

# BOTLEY NEWS

## DOG FOULING: BOTLEY WE HAVE A PROBLEM

Botley Parish Council is launching a new campaign to reduce dog fouling in key areas of the High Street Recreation Ground. Despite all the past and current media hype and all the dog waste bins and public litter bins on the recreation ground there is a small, hard-core group of persistent offenders who fail to clean up after their dogs.

Dog fouling is one of the most unacceptable and dirtiest types of litter. By deliberately choosing not to pick up you are breaking the law and knowingly exposing your fellow residents to a health risk when they use the recreation ground for sport and leisure pursuits.



*24 separate instances of dog poo: the count on just one small area of grass after one weekend.*

Working alongside Botley Parish groundstaff in the initial stages of this campaign it is clear that the majority of owners are thoughtful and responsible; this problem is a case of the few spoiling it for the many.

Already the Council knows some details of offenders; for example, the owner of a large dog, probably fed on tinned dog food, regularly walks their pet along the 'Park and Stride' tarmac path, and does not clean up when the animal fouls on the triangle of grass adjacent to the workshop. There is a 'lazy bagger' who uses black poo bags to clear up after their dog, but then leaves the bag under the nearest tree or bush; this is not sufficient or satisfactory either.

The Parish Council would therefore like to enlist the help of all users of the recreation ground in dealing with this issue.

If you know of a persistent offender please contact the Parish office with details. If you are out with your dog and you see an owner guilty of not clearing up after their dog, please consider politely encouraging them to do so by offering them one of your poo bags. If you need an extra bag the groundstaff always carry spares, or you can collect one from the Parish Office.

Owning a dog brings great pleasure: it also brings responsibility and duties, and one of those duties is to clear up behind your dog. There are no ifs, buts or excuses:

**NEVER** let your dog out alone on the recreation ground whilst you stay in your vehicle or garden.

**BE AWARE** of where your dog is and what it is doing, even if you're on the phone or talking to a friend.

**ALWAYS** carry the means to clean up after your dog. This is your moral and legal duty; failure to do so is punishable by fine.



Thoughtless dog owners  
We're watching you!

**Remember: Bag that poo,  
any rubbish bin will do**

I am Cllr Graham Hunter, Vice Chair of Botley Parish Council. I have been a Parish Councillor, representing all residents of the beautiful Parish of Botley since 2012, a role which I very much enjoy.



My wife Anne & I have lived in Botley for 41 years. We have been happily married for 43 years, bringing up both our children in Botley. Both of us were originally from Southampton, moving to Camberley in Surrey for two years after we were married to be closer to my work. I worked for 40 years for IBM as an Engineer, until early retirement in 2009 due to poor health. Upon retirement I wished to give back something to Botley, so here I am!

Apart from being Vice Chair of the Parish Council, I also chair the Botley Centre Management Committee. I, together with my Parish Council colleagues attend at least two Parish Council meetings a month, plus meetings with other bodies when required.

My interests outside of Parish Council work are mainly focused on Anne & I supporting the charities Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), and the British Heart Foundation, after the sad death of our beautiful daughter Claire in 2013. For CRY we fund raise to facilitate the heart screening of 14 – 35 year olds, and to date have funded the screening of 1,300 young people locally. Our support for the BHF is in lobbying the Chancellor for funding for defibrillators across England. To date we have managed to squeeze £2 million out of the treasury, and are working on more! I was proud to lead the Botley Parish Council team that facilitated funding of the installation of defibrillators in the Parish from 2014.

Please feel free to contact me at any time on any matters that concern you in the Parish. I will do my very best to help you, together with my fellow Parish Councillors and our great team of staff at the Botley Centre.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR BOTLEY COUNCILLORS

Every edition of the Botley News carries a section with Botley Parish Councillors names and contact details. It's useful information, but sometimes it's good to know a little more about people and be able to put faces to names, so this year all Botley Parish Councillors will give a brief introduction about themselves, why they joined the Council and how they view their role. In the next 3 editions of Botley News you will find a random selection, enabling you to get to know your councillors a little better.

I am Cllr Sue Grinham and I have lived in Botley for over 35 years; originally in Western Botley but the majority of time in Boorley Green. I am married and our two daughters went to Botley School and loved growing up in the village. They enjoyed a free and relaxed outdoor childhood which made the most of



our semi rural environment and involved dogs, horses and lots of bike rides and walking I am now a grandmother of 3 granddaughters who I am lucky enough to see on a daily basis; I work full time as an HR Manager for IBM and my job involves working internationally with diverse cultures.

