

# Southam Town Council Newsletter

## PRECEPT EDITION 2010



### PRECEPT FINANCIAL YEAR 2010/2011

#### Zero Increase in Southam Town Council Tax AGAIN

At its budget setting meeting in January, the Town Council decided on spending allocations for 2010 to 2011. One of this year's priorities was to allocate some funding for play equipment in the Mayfield Road area. The Council maintained its commitment to providing grants to local organisations that add to community life. It also agreed to continue funding travel tokens for older residents; these will be distributed during May.

Last year the Council allocated funding to help people weather the credit crunch. One of the benefits of this has been that the Citizens Advice Bureau has been attracted back into the town because the Town Council subsidises the room rental at the Library for CAB sessions. Councillors decided that the Credit Crunch Initiative would continue and last year's unspent funds were carried over to this year.

The total precept for 2010 to 2011 is £171,268 and for the third year in succession, the Town Council Tax remains the same. The tax payable for a Band D property will be £73.72

#### SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS

At its February meeting Southam Town Council awarded the following grants

* Warwickshire Butterfly Conservation	£200
* The Friendship Project for Children	£500
* Stratford on Avon District Volunteer Services	£700
* St James Church Southam Churchyard Maintenance	£3518

Grants will next be considered at the September 23rd 2010 meeting.

Contact the Town Council office for an application form.  
Tel: 01926 814004 or email [clerk@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@southamcouncil-warks.gov.uk)

#### Ready Steady WORK

Do you want to

- \* Respond to a job advert?
- \* Make the most of your CV?
- \* Write a letter of application?
- \* Brush up on interview skills?

Our **free** course can help

- \* Starting in April
- \* At the Graham Adams Centre
- \* Experienced Tutor
- \* IT support on hand
- \* Free crèche places (book in advance)

Course starts Tuesday 13th April  
2010

Interested?

To book your place contact the  
Graham Adams Centre on 811519

Funded by Southam Town Council  
& Warwickshire County Council

#### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS—THANK YOU

Southam Town Council wish to congratulate the Christmas Lights Association, once again, on the magnificent display over the Christmas period.

#### TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Town Council is in the process of developing a new website. Any local organisation that would like a link to its own website or its contact details to be included should contact the Town Clerk: Mrs D Carro, Town Council Offices, Grange Hall, Coventry Road, Southam CV47 1QA  
Tel: 01926 814004  
[clerk@southamcouncil-warks.co.uk](mailto:clerk@southamcouncil-warks.co.uk)

EMAIL YOUR PHOTOS OF SOUTHAM  
TO BE INCLUDED ON THE WEBSITE!

## SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

### Victor Hodges House

Southam Town Council's monthly meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 met with Stewart Fergusson, Managing Director, and Vicky Harwood, Head of Supported and Sheltered Housing, of Orbit Heart of England. Mr Fergusson spoke of Orbit Housing's new plans to replace Victor Hodges House with an Extra Service Care home that would provide residential care with additional support services for elderly residents of Southam and the area. The new home would provide between 40-45 apartments, including some two-bedroom apartments, shop, gym, restaurant and other facilities to support independent living for residents.

Southam Mayor, Revd Councillor Wayne Hawkins told Orbit Housing that the decision to close Victor Hodges House had been hugely unpopular with Southam residents and that the Town Council had collected over 2,000 signatures from residents against the proposed closure. The Mayor and Councillors will present the petition at number 10 Downing Street on March 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 and copies have also been sent to Warwickshire County Council & Stratford District Council.

Revd Cllr Hawkins said, "Southam Town Council is grateful for the support shown by Southam residents to maintain and improve services provided by Victor Hodges House or a similar residential care scheme on the same site. We owe particular thanks to all the residents who collected signatures.

The Town Council was encouraged by the plans presented by Orbit Housing Association and remain committed to a quality residential care service being provided on the site of Victor Hodges House."

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES

FROM JUNE 2010 SOUTHAM TOWN COUNCIL WILL MEET ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (except August & December) and not as at present the 2nd Thursday of the month.

## REPORT FAULTY STREET LIGHTS

As of the 1st April 2010 Warwickshire County Council has cancelled its street lighting night patrols and will be relying on the public to report faulty street lights.

Telephone 01926 412922 or Text LIGHTING and the fault details including town, street, column number, or the location, in a maximum of 160 characters to 07950 081082 (standard network charges apply)

Please describe the nature of the fault and leave contact details in case the inspectors need to contact you to clarify the exact location of the column. The number of the column is a black number on a white background facing the road and located at about eye level.

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