



Village News - October 2023

Dear Residents, as always there is plenty to update you on and lots of dates for your diary. We love to hear from you so please do get in touch if you would like to get involved in a specific project or better still would like to come and join the WVA Committee, send an email to contact@westcottvillage.com

Sondes Place Planning Appeal starts 31st October

The Sondes Place Farm Planning Appeal is being heard by public inquiry and starts on Tuesday 31st October. The public inquiry is open to the public and is expected to last six days. Further details are available on the MVDC website for anyone who would like to attend in person or follow proceedings online. The WVA has made strong representations on Westcott's behalf and has also been in contact with the HM Planning Inspectorate to ensure our opinions have been heard and we will follow the inquiry proceedings. Copies of all our correspondence can be found under the Planning section of the Westcott Village website.

Tuesday 31st November - Soup & Stories with the Westcott Community Garden

WESTCOTT COMMUNITY GARDEN INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR



Soup & Stories
AN EVENING OF PUMPKIN SOUP AND STORYTELLING

OCTOBER 31  5:30-7:30 PM

Storytelling at 6:00 PM
St John's Chapel, Westcott
All welcome!

Public Consultation - Options for the Westcott Village Hall & The Hut Site - Wednesday 1st November 2023

The Trustees of the Westcott Village Trust are holding a Public Consultation on the various redevelopment options for the Westcott Village Hall and The Hut sites - do find time to go along and give your views to the Trustees



You are invited to a public consultation event for various redevelopment options for the Westcott Village Hall and Hut sites to provide a new Community Centre for Westcott

From 3pm - 9pm on 1st November 2023 at Westcott Village Hall (former Reading Room), Institute Road, RH4 3NP

Presentations with Q&A sessions will be held at 4pm & 7:30pm Refreshments will be available It's your village hall and it's time to get involved!

Your views matter, and you are invited to share them by completing the questionnaire available at the consultation event or online from 1st November



Questionnaires must be received by 5:30pm on Wednesday 15th November

<https://www.westcottvillagehall.com/>

Armistice Day - Friday 11th November

We come together as a Nation on Armistice Day to remember the service and sacrifice of those who have served in the Armed Forces from Britain and the Commonwealth and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism. We will put the Remembrance Poppies along the A25 and the 'Silent Soldier' on the grass near the Church as a mark of respect and remembrance.



Westfestivity - Saturday 18th November 2023

The talented WESTfest team are turning their hands to more festive fair and are hosting a new Christmas Fair - WESTfestivity on Saturday 18th November at the Westcott Village Hall and The Church. A great opportunity to kick start your Christmas shopping and get in to the festive mood. There will be over 40 stalls with food and nibbles to keep you going.

The WVA will be running our popular Christmas Hamper themed Tombola but we can not do that without your help so we need your donations please - any Christmas fare is welcome - sweets, nuts, festive nibbles, selection boxes or suitable bottles. Donations can be dropped off to either Queen's Court, Westcott Street (near Bramley House Care Home) or 5 Heath Rise. Donations without alcohol can also be dropped off to Jon and Mum's Groceries at St John's. Or if it's easier please feel free to make a donation via the "Donate" button on the [Contact Us](#) page of the Westcott Village website and put Christmas Fair in the notes and we will use your donation to buy some suitable goodies for the tombola on your behalf.



