



## SAFER / Community SpeedWatch

SAFER is Stonesfield Parish Council's road safety working group, and has volunteer groups running Thames Valley Police's Community Speedwatch. Volunteers are needed for 1-2 hours per month.

✉ **Cllr Michael Heduan MBE,**  
[www.stonesfield.online/safer/](http://www.stonesfield.online/safer/)

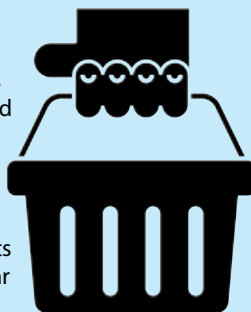
## The Stonesfield Slate

The Slate is our monthly village newsletter, produced and distributed by volunteers and supported by local advertisers. Additional volunteers to help with monthly distribution are always welcome.

✉ **Paul & Diane Bates,**  
[slate-pub@stonesfield.online](mailto:slate-pub@stonesfield.online)

## Stonesfield Gardening Club

The Gardening Club is a friendly, not-too-serious gathering of neighbours interested in gardens and plants. Most months we have a talk, as well as plant sales, socials and garden visits. A group of volunteers grow plants for and look after the War Memorial Garden.



✉ [www.stonesfieldgardening.info](http://www.stonesfieldgardening.info)

## Farmland Bird Aid Network

We aim to promote increasing farmland bird populations by working with local communities and landowners, through feeding, monitoring and habitat restoration/conservation. Volunteers feed birds by scattering seed locally once a week in the morning, and compile farmland bird surveys once a month on one site.

✉ [info@farmlandbirdaidnetwork.org](mailto:info@farmlandbirdaidnetwork.org) OR  
<https://farmlandbirdaidnetwork.org/>

## Stonesfield's Volunteers

This supplement to the Stonesfield Slate is to celebrate the work of all the voluntary groups and organisations in the village. It hopes to spread the word about the services they offer and the opportunities there are for more people to join in, to help with whatever activity appeals to them and to share in the good feeling that volunteering gives.

Volunteers run or contribute to all of these groups. They run our amenities, provide varied social settings and opportunities to meet others and share enjoyment. They look after and work to improve our environment, help with things that are difficult, share our childcare and give our children fun, and take us to the doctor.

This is what the groups have told us after extensive efforts to contact everyone in time for the Big Help Out in May. If we have missed your group, please contact the Slate Editor and we will include your information in a future issue.

✉ = contact information

## St James the Great Church

We share God's love in practical ways! Volunteers help with Monday Coffee, regular village suppers and other gatherings, contributing to Sunday and Wednesday church services through reading, welcoming, serving coffee, and maintenance tasks in the church, churchyards and St James' Centre. Your help would be very welcome.

✉ **Lindsey Sellar**  
[stonesfield@stonesfieldparishchurch.org](mailto:stonesfield@stonesfieldparishchurch.org)

## Roman Catholic Community in Stonesfield

We only number 15 people: most of our volunteering is with Aid to the Church in Need, supporting persecuted Christians worldwide. We fundraise for the war in Ukraine and earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and support young priests in Haiti.

✉ **Suze Mathews,** 01993 891720,  
[suemathews1066@btinternet.com](mailto:suemathews1066@btinternet.com)

## Neighbourhood Watch

Anyone can be a member of Neighbourhood Watch. By joining, you take the first step to making your village a stronger and safer place to be. All members receive crime prevention information and campaigns, monthly newsletters, and are more equipped to tackle important community issues. It's free to join.

✉ [deanna.asplundh@gmail.com](mailto:deanna.asplundh@gmail.com)

## Stonesfield Repair Café

We repair things! So many things get thrown away when they go wrong but many in our community have expert skills and 70% of the items which come to us get repaired. Next event: Saturday 3 June 11am - 2pm. We need you, especially if you have electronics or sharpening skills.

✉ [stonesfieldrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:stonesfieldrepaircafe@gmail.com)



## Carers' Cafe

A drop-in group meeting every first and third Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall Clubroom. Company, a listening ear, and refreshments for anyone in and around Stonesfield who has (or has had) a caring role, however big or small. We chat, support each other and share resources. New people welcome!

✉ [laurennormanton@hotmail.com](mailto:laurennormanton@hotmail.com), OR  
[georgie@thesteales.org](mailto:georgie@thesteales.org)

## 1st Stonesfield Scouts

Our Scout Group has three sections, open to both boys and girls: Beavers (aged 6-8), Cubs (8-10.5) and Scouts (10.5-14). We meet all year in term time. We need volunteers to lead sessions and devise activities, and to join our Executive Committee which supports the running of the group.

✉ **Ben Whitworth**  
[chair@stonesfield-scouts.org.uk](mailto:chair@stonesfield-scouts.org.uk)  
[www.stonesfield-scouts.org.uk](http://www.stonesfield-scouts.org.uk)

## Stonesfield Cricket Club

The club need a match day scorer and volunteers for the 2023 season. We have a very friendly team maintaining the cricket square but always need extra help. If you fancy getting out in the sun (mainly cutting and rolling the wicket) we would welcome you.

✉ Ask in the Social Club for more details.

## Stonesfield Football Club

Nine boys'/girls' teams, two men's teams and a ladies' team, all playing in local leagues. We provide a fun, safe environment that enables players of all abilities to reach their potential. Run by volunteers; always looking for more, for coaching, fundraising and running the club.