I have always loved living in Botley with its history and the beautiful surrounding countryside; I can walk 5 minutes and be in fields and woodland, but have all of the amenities close by offered by Winchester, Southampton and Portsmouth and the Solent area. We are currently facing challenges because our village is changing more rapidly than ever before, especially in Boorley Green. Despite these changes, I believe it is critical we maintain the sense of village identity, heritage and community we are lucky enough to enjoy in Botley.

I regard my role as a Parish Councillor to be independent of any party politics, and to listen to and represent parishioners, especially those who feel they do not have a voice. Everyone should feel they are able to shape how Botley develops for the good of our children and future generations.

*Do you enjoy working outdoors but are fed up with just mowing the lawn and potting your geraniums?*

*Would you like to be involved in conservation rather than just gardening?*

*If so, we'd love to meet you!*

Friends of Pudbrook volunteer group meet once a month on



**FRIENDS of  
PUDBROOK**

Wednesdays 2-4pm to work in this special wildlife area. A regular commitment is not required and all assistance is gratefully received.

**Next meeting dates:**

<b>26 April</b>	<b>24 May</b>
<b>28 June</b>	<b>26 July</b>

Please phone the Parish Office on 01489 787181 to find out more and to offer your help. We look forward to hearing from you.



I'm Cllr Kevin Williamson, one of the newest councillors. It was a real surprise last May when I was elected to the parish council. I've been a member of the Labour Party since I was fifteen and it's a privilege to be able to serve. I've lived in Botley for over 20 years and it's a place that's been fantastic for bringing up our family. Great schools, the beautiful countryside on our doorstep, the services we need close by and even access to a reliable train service to London where I currently work as an ombudsman.

The biggest issue for many people at the moment is how to strike the right balance in ensuring that existing residents can continue to enjoy the quality of life that we have while expanding our village to provide the homes we so desperately need. I think we need to do more to expand the number of genuinely affordable homes – buying and renting homes is too expensive for most young people, and that's not right. The best way to balance these tensions is to develop a proper local

neighbourhood plan so that development happens in a way that most people find acceptable.

There are lots of other issues for us to work together as a community to tackle. Air pollution is a blight on our area and the sooner the Botley by-pass is delivered the better. I'd like to see fewer layers of local government and more responsibilities and resources flowing to local parishes where that's appropriate.

A final thought. Although I've been a member of the parish council for less than a year, what's clear to me is how seriously councillors and our staff take their roles. The motivation to make a difference and the personal sacrifices that they all make really do provide an inspiring benchmark for a new councillor!



I am Cllr Vanessa Bord, one of the elected parish councillors in Botley and have lived in the area for about 30 years. I love most of what is in my area, but sometimes find it hard to accept the inevitable changes over the years: more traffic, development and being part of such a vastly grown community. I retired a few years ago, after working as a social worker and in schools with children with varying special needs. Being on the parish council has given me the opportunity to contribute a little to what goes on in our village, and I have become more aware of how the various groups and societies contribute so much to community life.

I believe that everyone counts - their views, needs, worries and gifts. To be able to be involved with the different aspects of our lives in this community is a privilege.

### Parish Council Meetings

The Council's meetings take place at 7.15pm on the second Tuesday of every month. Planning & Highways Committee meetings start at 7.15pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month, followed at 8.15pm by either the Recreation or Policy & Resources Committee. Meetings are open to the public and are held in either the Diamond Jubilee Hall or in the Committee Room at the Botley Centre. See Parish Council notice boards for dates and agenda details.

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### Clerk to the Parish Council

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Telephone: 01489 787181 e-mail: parish.clerk@botley.com

## HISTORY FROM BOORLEY PARK

*The following article was sent to the Parish Council by Rob Medway of Meonstoke and gives an interesting insight into the past of the area at Boorley Green where the new development (Boorley Park) is currently is being built.*

I was fortunate enough that these fields (now the development of Boorley Park) were my play area as a child, growing up in a family who lived in New Road (now called Oatlands Road). Atop the little rise behind Braxalls Farm were the remains of an old Second World War concrete searchlight and lookout facility.

When I had completed my teacher training I taught for a period at Curdridge County Primary School at the end of Maddoxford Lane. One of our topics of study was World War II and to make the topic come alive I invited some of the local elderly folk into school to talk to the children about their wartime experiences .

One such character was Miss Elcock who had run the Botley newsagents. I had known her for many years as I was the Boorley Green paperboy for 5 years - cycling to Botley every morning to collect 24 papers and returning to Boorley Green to deliver them took just over 30 minutes.

Miss Elcock shared a fascinating hour with my pupils enthralled them with stories of the war effort, but the most vivid was about Boorley Green.