WESTfestivity

WESTCOTT VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FAIR

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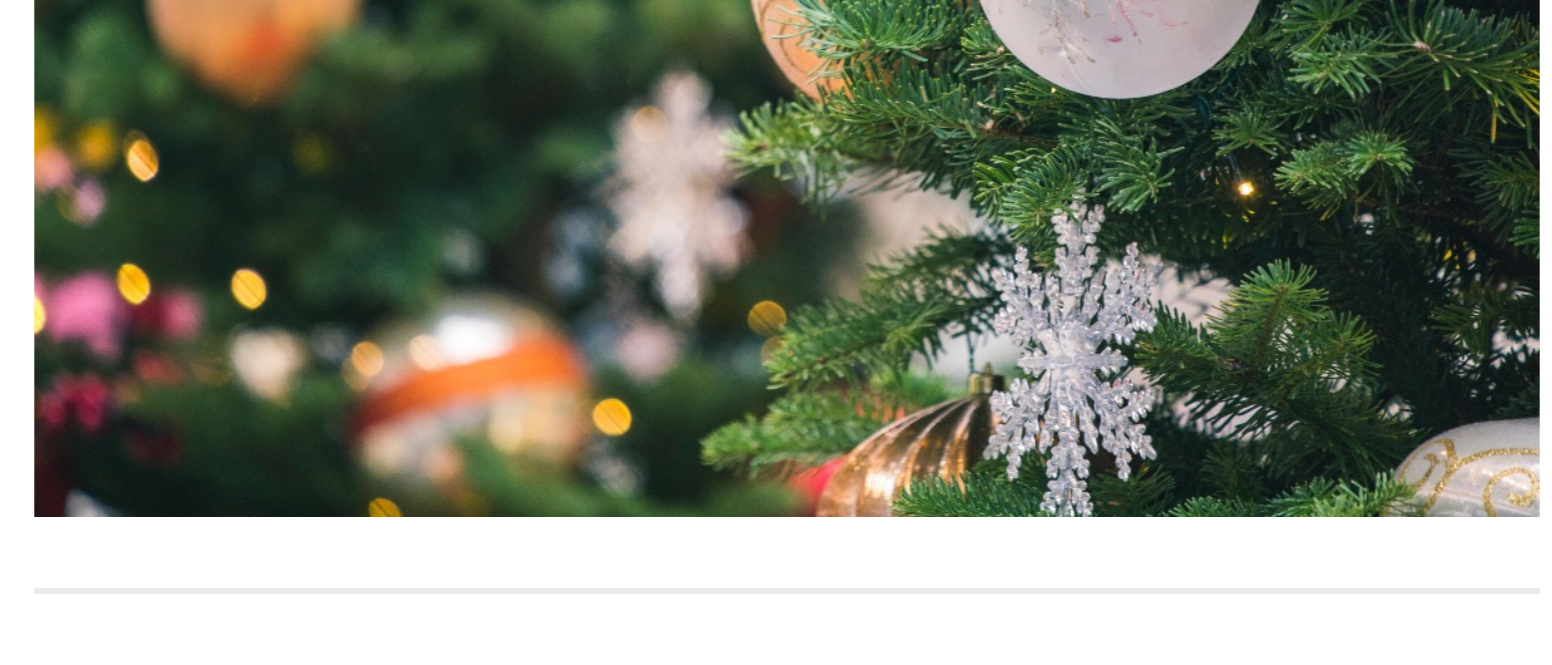
WESTCOTT VILLAGE HALL & HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 10AM - 3PM

LOCAL CRAFTS ★ ARTISAN FOOD ★ MINCE PIES
CHRISTMAS GIFTS ★ COMMUNITY STALLS
PLANTS ★ BOTTLE TOMBOLA ★ LIVE MUSIC
AND ENTERTAINMENT ★ CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
AND GAMES ★ TEA & CAKE ★ MULLED WINE ★

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Free entry!

Please can you help?

