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NEWS BULLETIN



FROM STRATFIELD MORTIMER
PARISH COUNCIL



COMMUNITY AWARD

Nominations are now open for the Stratfield Mortimer Community Award 2026, recognising individuals who have made an outstanding and lasting contribution to our community over a number of years.

Anyone can put in a nomination and the person you nominate doesn't have to live in Mortimer.

Please note that current or former Parish or District Councillors are not eligible until two years after leaving office.

The deadline for nominations is 8 March 2026.

We have presented the Community Award since 1983 and will be doing so again at the the Annual Parish Meeting on 27 April 2026.

Full details and the nomination form are available at:

www.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk/what-we-do/community-award-2026



If you know someone who deserves recognition, please consider nominating them.

NEW COUNCILLORS!

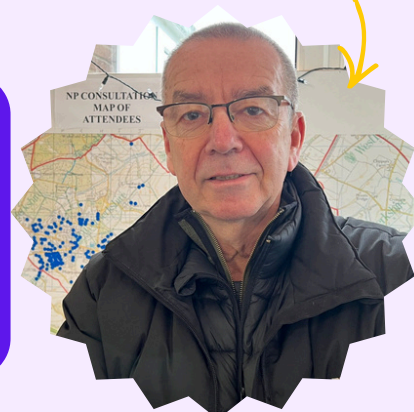
Cllr Stewart Child

has lived in Mortimer for 25 years and brings extensive experience in the water and environmental sector, with a background in civil engineering and hydrology. Now retired, he is actively involved in local community groups and hopes to use his professional expertise and management experience to contribute to the work of the Parish Council.



Cllr Neil Williams

has lived in Mortimer for 15 years and has a background in telecoms and finance. He has three children who have all attended local schools and is Co-Chair of Mortimer Football Club. Neil has a strong interest in community matters and local highways and is keen to support the continued development of the village.



Cllr David Backhouse

has lived in Mortimer for over 23 years. He brings experience as a business consultant and training manager across the public and private sectors, and has served as a trustee for both national and local charities. He aims to use his skills and experience to support the work of the Parish Council.



Bus Shelter

A new bus shelter with a green roof has been installed on Burghfield Road near College Piece, providing improved facilities for bus users as they exit the village.

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DATES OF FEB MEETINGS

Dates:

- 19 Feb- Planning
- 26 Feb- Finance and General Purposes

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR OBJECTIONS!

By the consultation close at 5.00pm on 23 January 2026, 615 validated responses opposing the West End Farm proposal had been recorded. A further 1,239 submissions were awaiting validation(not all for us), with Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council processing around 100 per day, meaning final figures are not expected for at least two weeks.

Based on recent trends, it is estimated that around 1,160 responses will relate to Mortimer—approximately 38% of the village, far exceeding the typical 10–15% response rate for public consultations.

Decisions are not expected until April at the earliest, and the Steering Group will continue to monitor developments. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit a representation—your engagement has been invaluable.



Utility Square Uses

The Utility Square on the Fairground is due to be connected to an electricity supply. The Parish Council would like to invite the community to come forward with ideas for future use of the space.

Could your small business use it occasionally or your community group do a fund raising activity there or do you have any other ideas for a positive use of it? Please get in touch if you have a potential use in mind.

Fairground Fence

The existing wooden fence along the Fairground frontage is imminently due to be replaced with black galvanised steel estate fencing, so residents may notice works being carried out in the area.