



# Streatley Parish Council Newsletter

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Sharpenhoe &  
Bushmead

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## Speeding Vehicles

While campaigning for further Speed Watch volunteers it has been suggested to the Council that the problem of high-speeding vehicles in Church Road, Streatley, could be solved by the introduction of speed bumps. This is a contentious issue, and before the Parish Council considers taking the matter further we would appreciate feedback from residents. We are not overly confident that Central Bedfordshire Council would allocate funds for such a project but would consider applying in the absence of any serious objections.

Any Church Road residents who wish to make their views known, or who are interested in volunteering for Speed Watch, should contact Ian Ormiston.

Jim Carrington intends to organise our first speed watch checks in Sharpenhoe in early September after the main holiday period; the risk assessment has already been carried out.

A recent bad accident in Cromer Way prompts a request for drivers to slow down when travelling through Bushmead. Hazards are increased by the parking of vehicles on footpaths.

## Trees in Cromer Way

Following enquiries by the Parish Council, Central Bedfordshire Council have confirmed they will consider the planting of new trees in Cromer Way and, depending upon numbers, could fund such a project. Firstly, though, we need to identify locations where residents would like a tree; checks can then be conducted for any underground services, visibility splays and any other reasons which might restrict planting. If the locations are OK, the question of species can be discussed.

Central Bedfordshire Council have received complaints from Bushmead residents about trees planted as part of the original development which are considered to be the wrong species in the wrong place and causing problems. So we need to make sure any additional planting is not going to create similar problems in the future.

Our biggest threats to newly planted trees are vandalism and drought. It would be great to have the residents on board with any new planting and ready to help with watering them, at least during the first summer after planting.

If you could help with some initial plans for Central Bedfordshire Council to check, and if you would be prepared to help with initial protection and nurturing of new trees, please let Trevor Hoar know.

## Butterflies

August was a great month for butterflies and you may have seen them in your garden or out and about. A particularly beautiful butterfly which can sometimes be spotted around the chalkier areas of the parish is the Blue Chalkhill. Lots of these were spotted in Sharpenhoe in particular. White butterflies are the most common species in the wider East of England region but Red Admirals and the Small Tortoiseshell are also fairly common - and definitely more colourful. Butterflies sadly do not have a very long life - but if you want to see more of them next summer, why not plant some of the flowers they love? Asters, cornflowers, buddleia, hollyhock, lavender, pansy, sage and snapdragon are all firm favourites. Butterflies also need sunny open spaces, shelter from the wind, and fresh water nearby.

## Next Meeting

Monday 7 September 2015 at the Streatley Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm.

All local electors and members of the press are welcome to attend.

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