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NEWS BULLETIN

FROM STRATFIELD MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Have Your Say on the Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Plan

The Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Public Consultation is now open.

After three years of community engagement, the draft Neighbourhood Plan is ready for your comments. The Plan will help guide future development in the parish, covering areas such as housing, design, green spaces, climate change, local businesses and community facilities.

Consultation period: Monday 12 October – Monday 23 November 2026.
We want to hear what you support, what concerns you, whether you think changes are needed, and if anything important is missing. All responses will be reviewed and considered before the Plan moves to the next stage.

Read the Plan and have your say:
www.np.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk
Your Village. Your Future. Your Say.

Mortimer–Burghfield Cycleway Update

Phase C of the Mortimer–Burghfield cycleway is now complete, providing a continuous route between the two villages. An opening ceremony was held on Tuesday 13 October to celebrate this milestone, as pictured.

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council would like to thank Englefield Estate and Trust (supported by the Greenham trust), Sulhamstead Parish Council, Wokefield Parish Council and The Great Auclum Estate for their funding contributions, which have helped make this project possible.

Phase D, which runs through College Piece, remains outstanding while funding is sought. Signage for the route will also be arranged.

Thank you to residents for your patience throughout the works. We hope you enjoy using the new route!







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DOG WASTE BINS: THE GROWING COST OF KEEPING MORTIMER CLEAN



Dog waste bins help keep our village clean, but the cost of providing and regularly emptying them has risen substantially.
At its October meeting, the Parish Council's Estates Management Committee considered requests for additional bins near Foudry Brook and Summerlug. Following discussion, the Committee agreed that these could not be financially supported at this time.
The Council provides bins in areas under its control but is currently unable to fund additional bins on land outside its control. Requests for new bins require careful consideration of land ownership, alongside arrangements and funding for regular emptying.
Dog owners can help by always picking up after their pets and taking waste home if a suitable bin is unavailable or full. Please do not leave bags beside bins or hanging from trees and fences.
Thank you to everyone who helps keep Mortimer's paths and green spaces clean and pleasant for all.

MORTIMER VILLAGE MARKET – EVERY THIRD SUNDAY

Mortimer Village Market takes place on the third Sunday of every month, from 11:00am to 2:30pm, at the Fairground Hall and Fairground.
Bringing together local traders, makers and producers, the market is a lovely opportunity to discover handmade gifts, delicious treats and unique finds while supporting local businesses.
The next markets take place on Sunday 15 November and Sunday 20 December—perfect for picking up something special for Christmas. We're also expecting a very special guest in December… with a red suit, a white beard and a familiar "Ho, ho, ho!"
Further details about the traders attending will be shared nearer the time.



DATES IN NOVEMBER

- 12 November- Full Council
- 19 November- Planning and Community Committees
- 26 November- Finance