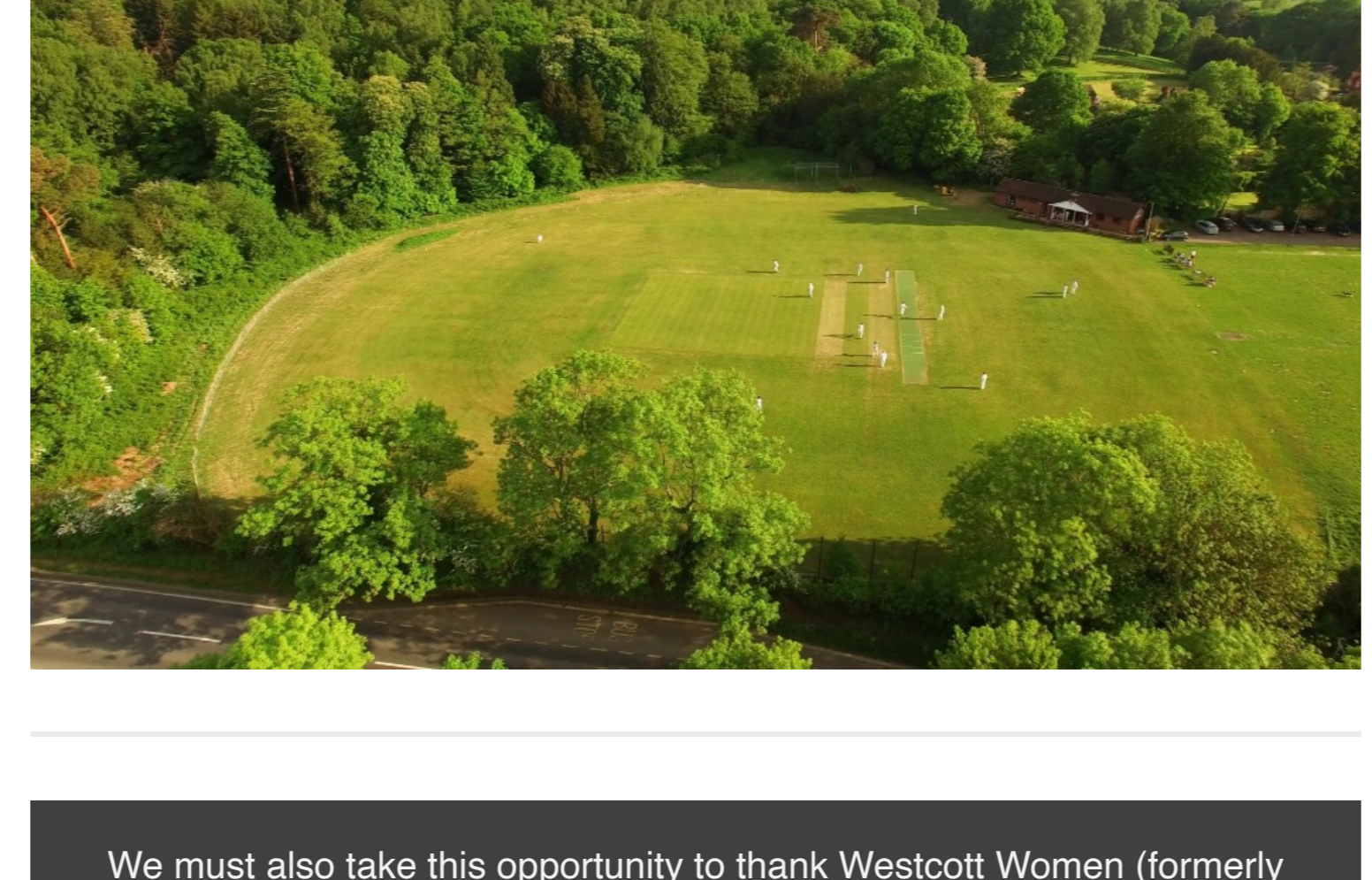
We're looking for a small group of willing people to help put up the Westcott Village Christmas Tree on the Village Green on the morning of Saturday 2nd December. Many hands make light work so if you can spare some time to help out please drop an email to James Leaver jamesandfrancesca@hotmail.co.uk



