

**Minutes from the Meeting
held on Thursday 3rd July at 19:00
at The War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann.
COUNCIL MEMBERS**

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Jordan		√	
Councillor Howard		√	
Councillor Heather	√		
Councillor Wallis	√		
Councillor Mitchell	√		
Vacancy	-	-	-
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Also, IN ATTENDANCE:

Amanda Owen – Clerk, Borough Councillor Hasselmann, County Councillor Drew, Ray Lucas – Abbots Ann Community Land Trust & one member of the public.

250701	To receive Chairman's opening remarks. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair it was unanimously AGREED that Councillor Wallis would chair the meeting. Councillor Wallis welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the meeting is recorded.
250702	To receive and accept apologies for absence. Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Councillor Jordan and Councillor Howard.
250703	To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on this agenda. No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.
250704	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th June. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 th June were signed as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
250705	To receive updates already published and any further updates provided. Reports can be found at APPENDIX A . Councillor Mitchell advised that she met with Michelle Penn, Community Engagement Officer at Test Valley Borough Council. Michelle will attend the August meeting. Michelle provided advise with regards to the Church Path and noted that it would be classed as a 'cosmetic issue', unless obstructing the path or a health and safety issue there is nothing that can be done. Councillor Wallis advised that he has fixed a cistern at the Pavilion due to a perished syphon valve. Also to note, the stop cock no longer works in the Pavilion, if there is a leak / broken pipe, please use the stop cock by the gate. Councillor Heather advised that Abbots Ann Estates have partially felled a tree that was suffering with Ash Die back, the tree is now safe. Borough Councillor Flood provided an overview of her report and also advised that she has provided photos and a report to Hampshire County Council with regards to the fence alongside Church Path. County Councillor Drew provided an overview of his report.
250706	To receive an update from Abbots Ann Community Land Trust. John Barlow provided the following update: "I am pleased to report that AACLt have agreed, along with the Landowner, the appointment of the Development Partner for the proposed Housing development. Terms have been agreed between the parties for sale and acquisition of the site. Contract documents will now be prepared. I can confirm that it is a Hampshire builder of repute which has produced quality developments in the area. All necessary surveys of the site will be carried out and we look forward to sharing with the village details of the proposed development which will be the subject of a further extensive village consultation prior to submission of an application for Planning consent."
250707	To receive an update with regards to the new play area.

	The Clerk addressed the meeting and advised the following: - Sovereign have been kept up to date with regards to the process of the CAF grant application with TVBC. - The CAF grant application was submitted in June, a response is due in August. - Unfortunately, Borough Councillor funding could not be used alongside the CAF grant application. However, it can be used for further equipment or memorial plaques for the proposed Cherry trees.																																										
250708	To note the Fete Road Closure order. The fete road closure order for Saturday 6th September was noted and can be found at APPENDIX B.																																										
250709	To consider the grant request from Uke@Heart for £500.00 under powers afforded by LGA 1972, s145. It was RESOLVED that under the powers afforded to the Parish Council under Local Government Act 1972, s145 to APPROVE a grant for £100.00 to Uke@Heart. Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.																																										
250710	To consider the following quotes:																																										
250710.01	- Fencing around Bulbery Car Park It was unanimously agreed that fencing quotes around the Bulbery car park would be discussed at the August meeting.																																										
250710.02	- Height restriction barrier at Bulbery Car Park It was unanimously agreed that the height restriction barrier quotes at Bulbery car park would be discussed at the August meeting.																																										
250710.03	- Tree works at Bulbery & Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall. Following discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk would contact Arb.Company for a quote to inspect the Copper Beech. Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Mitchell. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution. It was AGREED to accept the quote from MWU Tree Services at a cost of £708.00 to fell the Foxglove Tree at the War Memorial Hall. Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Mitchell. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.																																										
250711	To agree the purchase of a replacement step for the slide at the War Memorial at a cost of £40.00. It was AGREED to purchase a replacement step for the slide at the War Memorial Hall at a cost of £40.00. Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.																																										
250712	To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance. The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were NOTED with the bank balance at 30th June 2025 being £78,231.50. The bank reconciliation can be found as APPENDIX C.																																										
250713	To approve payment requests. The payments as listed in the table below were APPROVED for payment, following suitable explanation for Acoustic & 3DMap Surveys invoices. Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>TO</th><th>FOR</th><th>INVOICE NO</th><th>AMOUNT</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Staff</td><td>Salary</td><td>July</td><td>£1,264.29</td></tr> <tr> <td>Staff</td><td>Expenses</td><td>June</td><td>£32.82</td></tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds</td><td>Bank Charge</td><td></td><td>£4.25</td></tr> <tr> <td>Scandor</td><td>Grounds Maintenance - May & June</td><td>Inv 20739</td><td>£1,434.43</td></tr> <tr> <td>SSE</td><td>Pavilion Electricity 03/03/2025 - 03/06/2025</td><td>IV03026506</td><td>£330.72</td></tr> <tr> <td>Business Stream</td><td>Pavilion Water 8 March - 14th June 2025</td><td>8145743</td><td>£85.67</td></tr> <tr> <td>Auricl - Acoustic Consulting</td><td>Noise Survey, Assessment & Report - Bulbery</td><td>Inv-5743</td><td>£2,100.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>3DMap Surveys</td><td>Survey Work & Drawings - Bulbery</td><td>Inv 1476</td><td>£948.00</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td><td>£6,200.18</td></tr> </tbody> </table>			TO	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT	Staff	Salary	July	£1,264.29	Staff	Expenses	June	£32.82	Lloyds	Bank Charge		£4.25	Scandor	Grounds Maintenance - May & June	Inv 20739	£1,434.43	SSE	Pavilion Electricity 03/03/2025 - 03/06/2025	IV03026506	£330.72	Business Stream	Pavilion Water 8 March - 14th June 2025	8145743	£85.67	Auricl - Acoustic Consulting	Noise Survey, Assessment & Report - Bulbery	Inv-5743	£2,100.00	3DMap Surveys	Survey Work & Drawings - Bulbery	Inv 1476	£948.00				£6,200.18
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250714	To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 7th August. The date of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday 7th August.																																										

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:20.

APPENDIX A

Borough Councillor Report - Cllr Maureen Flood and Cllr Susanne Hasselmann July 2025

Launch of New Housing Allocation (Draft Local Plan) Public Consultation

Following the publication of the NPPF by the Government in December 2024 and the resulting 78% increase by the Government in housing numbers across the Test Valley, the Borough Council had to review its draft local plan to accommodate more site allocations for additional houses.

The public consultation for the draft Local Plan including the additional sites was launched on 27th June and finishes at midday on 5th September. Parish Councils and members of the public are invited to comment on the plan. For more information about the draft Local Plan out for consultation, please follow the [link](#).

You can comment on the proposals through the online platform and response form (survey) following this link [Test Valley Borough Council](#) (you will need to register your name to use the system). This also provides further explanation of the content of the draft Local Plan.

If you wish to make comments via email, send this to planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk, or in writing to: Planning Policy, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AJ.

In conjunction with the online consultation the team of officers will be visiting those areas where further housing has been proposed to present the plans and answer any questions residents may have. The dates and venues for the Anna Ward consultation meetings are listed below. They have been sited as close as possible to the areas of new proposed developments and although questions may be asked of officers regarding the Local Plan as a whole, including policies and wider implication, the focus will be on local proposals.

Venue	Date	Time
Grateley Memorial Hall (Palestine proposals)	Thursday 10 th July	4pm to 6pm
Weyhill Fairground Village Hall (Weyhill, including	Thursday 24 th July	3.45pm to 6.45pm
Amport Parish development)		
Upper Clatford Village Hall (Upper Clatford/ Abbotts Ann Proposals)	Thursday 31 st July	3.30pm to 6.30pm

Maps for allocated housing in the Draft Plan are available in ANNEX A

If you can't make these meetings and have questions or concerns, please contact myself cllrhasselmann@testvalley.gov.uk or Councillor Maureen Flood cllrmflood@testvalley.gov.uk.