✉ **Craig Richards,** 07917 190269,  
[craig.strikers@therichardshome.net](mailto:craig.strikers@therichardshome.net)

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## Stonesfield Tree Planters

Our aims are to plant a tree for everyone in the village, (1575 trees); to renew hedges; to choose the right trees for the wider habitat, and to develop expertise and knowledge. We have planted 784 trees up to March 2023. Working parties meet as needed.

✉ *Trees and general enquiries:*  
john.sampson9@btinternet.com

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## Friends of Stonesfield Library FoSL

The library is open on 4 days each week for a total of 11 hours. Volunteers, working in pairs, replace the professional librarian for 50% of that time. Each volunteer averages just one 2-hour session each month. Join us!

✉ *Mike Pollitt*, 01993 891856

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## Stonesfield Common

A group of volunteers managing the Common to preserve and enhance this Site of Special Scientific Interest. Always looking for more helpers who don't mind some hard physical labour. We meet on an ad hoc basis when the weather is fine.

✉ richard.morris@zen.co.uk OR  
01993 898210

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## Playing Field Association

The playing field in Stonesfield is owned and managed by the Association (a registered charity) and most of the work to



maintain it is carried out by its trustees and volunteers from the sports clubs. Get in touch if you'd like to help in the upkeep of this valuable village asset.

✉ *Frank Huddleston*,  
01993 891785

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## Climate Emergency Group

Designed to help people share information on how to address climate change in their everyday lives. Currently an information hub via email: for practical work, see Environment Group, Food Group, Repair Café. New members, and new ideas on what we can each do to help tackle the crisis, are welcome.

✉ *Caroline Friend*,  
caroline.v.friend@gmail.com  
07967 021292

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## Stonesfield Lunch Club

Stonesfield Lunch Club meets the needs of our older residents who may be at risk of isolation in our rural village. Every Wednesday at St James' Centre our members meet friends and enjoy a home-cooked meal. We are always open to new members and volunteers!

✉ *Kate Harris* kateharris58@yahoo.co.uk

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## Stonesfield Primary School

We can always use volunteers! Our children need adults to read to, and our Forest School needs volunteers to join in the fun and help the children get involved in the activities. A DBS check and two references are required. You don't have to wait for a new king to get involved!

✉ *Matt Jarvis*  
head.2353@stonesfield.oxon.sch.uk

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## FoSS

Friends of Stonesfield School (FoSS) works with the school to enhance the children's experiences and access to resources. We are always looking for local people with fundraising ideas and to help with events (e.g. Summer Fete, 2 July). We meet every 4-6 weeks and commitment can be as little or as much as you like.

✉ info@fossteam.org

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## Voluntary Transport Scheme

Our DBS-checked volunteer drivers provide car transport for Stonesfield residents to local medical and health-related appointments, e.g. dentists, and to the hospitals in Oxford, Banbury and Bicester. We give 50-70 lifts each year, drivers' expenses are reimbursed, and new drivers are always welcome.

✉ *Viv Kendall* 01993 891803 OR  
stonesfieldvts@gmail.com

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## Monday Coffee at St James' Centre

Originally free coffee, biscuits and a warm Christian welcome as a gift from the church to parents and carers after school dropoff; but now open to all. Volunteers bake biscuits at home and serve in two shifts. Safeguarding training available.

✉ *Bina Farrow* 01993 891293 OR  
*Margaret Hill* 01993 898823

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## Stonesfield Parish Council

Parish Councillors are all volunteers, and oversee local amenities. The Council has volunteer sub-groups improving village road safety, maintaining the Common, and litter-picking. The PC is developing a Neighbourhood Plan via a volunteer Steering Group. Anyone wanting to help with the Plan should contact the Clerk.

✉ *Karen East*, clerk@stonesfieldpc.uk

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## Chrissie's Owls

A non-profit organisation – a small group of people committed to the care and conservation of owls, based in Stonesfield. We provide owl rescue services for injured owls from Oxfordshire and surrounding counties, give talks to schools, visit nursing homes and hospitals and much more.

✉ *Chrissie Gaines* 07815 130578 OR  
chrisbiesowls@gmail.com  
www.chrisbiesowls.com

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## Stonesfield Baby & Toddler Group

Every Friday in term time at the village hall, for children from 0-4 with their parents and carers. Free play, a craft activity with a theme, storytelling and music. We welcome families from Stonesfield and surrounding villages, and are always looking for more volunteers.

✉ *Sarah Lydiat*  
stonesfieldbabyandtoddler@gmail.com

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## Stonesfield Environment Group

We are volunteers passionate about our environment and how we can protect and enhance it. We encompass the Stonesfield Tree Planters and are also working with local and national groups to improve the condition of the Evenlode. We meet fortnightly – come and get involved!

✉ juliecurran0@gmail.com

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## Stonesfield Food Group

We run the Community Café once a quarter alongside the Repair Café, and the Winter Warmer/Spring Social alongside the Village Hall Committee. We love bringing people together over food, tackling food waste and working to improve our community's access to good food. We meet once a month: join us!

✉ katewinstanley@hotmail.com

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## Stonesfield Village Hall Committee

A small committee, keen to make the Village Hall a vital community asset. We hire out the hall and arrange repairs – currently refurbishing the kitchen and aiming to make the Hall more energy-efficient for future generations. We meet four times a year and would love additional members!

✉ *Jacqueline Carthew*,  
stonesfieldvh@gmail.com

