

Parish NEWS



Allbrook Parish News

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Dear Residents,

In 2018 the only land the PC owned was the 2 allotment sites. It is now owner of Allbrook Meadow, Allbrook Recreation Ground and the River Garden. These have all been improved with maintenance schedules in place. Additionally the transfer of land at Lincoln's Rise and Chartwell Close, from Eastleigh Borough Council to Allbrook Parish Council, is in the final stages. The PC will then be able to manage and bring about improvements to these areas.

It goes without saying that this comes with additional cost and there will be an increase to the precept this year. However there should be a decrease in the amount taken by EBC for the maintenance of these areas so although the amount residents pay to Allbrook will appear to go up it should be offset by a smaller rise to EBC.

Finally, the good news is that an agreement has been reached with the 14th Eastleigh Scout Group for a joint project. It has been agreed to tender to 3 architects asking for a concept design (2 designs) and initial planning advice for a new scout hall/ community centre building. The ground level will be an extension to the scout hall and the first floor will be council office and community centre. Entry to the first floor will be from the layby.

Parish Council meeting dates

Parish Council meetings are held monthly on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Scout Hut, Boyatt Lane.

Please check our website for the latest information in case of any change at short notice.

The next Parish Council meetings dates are:

Tues 24 February

Tues 4 March

Tues 28 April
(Annual Parish Meeting)

For information on local planning applications, or to find useful links visit our website:
www.allbrook-pc.gov.uk

WHAT'S ON

19th February 4pm -5pm	Community Police Meeting Scout Hut, Boyatt Lane
21st March 10am - noon	Annual Parish Spring Clean Allbrook Meadow Pitmore Road
29th March 3pm and 7pm	A Night at the West End Otterbourne Village Hall
16th April 4pm - 5pm	Community Police Meeting Scout Hut, Boyatt Lane
28th April 7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting, Scout Hut, Boyatt Lane
7th May	Local Elections
21st May	Parish Council AGM

Organising a local event? Tell us about it to promote it in our newsletter!

Email: clerk@allbrook-pc.gov.uk

Volunteers Needed for Otterbourne War Memorial

The War Memorial outside St Matthew's Church commemorates more lives lost from Allbrook than it does Otterbourne.

The volunteers who maintain the memorial are in their 80s and would appreciate some assistance. If you can spare some time to assist with cleaning, repair and general maintenance please contact either clerk@allbrook-pc.gov.uk or clerk@otterbourne-pc.gov.



Knowle Hill to Boyatt Lane Footpath

At the Knowle Hill end of the footpath is a small bridge over a ditch. In April 2025 Cllr. Betts reported the poor state of repair of the bridge to Hampshire County Council and it has now been repaired, by Countryside Services, with new oak planks and a new post.



New Speed Indicator Devices

A number of residents have commented that speed indicator devices are no longer being seen in the parish. Eastleigh Borough Council ceased providing this service to parish and town councils. The Clerk has identified another provider and, once the red tape is dealt with, devices will once again be regularly deployed on Woodside Avenue, Twyford Road, Allbrook Hill and Pitmore Road.

Join the
Great British
Spring Clean



Saturday 21st March 2026
10.00am to 12 noon

Come along and help tidy up Allbrook. We will meet by the lych gate at Allbrook Meadow at 10am. Please wear appropriate clothing and heavy duty, protective gloves. Bring personal hand sanitiser and cover cuts with surgical tape or waterproof plaster. Hi-vis tabards, bags and litter pickers will be provided. Any changes will be advertised on the PC noticeboards and website.

Looking ahead to 2026 with the 14th Scouts

Contributed by Arthur Hide Team Leader - Squirrels and Scouts, Team Member - Cubs

2025 was an exceptionally busy year for the group and band. Highlights included a cycling weekend around the Isle of Wight, a trip to Brownsea Island, our annual group camp and The Spitfires' performance at Windsor Castle. Our young people have excelled individually as well, with more than ever achieving their Chief Scout Awards – one even climbed Ben Nevis as a way of fundraising for the group! We're looking forward to achieving even more in 2026.

The Spitfires are looking forward to the London Tattoo. This is the 4th annual London Tattoo at the Excel centre. After the incredible day at Windsor Castle last year, the London Tattoo is a huge step forward and it's an honour to be asked to play. The band also have other events lined up all over the south of England.

Our Cubs and Scouts are looking forward to a trip to London. This will include an overnight stay on HMS Belfast and a visit to the Houses of Parliament. Opportunities for Squirrels include a mini sleepover, where they stay late at night (9pm finish!). We have also planned a local adventure; climbing

St. Catherine's Hill in Winchester.

These opportunities provide our young people with essential skills for life, and introduces them to some of the incredible activities they will go on to do later in Scouting.