Armed Forces Week



It was Armed Forces Week between 22nd and 28th June and the Borough Council started the week on Monday by raising the flags in Andover and Romsey.



Armed Forces Week is a chance to show our support for the women and men who are currently serving in our armed forces, as well as Service families, veterans and cadets.

Armed Forces Day was celebrated in Andover with an event on Saturday 28th June. We joined many of our local residents in their support and those who in turn support our armed forces and veterans.

Reshaping local government: survey – now live

Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) is working with eleven authorities across Hampshire and the Solent to transform local government.

The changes are in response to the government's request for councils across England to look at how local government is organised.

The 12 councils have launched a survey for residents to inform the biggest change to local government in 50 years. Residents are being urged to share what matters most to them in their area and help shape how local councils provide services in future—so they reflect real places, local identity and culture, priorities, and people.

The survey is available at <https://ourplaceourfuture.commonplace.is/> until midnight on 27 July and takes 10 minutes to complete.

In Hampshire, in line with the government's ask, the proposal is to move away from the current 'two-tier' council structure currently in place in most of the county, and replace it with a number of unitary authorities, which will provide all council services for the area they cover.

TVBC has been working with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, Fareham Borough Council, Hart District Council, Havant Borough Council, Isle of Wight Council, New Forest District Council, Portsmouth City Council, Rushmoor Borough Council, Southampton City Council, and Winchester City Council, to develop options that would work best for residents, businesses and the wider community.

The evidence they have gathered shows that four mainland unitary councils delivering all council services in the areas they cover, would be big enough to deliver strategic services, but local enough to understand communities so they can tailor services more closely to their needs. Isle of Wight council would remain unchanged.

For Test Valley, one of the options being explored could see TVBC join with Winchester, New Forest and East Hampshire.

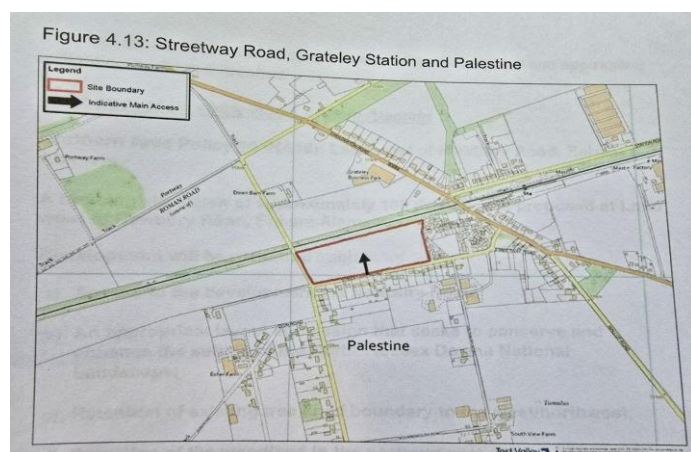
Each council must decide their preferred option to submit to government in September, informed by feedback from the public.

Following submission in September, it is expected that the government will consult on the options that meet their criteria.

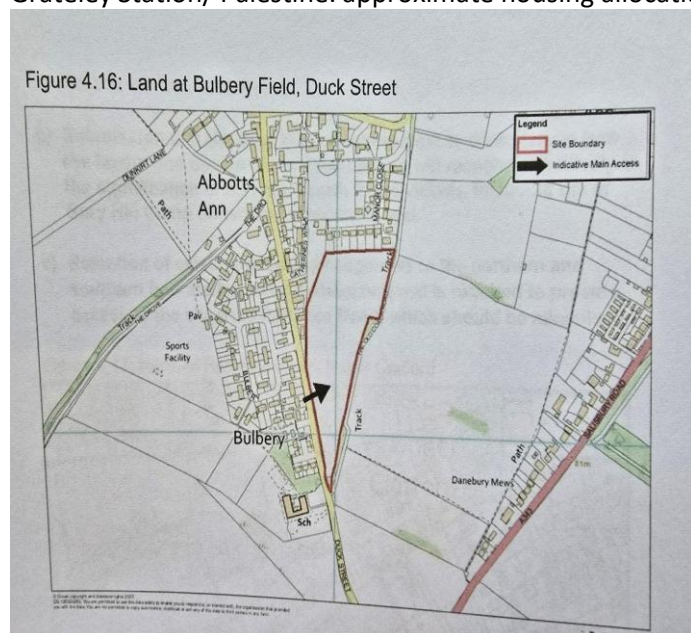
Hampshire County Council is also working with East Hampshire District Council to develop their own options, and they will be asking residents for feedback on their proposals separately.

