

Mark Winn becomes AVDC Cabinet Member for Communities



District Councillor Mark Winn

Councillor Mark Winn is the new Cabinet Member for Communities. This post was previously held by Councillor Angela Macpherson who has now been elected Council Leader after the resignation of Councillor Neil Blake in June this year.

Following this appointment Councillor Winn becomes the portfolio holder responsible for issues in relation to housing, homelessness, community safety, equalities and safeguarding.

Other areas that come under his remit include open community spaces and common land, sports, arts and management of the countryside including footpaths and bridleways.

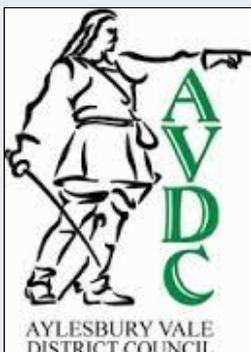
Councillor Winn continues to represent the Bedgrove District ward which includes the parishes of Aylesbury Town.

[More information is on the AVDC website.](#)

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Aylesbury Vale Housing and Homelessness Strategy



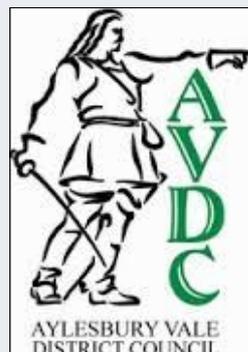
After consultations with partners and stakeholders, AVDC are seeking your views on the draft Housing and Homelessness Strategy (2019-2022) for the Vale. We would like to hear from everybody - especially those who have been impacted either

directly or indirectly by homelessness.

You can view the draft [Housing and Homelessness Strategy \(2019 - 2022\)](#) on the AVDC website.

The consultation period will run until Friday 3rd August 2018.

Bin collection day changes



From Monday 3rd September 2018 many households will be affected by the changes to recycling and waste collection service across Aylesbury Vale. Every household will receive a letter explaining these changes. The letter will also be accompanied by a

new date collection calendar to help manage the changes. Please note that some properties may not be affected at all but they will still receive a letter confirming their collection day even if there are no changes.

If you have questions please visit the [FAQ section on the AVDC website](#).

Message from Superintendent Tim Metcalfe, Police Commander for Aylesbury Vale

Superintendent Tim Metcalfe released a community update covering various issues that the police and its partners have been working on.

This update was released in June 2018 and it broadly covers events in the months of March, April and May 2018.

You can read more by clicking the link at the bottom of this article but the main items include:

- the 'Hidden Harm' campaign aimed at raising awareness and understanding of crimes such as modern slavery, domestic abuse and hate crime
- knife crime after a number of very serious incidents involving knives in Aylesbury recently
- our officers' involvement in national and local events
- some positive news with regards to residential burglaries in Aylesbury Vale

[Read more \(pdf\) ...](#)



Supt. Tim Metcalfe

[Got any questions
about recycling &
waste...planning permission
enquiry... council tax query?
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Community Safety Schools event at AVDC

Some 140 Year Six pupils from four schools in Aylesbury Vale attended a community safety awareness event at Aylesbury Vale District Council in July.

The pupils took part in workshops discussing online safety, healthy relationships, loan sharks and vulnerability to scams.

There were also exhibitions from Barnardos R U Safe? Bucks Mind, Thames Valley Police and the AVDC Safe Places Scheme.



A group of Year Six pupils paying attention to Bucks Mind staff at the event

The event was organised by Aylesbury Vale District Council and partners to engage young people and enhance their sense of community awareness as young residents.

This is just one of the events present in the Vale which aim to engage communities, as outlined in the Community Safety Partnership Annual Plan 2018/19.

Further information about [the Annual Plan is available in the AVDC website.](#)

If you are going away, don't let uninvited guests visit your home! – Aylesbury Vale.

Holiday periods increase the chances for opportunist burglars, so before you go please read these tips for keeping your home secure while your away:-

- Check that you've double locked all your doors and windows and put keys away. If you have an alarm, make sure that you set it.
- Lock your garden gates with a good quality padlock and lock tools and ladders away.
- Use lights on timer switches and consider leaving a radio on, tuned in to a talk station. Lights can also be purchased that imitate the flickering light of a TV.
- Think about what you are advertising on social media. If you 'check-in' at an airport or other holiday destination, make sure it's not a public post - this information could be very useful to an opportunist criminal!
- Tell a trusted neighbour that you are going away and get them to check your home and move post away from the front door. Make sure they have your contact details in case of a problem. Maybe ask them to open and close your curtains.
- Ask a friend or neighbour to park on your drive and make sure that your bin is put out and then brought back in.
- Cancel the milk and papers if you have them delivered.

For more crime prevention advice please visit the [Thames Valley Police](#) and AVDC webpages .

[Thames Valley Police Crime prevention](#)

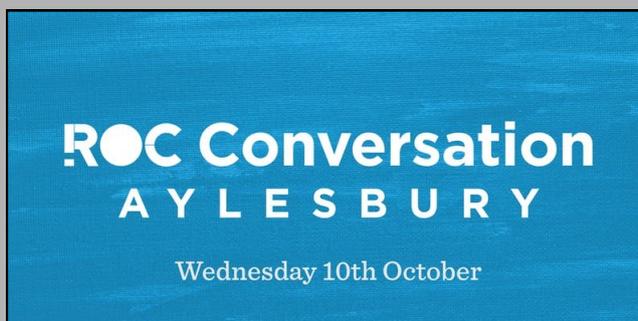
[Aylesbury Vale Crime Reduction tips](#)

'ROC Conversation' for Aylesbury

Plans are underway for a major community engagement event for Aylesbury which will take place in October this year.

Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) is nationally-renowned organisation which has held various events across England since 2004 where members of the community convene and discuss specific community needs and explore ways for local people to participate in meeting those needs.

Further information about the event is [available online via Eventbrite](#), or you can contact Liz Zealey by sending an email to liz@southcourt.org.



We welcome your contributions for articles. Please email your ideas to CommunityEngagement@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk giving a short description of your activity.

If you would like more information about the Aylesbury Vale Community Cohesion and Integration Strategy, or about this newsletter, please contact Adam Cheyo at Aylesbury Vale District Council. Phone: 01296 585860 email: acheyo@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk