

# **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:**


- **New Community Noticeboard** – this winter, a new community noticeboard will be installed at the entrance to Walnut Tree Field. It will be dedicated to advertising community events—watch this space!
- **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

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#### **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 **5<sup>th</sup> February** and **5<sup>th</sup> March** from 10am-12pm. Get free, confidential advice on a range of issues.

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#### **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](https://www.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](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/report-a-problem-on-a-road-or-pavement)

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

You can contact the Parish Council on: [parishclerk@sturminstermarshall-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@sturminstermarshall-pc.gov.uk) or phone 07469780548