

MARCH, 2026

NEWS BULLETIN FROM STRATFIELD MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Join us on 27 April at 7:30pm at St John's Village Hall for the Annual Parish Meeting. The evening will include presentations from a range of guest speakers, including Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner Matt Barber, representatives from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan Steering Group, and West Berkshire Council, who will be discussing Local Government Reorganisation.

We will also be presenting the Community Award, as well as announcing the winners of the Spirit of Mortimer Photography Competition.

All residents are warmly invited to attend—this is a great opportunity to hear updates on local matters and celebrate our community.

FAIRGROUND FENCE

The wooden fence along the Fairground has been replaced with estate railings and the pedestrian gap reinstated, as the previous fencing had deteriorated and was subject to vandalism.

The new railings will be painted black in late March/ early April.



CYCLEWAY

Exciting progress continues on the Mortimer to Burghfield cycleway, with vegetation clearance for the first two phases now complete—an important milestone for the project.

We are pleased to share that construction for these initial phases is expected to commence shortly, bringing this much-anticipated route a step closer to reality.



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Just a quick reminder to enter our Spirit of Mortimer Community Photography Competition—we'd love to see more entries from residents.

Capture what makes Mortimer special to you and submit your photo before the 3 April deadline. The competition is open to all ages, with prizes of up to £50 in each category.

Winners will be chosen by a community vote, with photos showcased at the Annual Parish Meeting and featured in our 2027 community calendar.

Don't miss out—get involved and help celebrate the Spirit of Mortimer!

<https://tinyurl.com/23jkmf7c>

(Submit your entry here)



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Update from the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan Steering Group

The recent Local Plan consultation saw a strong response from Mortimer residents regarding the proposed 350 homes at West End Farm. A total of 1,227 representations were submitted on this site alone—24.98% of all responses—equating to around 39.7% of the adult population engaging.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has highlighted significant concerns around infrastructure, particularly water supply capacity, raised by key bodies including the Environment Agency and South East Water. As a result, further work is needed and the Local Plan timetable is likely to be extended.

We will continue to keep residents updated.

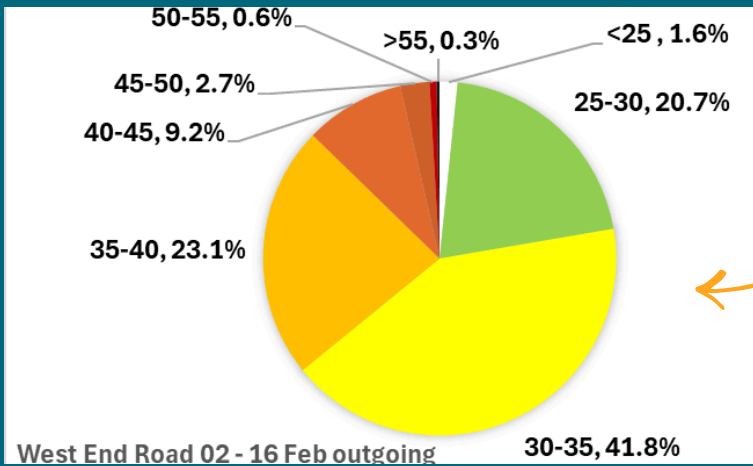


DATES IN APRIL

Dates:

- 2 April- Planning and Highways
- 16 April Estate Management
- 21 April- Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- 23 April- Planning and Highways
- 23 April- Community
- 27 April- Annual Parish Meeting

VILLAGE SPEEDING DATA- FEB 2026



Data for West End Road heading out of the village recorded 30,567 vehicles leaving West End Road between 2nd-16th February, averaging around 2,700 per weekday.

Overall, 78% exceeded the 30 mph limit, with 41.8% travelling at 30-35 mph and 18% at 40 mph or above.

We recorded 49,878 vehicles on the corner opposite Kiln Lane heading out of the village between 2nd-15th February, with an average speed of 30.4 mph.

Overall, 56% exceeded the 30 mph limit, with the majority travelling between 25-35 mph (85%), and around 2% at 40 mph or above.

