreshments & the souvenir lights

**\*\*Sparklers are NOT allowed on site\*\***

No onsite parking, please park considerably  
Alcohol is not to be consumed on school premises

Tickets are available to purchase through the Classlist app from Friends of Nightingale Primary School

Contact us at [NightingalePTA@outlook.com](mailto:NightingalePTA@outlook.com) should you have any questions  
(Please do not contact the school office regarding PTA events)

Friends Of Nightingale

You can't beat campfire cooking and sailing a self-made raft on its maiden voyage! By the time you read this the whole Group will have been under canvas again for an early autumn Camp – Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Our most urgent need is to now boost our Board of Trustees which meets six times a year. Everyone has a skill that can help support local young people behind the scenes – just being a smiler and inspirer will help!



E mail Hannah or Richard on [group@northstonehamscouts.org.uk](mailto:group@northstonehamscouts.org.uk)  
[www.northstonehamscouts.org.uk](http://www.northstonehamscouts.org.uk)

Supporting  
North Stoneham  
Community Group

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



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**ST NIC'S AND FRIENDS INVITE YOU TO...**

**COMMUNITY  
CAROLS  
AROUND THE  
TREE**

**SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER**

**4-5.30PM YMCA EASTLEIGH**

**FREE REFRESHMENTS, CAROLS,  
CANDLES, BELLS AND FUN FOR ALL  
AGES**



**Christmas Eve Nativity**



**The Story of the 3 Trees**  
**24th Dec 4pm St Nic's Church**

Dress up as a Christmas story character or wear a Christmas jumper!



## Did you know that the YMCA is a Chatty Café?

Did you know that the YMCA is a Chatty Café? Maybe you've seen the yellow sign on the table and wondered what it's about. Some people don't want to go in a café and sit on their own and with Chatty Café you don't have to!

Chatty Café is a national scheme that YMCA Eastleigh is part of. In the YMCA if you sit at the table with the yellow Chatty Café sign a member of the team will come and chat to you! It's as simple as that! Don't worry if you want a bit of peace and quiet that's ok too.



To make it even better... from November if you sit at a Chatty Café table you can claim a free drink and biscuits! We can offer this thanks to a very generous donation from Andy Kirkpatrick and the team at Bargate Homes. Thank you!!! If you want to find out more about the Chatty Café scheme check out [www.thechattycafescheme.co.uk](http://www.thechattycafescheme.co.uk)

## YMCA Volunteers Needed

Lots of the activities at the YMCA either can't happen or are made so much better by volunteers. There are lots of opportunities, many don't have to be every week as we can put a rota together and some can just be when it suits you! YMCA trains all our volunteers and rewards them too...volunteers get 30% off all café costs all the time and room bookings at substantially reduced rates too! Here are our current needs:

### Toddler Group:

Could you set up and take down for the toddler group on Wednesdays 10-12 (with set up and take down 9.30-12.30). If we can find more than one person it could be once a month on a rota. Could you support play during the toddler group by chatting to people, maybe even running some play? The YMCA are trying to get funding for soft play equipment. Having community volunteers will help with grant applications.

### Gardening:

Could you help keep our garden tidy and volunteer perhaps an hour a week or even a month at a time that suits you? Youth Club Could you help with our Thursday youth club which runs from 4.15-to 6.15? We have all the resources but just need people willing to hang out with our fabulous young people.

### Nursery:

Could you be a lunchtime assistant and help us at this busy time of day? An hour a week on a day that suits you would be an amazing help to us.

### Chatty Café:

Could you spend an hour talking with people on our Chatty Café table? We'd love to have people on hand, Monday to Friday, particularly from 11-3pm. An hour a week or more would be great and you even get a free drink and biscuit!

If you are interested [derren.storey@ymca-fg.org](mailto:derren.storey@ymca-fg.org) would love to hear from you!

# Do you enjoy.....



Scan the QR code to complete the survey online or complete the paper copy on the next page.

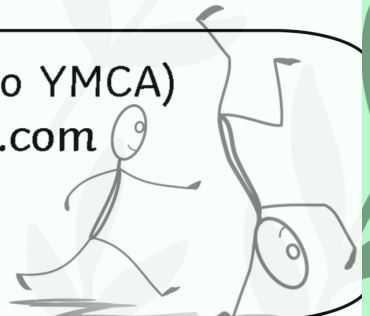
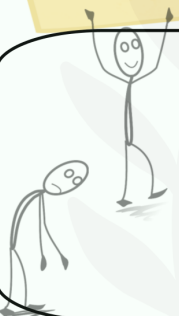
- G**athering with friends?
- A**dventures outside?
- R**elaxing?
- D**iscovering new things?
- E**xercising?
- N**ever feeling alone?
- I**nspiring activities for all ages?
- N**ature?
- G**rowing?



If you answered YES to any of the above, This could be for YOU!! Get involved with North Stoneham Community Gardening where the community is as important as the gardening. Don't delay contact us today !



Fill in the survey (hard copies returned to YMCA)  
E-mail [nscgardening@gmail.com](mailto:nscgardening@gmail.com)  
Or Join us on Facebook





## North Stoneham Community Gardening

We're investigating if the community would be interested in a community gardening project at North Stoneham. At this early stage we need to establish that people are interested in the idea, so please take the time to answer the following 5 questions below.

**What do you think about the idea of having a community garden in North Stoneham Park?**

- Very Good
- Good
- Indifferent
- Not Good
- Terrible

**What would you use a community garden for**

- To benefit wildlife
- To grow fruit and veg
- Something to do with my children
- As a relaxing space
- To improve my physical fitness
- As a social space
- Other : \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you and your family use a community garden?**

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

**Which of these uses is most important to you?**

- To benefit wildlife
- To grow fruit and veg
- Something to do with my children
- As a relaxing space
- To improve my physical fitness
- As a social space

**Would you like to volunteer to become involved in the community gardening project?**

- Yes. Please contact me, My email address is \_\_\_\_\_
- No

**If you have any further comments or ideas, please use the space below.**