Cllr Susanne Hasselmann, cllrshasselmann@testvalley.gov.uk Cllr Maureen Flood, cllrmflood@testvalley.gov.uk

ANNEX A – proposed sites for additional housing in Anna Ward

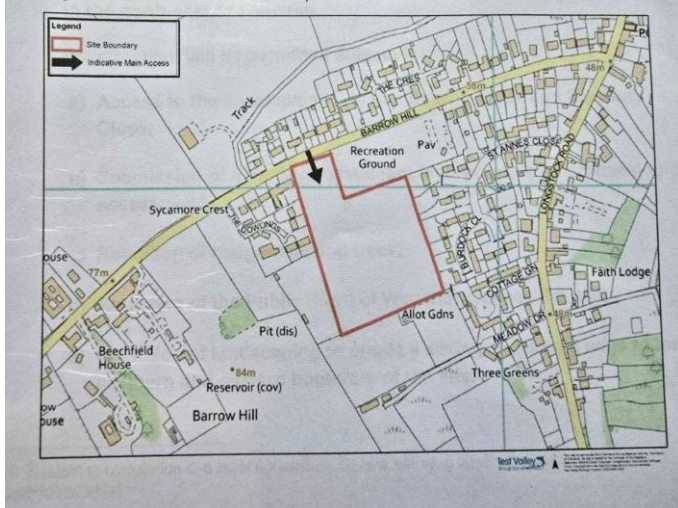


Grateley Station/ Palestine: approximate housing allocation of 80 dwellings



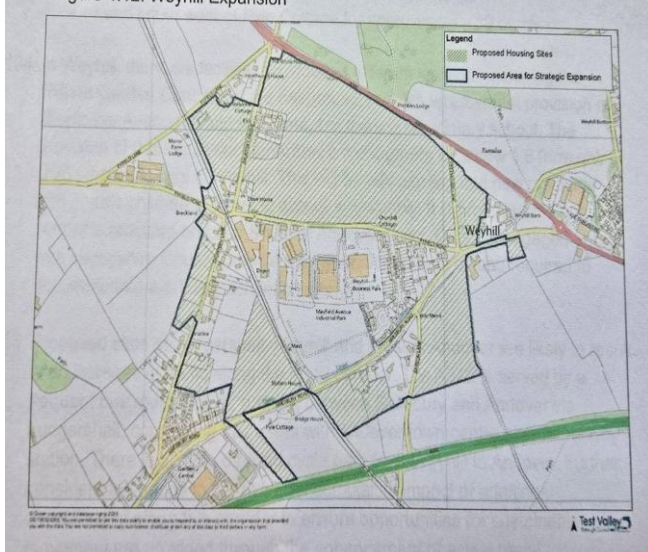
Abbotts Ann: approximate housing allocation of 60 dwellings

Figure 4.18: Land at Barrow Hill, Goodworth Clatford



Goodworth Clatford: approximate housing allocation of 40 dwellings (existing)

Figure 4.12: Weyhill Expansion



Weyhill/ Amport Parish: approximate housing allocation of 1,034 dwellings

Figure 4.17: North of Red Rice Road, Upper Clatford



Upper Clatford: approximate housing allocation of 20 dwellings

Update from Hampshire County Council – July 2025

Bookings open for Hampshire's Holiday Activities and Food summer programme

Hampshire County Council's popular Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for the 2025 summer holidays – and eligible families can now browse and book free places for their children at local schemes across the county.



"I don't know what I would do without HAF for my two sons. The HAF camp is the first time my sons have had their needs met and not been turned away. I can continue to work in the holidays now I have a childcare option." – Hampshire parent feedback

One of the largest in the UK, Hampshire's summer HAF programme is set to offer a wide range of enriching activities and nutritious meals through 70 providers delivering 180 schemes in communities countywide, with around 7,000 children taking part.

Launched nationally in 2018 by the Government, HAF was developed in response to the challenges faced by low-income families during school holidays – particularly around social isolation, poor nutrition, and lack of physical activity. While the programme is primarily aimed at children eligible for benefit-related free school meals, up to 15 per cent of places are also available for other children who could benefit from HAF support. These can include children with Education, Health and Care Plans, or those referred by social services or their school.

Families can find out more and register to access HAF bookings through the [Family Information and Services Hub](#).

Family and child poverty remain significant concerns both locally and nationally. Over the past year in Hampshire alone, more than 2,200 additional children became eligible for free school meals, bringing the total to nearly 38,000. This rise reflects the increasing pressure on families due to the cost-of-living crisis, including rising housing, food, and utility costs.

In addition to HAF, Hampshire County Council continues to support families through a range of services, including the [Household Support Fund](#) as well as [expanded childcare](#) and [wraparound school provision](#). These initiatives work together to tackle food insecurity, housing challenges, and access to affordable childcare for working families.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250609HAFsummer>

Hampshire County Council to confirm appointment of new Chief Executive

Hampshire County Council is set to confirm the appointment of its next Chief Executive at a meeting of the Full Council on 17 July.

Following a national recruitment process, the cross-party Member Appointment Panel, which met on 26 June, has recommended Gary Westbrook for the role. Gary is currently the County Council's Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Hampshire 2050.

Subject to formal approval by Full Council on 17 July, Gary will take on the role as Acting Chief Executive from 19 July before officially taking on the role as Head of Paid Service on 4 August, following the retirement of current Chief Executive, Carolyn Williamson.

Carolyn Williamson announced her retirement from Hampshire County Council, on 21 March 2025, following four years in the post as the Authority's first female Chief Executive. Mrs Williamson has spent 15 years at Hampshire County Council, as part of a total career in public service of over 40 years.

Hampshire County Council is one of the largest local authorities in the country delivering services to 1.4 million

residents across the county. As Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, the postholder is responsible, through the Council Leader, for managing an annual budget of approximately £3.1 billion, and leading a workforce of nearly 10,000 employees directly and many more indirectly, including via hundreds of Hampshire schools.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250630ChiefExecutiveannouncement>

Hampshire County Council announces £12.5 million support package for vulnerable households

Vulnerable Hampshire households struggling with rising costs can access a range of support thanks to a comprehensive £12.5 million package unveiled by Hampshire County Council

Funded through the Department for Work and Pensions' (DWP) Household Support Fund (HSF), the initiative will run until March 2026 and is part of the County Council's wider [connect4communities programme](#), which supports low-income households with necessities like food and fuel. The funding will be used to provide both [immediate crisis support, and longer-term preventative measures](#) to households in need, including families with children, unpaid carers, care leavers, people with disabilities, pensioners, and those facing unexpected financial shocks.

Hampshire's network of community pantries – member-based alternatives to supermarkets that provide cheap essentials and reduce food waste – will receive more than £1 million.

The County Council will also work closely with schools, borough and district councils and voluntary organisations to deliver the support. Additionally, a portion of the funding will be available through an application-based scheme, ensuring residents can come forward to request help.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250625HSF>

Go-ahead given for introduction of Hampshire-wide food waste recycling

Plans to enable Hampshire residents to recycle household food waste from April 2026 have been confirmed. Hampshire County Council has agreed to progress with arrangements that will see an estimated 30,000 to 50,000 tonnes of food waste from Hampshire households recycled through anaerobic digestion – a process where bacteria breaks down organic matter producing valuable by-products such as renewable gas and organic fertilizer

The County Council's Cabinet Lead Member for Universal Services, Councillor Kirsty North, said: "I'm pleased to confirm arrangements to support the expansion of a kerbside food waste service which will play an important role in boosting our county's overall recycling rates. This follows my approval of plans to build a £50m facility in Eastleigh to enable residents to recycle a much wider range of plastics, including pots, tubs, trays, cartons, and soft plastic film for the first time, as we overhaul our approach to waste in Hampshire.

