

Welcome to the November edition of my e-Focus in which I update local residents on news items, council meetings and planning applications in the Alamein ward. As before if you no longer wish to receive these e-Focus newsletters please contact me on [len.gates@andover.co.uk](mailto:len.gates@andover.co.uk) and I will remove your email address from the circulation list.

The fight to retain all the discretionary elements of Test Valley's concessionary fare package continues. I have received dozens of responses from residents backing the campaign. I will be passing all the comments on to county councillors who will make the final decision.

Highways planners and developers have responded favourably to my request for action on traffic in Icknield Way. Work will start next year on proposals to close the road to through traffic north of the junction with Viking Way.

Overgrown trees have been removed from the rear of houses on Tintagel Close and I am currently working with council officers to deal with a number of other problem trees.

I have also been chasing the developers and planning department for news on the long awaited community centre in Augusta Park. The opening was delayed because the building failed to meet DDA (disabled access) requirements. Test Valley officers are negotiating with the developers to get them to bring the building up to specification. Residents of Augusta Park will be able to vote in the community centre for future elections. If the building is not ready or unavailable their polling station will be at Smannell Road Church centre.

As mentioned last month, following the success of residents meetings over the summer, regular Roman Way Forums will be held at the church centre in Smannell Road. These will give local residents the opportunity to raise any issues of local concern to councillors, police and council or housing officers. The next meeting is on Saturday 6th November at 3:00pm.

Work is now underway to close the lower High Street to traffic making the area safer for pedestrians and shoppers. This has meant the removal of disabled parking from in front of the Guildhall but addition spaces have been provided in several other places around the town centre. Also planned is a disabled passenger drop off point by the Time Ring and a community bus stop in Waterloo Court with improvements to the footpath from the Globe to Waterloo Court to give better access to the High Street. Extra seating has also been installed.

Let me know what you think of proposals to plant a tree in the High Street. I would also like to hear your views on the campaign to move the Cenotaph back to the High Street.

**Cllr Len Gates, Alamein ward, Test Valley Borough Council**

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have been submitted in the past month. If you wish to see more details or comment on them go to <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=9883>

10/02422/HCC3N	11/10/2010	Spring Meadow Childrens Centre Smannell Road Andover SP11 6JP	Relocation of existing car parking spaces, within the children's centre site, including associated landscaping and fencing.
10/02251/FULLN	21/09/2010	Land At East Anton Smannell Road Smannell	Erection of an additional 3 bed dwelling

## THIS MONTH'S BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

Test Valley council meetings this month are as follows. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings of the council. To view the agenda of the meeting, go to <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=201>

03.11.10	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover</b>	17:30
11.11.10	<b>Council</b>	<b>Upper Guildhall, High Street, Andover</b>	16:00
17.11.10	<b>Licensing Committee</b>	<b>Council chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey</b>	17:30
18.11.10	<b>Northern Area Planning Committee</b>	<b>Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover</b>	17:30
23.11.10	<b>Planning Control Committee</b>	<b>Council chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey</b>	17:30
24.11.10	<b>Cabinet</b>	<b>Council chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey</b>	17:30
01.12.10	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Council chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey</b>	17:30
09.12.10	<b>Northern Area Planning Committee</b>	<b>Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover</b>	17:30

## NEXT PARISH COUNCIL, OTHER MEETINGS and EVENTS:

<b>Smannell Parish Council</b>	Mon 1 Nov 19:15	Smannell & Enham School, Smannell
<b>Roman Way Forum</b>	Sat 6 Nov 13:00	Church centre, Smannell Road, Andover
<b>Enham Alamein Parish Council</b>	Wed 10 Nov 19:15	Enham Shop, Enham Alamein
<b>Alamein Community Association</b>	Tue 16 Nov 18:15	King Arthur's Hall, King Arthur's Way, Andover
<b>Andover Town Council</b>	Thu 25 Nov 19:00	Upper Guildhall, High Street, Andover

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