

STUDLEY VOICE

Autumn Newsletter 2006

HOW CAN WE MAKE STUDLEY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE!

Fellow Residents - Will you give 10 minutes of your valuable time?

There are two very valid reasons for this request:

1. Studley is where we all live. It is our home and we want it to look the best it possibly can.
2. Visitors to Studley can only judge us and our village by what they see. If it is litter strewn and unkempt they will take away the wrong opinion. What we need them to see is that the village is cared for not only by its own community as well as its governing authorities.

In this way the village will attract the right sort of businesses and so will thrive.

Studley Improvement Group has been working tirelessly on this theme with both Stratford District Council, Warwickshire County Council and the Parish Council for the last year to improve the appearance of our village. There is now less litter and the Rights of Way in the village have been improved.

There are some things we can do ourselves.

All we are asking you to do is clear the weed growth and any shrub that overhangs the roadside footway that abuts your property as well as from the Highway gutter in front of your property.

Many of us do this already and appreciate that the village looks better as a result.

Please consider clearing your patch? But please take extra care when clearing the gutter.

Don't forget that some of our residents are unable to carry out this easy task, much as they would like to because of either their age or perhaps disability. So if you can, will you help clear their patch too.

We want the village to look great once more and this demonstrates to SDC and WCC our commitment and therefore demand theirs.

We already have a committed band of volunteers in Studley in Bloom who over the last few years has worked hard during the summer to make the village more attractive with flower laden planters and hanging baskets. A resident on a visit home from hospital wrote to the Parish Council thanking the volunteers for the "Lovely flowers on the island and in other locations. It gave her so much pleasure to see the beautiful colours".

Action Studley undertake regular litter picks and as a result Studley received a Silver Award in the Best Kept Village Competition for Warwickshire.

Both Action Studley and Studley in Bloom are always looking for volunteers.

PLEASE HELP IN ANY WAY YOU CAN

Together we can win!

Christmas in Studley

We would like to thank those residents who have already kindly donated money towards purchasing more lights for this year. Any donation no matter how small is very much appreciated.. For those such as the schools and churches will have a light dedicated to them as a thank you.

It looks as though we will be able to buy a further three this year.

The Christmas Celebration Evening will be taking place on Friday 8th December at 6.30pm

We hope to make it better than ever this year with the usual stalls, Carol singing, Santa's Grotto , Hot Dogs and a wide range of refreshments together with Children's fairground rides.

It has proved to be a very popular evening so we hope all villagers will again support the event.

Anyone still wishing to donate towards the Christmas Lights Appeal can do so.

Cheques should be payable to Studley Parish Council or you can call in the Parish Office between 9am and 12 noon if you require more information.

STUDLEY LIBRARY

May we remind people who have not got access to the internet on their personal computers that the Library has a number of computers that can be used free of charge during normal Library opening hours.

A BICYCLE FOR GARETH

Our Police Community Support Officer for Studley Gareth Walton is looking for sponsorship towards getting a bike for Studley.

As Studley is such a large village if an incident occurs it can often take him 20 minutes to get from one end of the village to another. Mobility and flexibility is the key . Bicycles can often go where cars can't and being on foot slows any response time significantly.

He has already received two private donations of £150.00 and a donation from a local business.

The Parish Council are also looking towards giving a grant. Action Studley is hosting a Quiz Night on 29th September the proceeds of which are going to both the Christmas Lights Appeal and the Bike Fund.

Residents and businesses want to see more police patrols . Being on a cycle Gareth would remain a visible presence but be able to attend incidents or problems much quicker.

Please give your support.

Cheques should be made payable to Warwickshire Police and either can be handed in at the Police or Parish Council Offices in Studley Village Hall

Public Open Space

Meetings with the Public Open Space Group have recently taken place. Discussions are in progress with Stratford District Council and the Wildlife Trust on a way forward. An ecological survey carried out in 2002 stated the site was of importance.

It is a worthwhile project and the group would like to get the schools and young people involved as this area will become a very important asset to the village in years to come as a valuable area of public open space.

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WATCH YOUR WASTE

Stratford District Council are on course to collect over 52,000 tonnes of waste this year, one tonne per household.

They need your help to reduce this.

You can help in three ways by following the 3 R's—Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.

Reduce:

Buy the right amount to avoid buying more than you need and then throwing part of it away.

Buy fresh goods only if they can be used at their best.

Use re-useable bags when shopping

Stop junk mail—register with the Mailing Preference Service Te: 02072913310

Re-use

Use real nappies instead of disposable

Donate unwanted items to charity shops etc.

Re-use supermarket carrier bags.

Recycle

Your black recycling boxes accepts

Paper

Glass bottles and jars

Food and drink cans

Textiles eg non saleable clean dry textiles such as clothing, sheets & blankets

Your Green garden waste wheelie bin accepts grass cuttings, leaves, hedge trimmings dead household & garden plants, tree branches up to 4" in diameter providing they fit in the bin when the lid is closed.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE SOIL OR TURF.