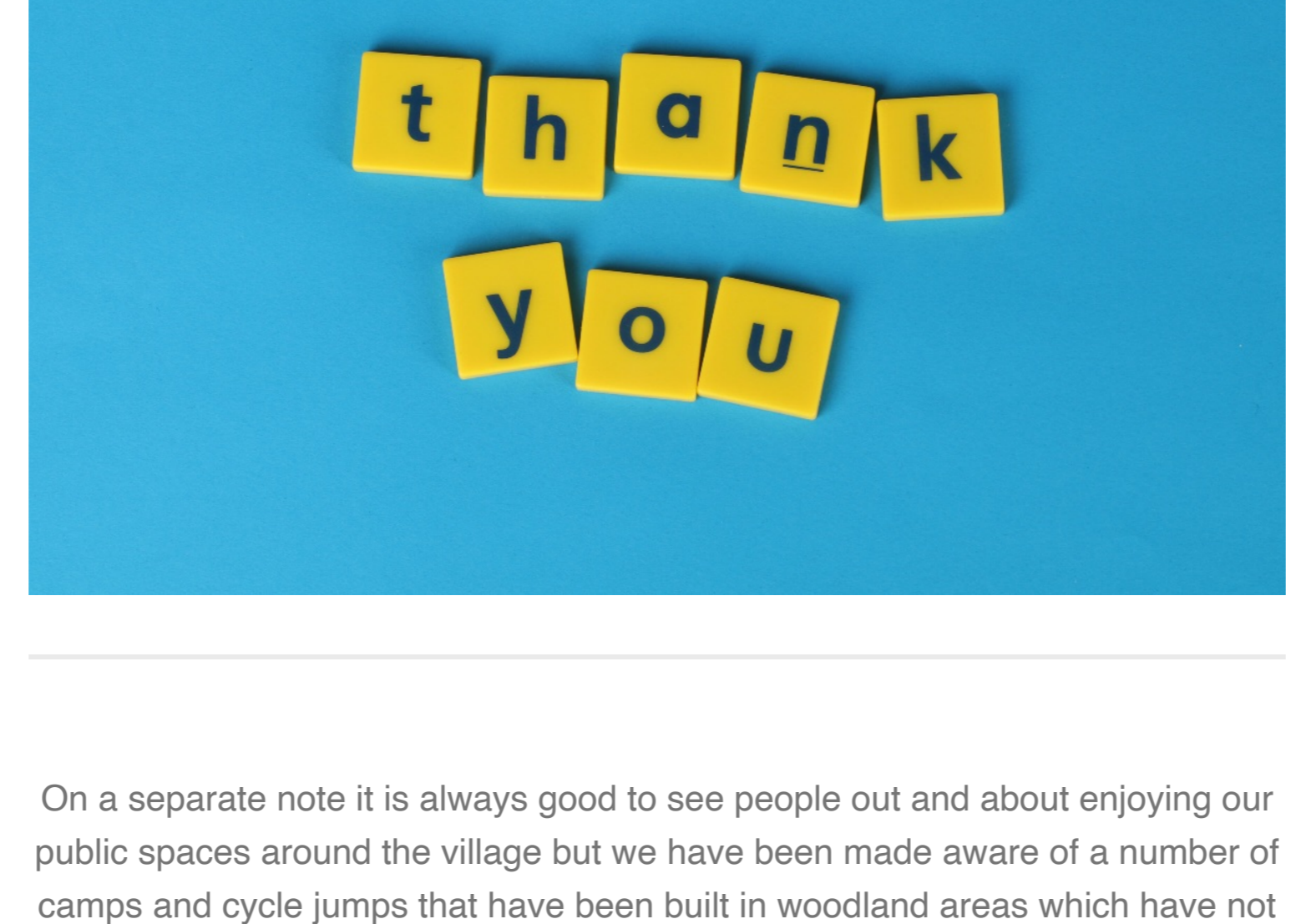
Westcott Sports Club Fundraiser

The Westcott Sports Club are looking to their members and friends in the local community to help raise funds for a refurbishment of the clubrooms, toilet and showers. This is a great facility in the village so please take a moment to look at their Just Giving page