"The introduction of separate food waste collections from every Hampshire household will ensure that food waste can be sent to anaerobic digestion facilities and used to create new products rather than lost to disposal. It will also help keep contamination of dry waste materials down."

Currently, food waste collections are operated by Eastleigh Borough Council, Rushmoor Borough Council, and Portsmouth City Council, with New Forest District Council currently phasing in this new service. All other Hampshire Waste Collection Authorities will be introducing food waste collections between now and April next year.

The plans support the Government's [Simpler Recycling](#) guidance that requires all Waste Collection Authorities – which in Hampshire comprises district and borough councils, as well as the unitary authorities of Portsmouth and Southampton – to provide weekly kerbside food waste collections by April 2026 as part of a wider package of changes to deliver a more consistent and streamlined approach to recycling in England.

Taking steps to prevent food waste in the first place delivers greater environmental impacts than recycling. It is estimated, on average, a quarter of the waste put in household bins is food that could have been eaten. Residents can visit Hampshire County Council's [Smart Living](#) and [Kitchen Food Heroes](#) webpages for practical tips and advice to help use more of the food they buy.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250623Foodwasterecycling>

Hampshire County Council to consider 'lane rental' proposals to minimise roadworks disruption

Proposals that could lead to the introduction of a new lane rental scheme aimed at reducing roadworks delays on over

550 miles of Hampshire's busiest roads during peak times, are set to be considered by Hampshire County Council later this month

On Monday 23 June, the County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Passenger Transport, Councillor Lulu Bowerman, will review detailed proposals for the introduction of lane rental scheme which would charge a daily fee for the duration of roadworks, including any delay, on more than 550 miles of road – or roughly 10 per cent - of Hampshire's roads. If approved by the Department for Transport, the scheme could be introduced in spring 2026.

The County Council agreed in January to progress plans for a lane rental scheme, which would complement the existing road permitting system. Detailed proposals have now been set out which include which roads are considered to be the most strategically important or where roadworks and/or streetworks are likely to cause significant delays and disruption to traffic flow. If the proposal is approved, the County Council will undertake a consultation with relevant stakeholders, including utility companies, over the summer. Final recommendations will then be developed before formal approval is sought from the Department for Transport. The aim is for the scheme to become operational in Spring 2026.

Charges would vary depending on the type and level of disruption caused by the works. Any surplus revenue generated - beyond the basic operational costs - would be ringfenced to fund innovative projects aimed at reducing the impact of street and roadworks. Subject to new national legislation expected later this year, up to 50% of the income generated could also be reinvested into routine highway maintenance, including day-to-day repairs such as pothole fixes.

Lane rental schemes are already in place in several parts of the UK and they must comply with national legislation. Charges can only be applied to the most congested and strategically important local roads managed by the highway authority and under current legislation, the County Council would be permitted to charge up to £2,500 per day - the maximum allowed.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250613LaneRentalProposals>

David Drew

Test Valley Central Division, HCC

APPENDIX B

SCHEDULE

Streets	Date	Hours of Closure	Alternative Route
Duck Street (from the junction with Church Road to the junction with Hillside – approx. 500m).	Saturday 6th Sept 2025	10.00 to 17.30	Via Church Road and Mill Lane or Little Ann Road (in both directions).
Monxton Road (from junction with Duck Street to the last house in the village – approx. 400m)		12.00 to 16.30	Via Andover Rd and Cattle Lane (in both directions)

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL
OF TEST VALLEY was hereunto affixed on the

4th Day of June 2025
In the presence of

Kareem

Authorised Officer Signatory



APPENDIX C

Date: 01/07/2025		Abbotts Ann Parish Council		Page 1
Time: 09:56		Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/06/2025 for Cashbook 1 - Lloyds Treasurers Account		User: AMANDA
<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>	
Lloyds Treasurers Account	30/06/2025		78,231.50	
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