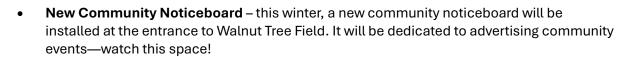
■ Sturminster Marshall Parish Council – January 2025

Newsletter **=**

Welcome to our monthly Parish Council newsletter!

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, the Parish Council wishes everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous year ahead.

Current Parish Council News:



- **Litter Posters** We received some fantastic entries for the litter poster competition from the pupils of Sturminster Marshall First School. After much deliberation, a winning design was chosen! This will soon be made into signs and displayed around the village.
- Litter Pick 2025 Our annual litter pick will take place on Saturday, 29th March, at 2:00 PM. Meet us at the Memorial Hall to collect your equipment.
- **Budget** The Parish Council has approved the budget for 2025/26. Unfortunately, rising costs and the need for a new defibrillator at the Memorial Hall have led to a 6.47% increase in the precept. This equates to an additional £4.68 per year. (All figures based on an average Band D property).

What is the precept? The precept is the Parish Council's share of the Council Tax. It helps fund local services and projects, such as maintaining community facilities and supporting initiatives

Upcoming Road Closures:

- Louse Lane Closed 19th–21st
 February from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.
- A350 Roundhouse Roundabout
 Resurfacing Closed overnight
 20th–22nd January from 9:00 PM to
 6:00 AM.

Citizens Advice Bus The Citizens
Advice bus will be at Sturminster Marshall
Memorial Hall car park on 5th February and
5th March from 10am-12pm. Get free,
confidential advice on a range of issues.

Stay Informed About Flood Risks

Check out the latest flood warnings and river levels, or view the 5-day flood risk forecast on the GOV.UK Flood Information Service.

Reporting Highways Issues If you need to report issues like potholes and overgrown hedges then this can be done online on the Dorset Council website at Report a problem on a road or pavement - Dorset Council

Attend Our Next Parish Council Meeting Do you have an idea or a concern? Come to our next Parish Council meeting on: ## Thursday, 6th February @ 7:30 PM at the Memorial Hall.

You can contact the Parish Council on: parishclerk@sturminstermarshall-pc.gov.uk or phone 07469780548