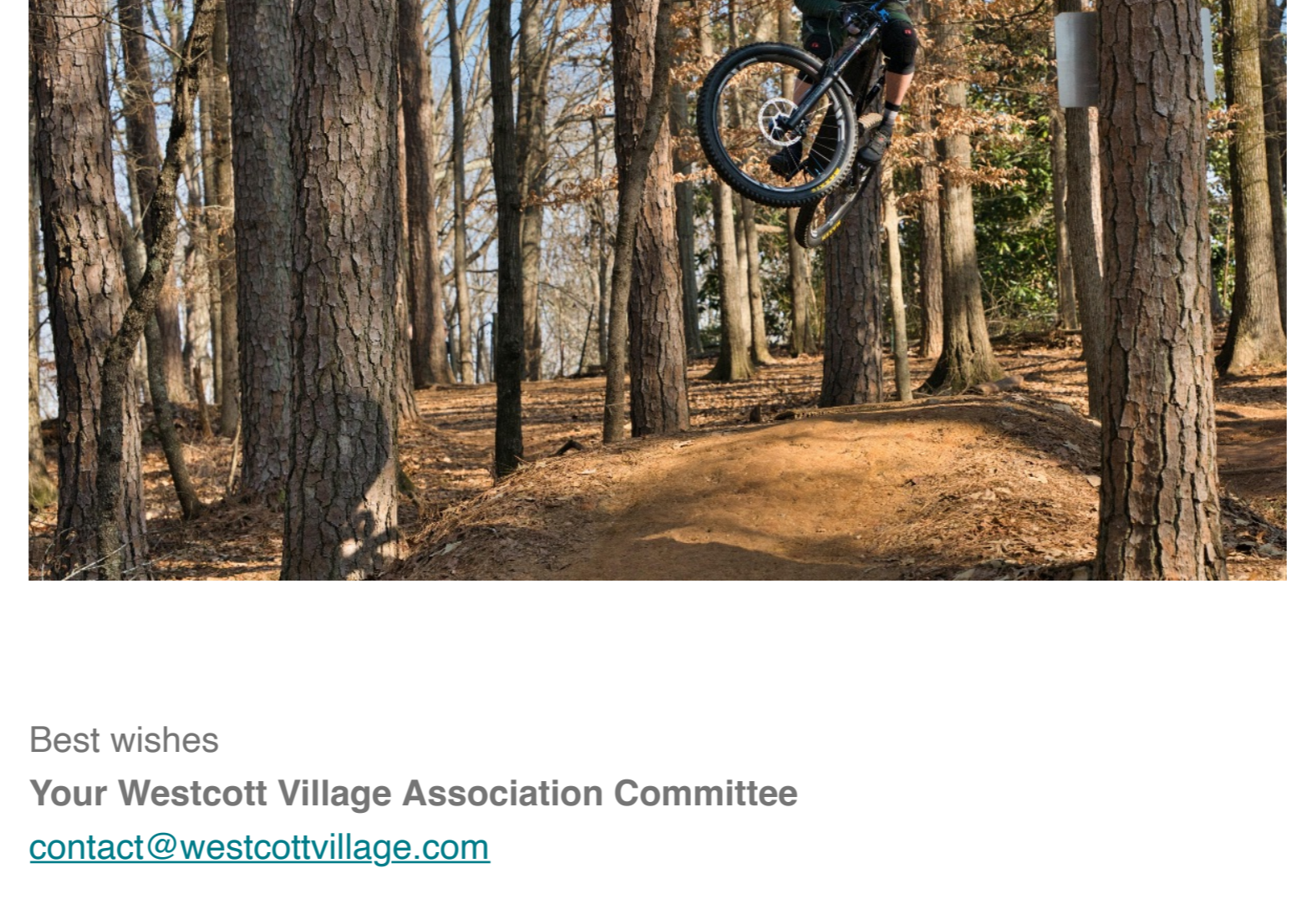
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We must also take this opportunity to thank Westcott Women (formerly Westcott Wives) for their generous donation to the WVA. After many years of being an active group in the village they have decided to wind things up and have shared their funds between various Westcott good causes. We are very grateful.



On a separate note it is always good to see people out and about enjoying our public spaces around the village but we have been made aware of a number of camps and cycle dumps that have been built in woodland areas which have not only caused damage to the natural environment but a lot of non-biodegradable rubbish has also been left behind. Please remind any friends or family who like to spend time outside to respect the natural habitat and help preserve Westcott's green and rural spaces for everyone to enjoy.



Best wishes
Your Westcott Village Association Committee
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- Edwin Harland - Treasurer
- James Leaver - Planning
- Nick Lund - Highways
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