The huge milestone our group is reaching this year is our 80th anniversary. This coincides with the 5th birthday of Squirrel Scouts, the 40th birthday of Beaver Scouts and the 110th Birthday of Cub Scouts. We will be celebrating these in many ways, including a Hampshire wide Cub Camp which our Cubs are already looking forward to.

Some Scouts are getting ready for a once in a lifetime adventure this summer – a trip to the Sweden National Jamboree. This will be an amazing experience, meeting Scouts from all around the world and pushing our comfort zones.

Scouting continues to provide amazing opportunities for young people in Allbrook, and if you would like to get involved contact gsl@14theastleighscouts.co.uk

15th Scouts celebrate in 2026

Contributed by Susan Deeks

This year is a special one for our Group, as we mark three wonderful milestones: 110 years of Cubs, 40 years of Beavers, and 60 years since the opening of our 'new' building on Boyatt Lane. It's a brilliant moment to look back with pride and look forward with excitement.

We have a fantastic year ahead with plenty of opportunities for outings, camps and nights away. In July, six of our Scouts will be heading to Sweden for an international camp with Scouts from across the globe — an unforgettable adventure in the making.

Closer to home, our Beavers will be turning into budding scientists as they work towards their Experiment Badge. The Cubs are exploring disability awareness and thinking about how to make their favourite games more accessible for everyone. Meanwhile, our Scouts are already gearing up for one of their most-loved traditions: the famous Chip Shop Hike.

Our recent Jumble Sale raised over £500 which will help fund these activities.

If you'd like to find out more about getting involved, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Just email Susan at gsl@15thcscouts.com

Grants

The Parish Council is able to award grants to groups and organisations needing support for projects that will benefit residents of the parish.

A grant has been awarded to the Eastleigh Gurkha and Nepalese Association to enable them to hold a Mini Mela at Highbridge Farm on 11th July. This event, a smaller version of the one held in Eastleigh each year, will be open to everyone and for Allbrook residents it is within walking distance. Add it to your diary and don't miss out on experiencing their culture.



Pitmore Neighbourhood Watch



A new Neighbourhood Watch group has been set up for Pitmore Road and the roads off it.

Mrs Jane Small has very kindly volunteered to be the co-ordinator. If you live in the area covered and wish to join the group please contact Jane using pitmore@eastleighnhw.org.uk

Community Policing

Boyatt Wood Parish Council have been facilitating regular surgeries for the community police to meet residents and raise concerns. Allbrook residents have been attending these and it has now been arranged that the monthly surgeries will now be divided between Allbrook and Boyatt Wood. The first of these will be held in the Scout Hut, Boyatt Lane on 19th February between 4 and 5pm.

Details of the community police team for this area can now be found on the APC website under the 'Useful Information' tab.



Sing It Otterbourne

Previously known as Otterbourne Choir Club the group has had a refresh and a new name.

The aim is still to be a community choir focused purely on having fun, singing for enjoyment and raising money for charity along the way with the opportunity to perform in concerts! See the poster for the next one.

Visit the new website to learn more!
Or, drop an email to singitchoirs@gmail.com

Browsholme Close Christmas Street Party

Browsholme Close is just outside the Allbrook parish boundary but the events the residents hold twice a year are enjoyed by many from Allbrook. The 2025 Christmas Street Party raised an incredible £372 which is being donated to the 14th Eastleigh Scouts, based in Allbrook. The photo shows some members of the scout band, The Spitfires, entertaining the party goers.



End of an era

Penelope Chamberlayne-MacDonald passed away at the family home, Cranbury House, Otterbourne on 15th December 2025 at the age of 89. She was the widow of Nigel Chamberlayne-MacDonald who passed away in 2013 at the age of 86. She was laid to rest in the family plot in St.

Matthew's Churchyard on 8th January 2026 following a service, celebrating her long and meaningful life.

A full congregation attended and the church was gloriously decked out with numerous floral displays. During the service local parishes and organisations were invited to lay personal tributes.

Allbrook Parish Council participated in this with Clr. David Betts representing our Parish.

The Chamberlayne family have been prominent in the local area for many years. Cranbury Estates remains a major landowner around the Otterbourne/Allbrook area and much of the housing development undertaken since WW II has been on Estate land.



The Estate has been active in retaining good relationships with local residents and have been responsive to requests for improvements in many respects. They have also been positive in addressing necessary remedial actions where damage has been caused to neighbouring properties e.g. by falling trees.

Penelope was a strong church advocate, giving support to St. Matthew's Church and also benefiting a number of organisations in charitable work and philanthropy.

The passing of Penelope Chamberlayne-MacDonald really marks the end of an era in the family, the Estate now passing to another generation, but still a family concern.

SingIt Otterbourne
presents

A NIGHT
at the
WEST END

3:00pm & 7:30pm

Sunday 29th March 2026

Otterbourne Village Hall

Tickets £8

Raising money for Neuroendocrine Cancer UK

Book Now: www.sing-it-choirs.co.uk or 07473545054

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