She ran the newsagents in Botley Square by day and had two small boys billeted with her as well. She liked the children, but being a spinster lady she was at a loss as to how to entertain them and so they were quickly found new homes and her role changed. Her new duties were to be at Boorley Green.

Each evening she was to cycle to Boorley Green and then walk to the top of the hill where the search light was

situated, taking flasks of hot tea to rally the spirits of the men who were on watch there all night . She said that many a night they sat there in the cold and dark chatting and listening for aircraft.

The planes did not show identity lights and so the sounds were all important. The English and German planes had engines which made a different sound and they had to speculate as to which air force the planes belonged, friend or foe!

This talk was over 40 years ago and yet I can remember it as plain as day; the children were fascinated by the tale of these unknown men who worked all day and spent all night at their posts to help to protect the land.

Wave after wave of bombers would attack Southampton and their return journey took them over our region. One such bomber found he still had a single bomb left on board and decided to use it on Hill Farm just across the valley at Netherhill. It was a direct hit, destroying the farmhouse and killing all those inside.

This new estate is not just fields but has a proud history which in my opinion should be celebrated and I would be grateful if you could make this little story known and share it with those to whom it would have some value. The memory of these brave men and women is worth recording and celebrating and passing on to future generations.

*Rob Medway*

*Editors' Note: If any readers have memories of the village they would like to share, we would love to hear from you, with a view to possible future newsletter articles.*

*Please write to us at the Parish Office, The Botley Centre, High Street, Botley SO30 2ES, or send an email to [deborah.barnes@botley.com](mailto:deborah.barnes@botley.com)*

### FAREWELL TO EASTLEIGH SOUTHERN PARISHES OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM (ESPOPF)

On November 15 2016 ESPOPF members met for the last time to celebrate 20 years of lobbying and campaigning for older people in Eastleigh's Southern Parishes. The occasion was the launch of ESPOPF's report: "*Alarming Conclusions - older people and emergencies*".

Tribute was paid to the amazing achievements of the Forum in raising awareness of the contribution older people can make to the development of national and international policy when their voices are heard. Speakers also emphasised the urgent need for national and local government to work with older people, promote age-

friendly communities with more digital inclusion, and responsive emergency services.



An award was presented to Diane Andrewes, in recognition of 20 years of dedicated service as Hon. Secretary. All members were thanked for their involvement.

[www.espopf.org](http://www.espopf.org) contains research, newsletters and annual reports and will have a brief history of ESPOPF later in 2017.

### BOTLEY IN BLOOM - 2017

It may only be Spring, but Botley in Bloom is already planning this year's Gardening Competition.

Entry forms will be available from 1 June to all residents living in the Parish of Botley, with 2016 entrants automatically receiving an entry form.

Categories: Front, Back & Cottage/Courtyard Gardens, Baskets/Containers, Vegetable Plots and Allotments. Judging takes place during mid-July, with our Presentation Evening held in the Autumn.

Winners of the categories are presented with perpetual trophies, engraved with their name, which they may keep for 1 year. They also receive a lovely hand-made plaque, which is theirs to keep.

So please remember 1 June and if you haven't entered before, give it a try. Looking forward to receiving your entries this Summer.

Botley in Bloom



## Hedge End Breakfast Rotary Club

There was no time for post-Christmas blues at Hedge End Breakfast Rotary Club as the new year got off to a very busy start for our members and also for some of the pupils at Wildern School, who took part in the first heats of two national Rotary competitions.

The first event was the Rotary Young Musicians Competition. The variety of the programme and the high standard of the performances made it a very enjoyable evening. There were two pianists, a flautist, a guitarist, a trombonist and two singers. Each one of the performers was an accomplished, well rehearsed musician.



### *Rotary Young Musicians Competitors proudly show their certificates*

After some deliberation pianist Robert Smith, who played “The Lark” by Glinka Balakirev, was declared the winner. This was a very challenging piece to play and it was certainly exciting to listen to. Robert will now go forward to next stage of the competition .

On 31 January it was time for the Rotary “Youth Speaks” competition. Six teams took part and the subjects covered were both varied and topical - “The Dangers of Artificial Intelligence”; “Is Anything Healthy?”; “Can Beauty be Defined?”; “Fast Fashion”; “Exploitation of Animals” and “Close to the Heart, Close to the Home”.

All of the speakers argued their points very convincingly and had clearly done a lot of research into their subjects. The judges, who had the almost impossible task of selecting a winner, were former Mayor of Eastleigh Councillor Jane Welsh, Deputy Town Clerk Denise Lowth and Penny Langford of Wildern School. The winners were Elizabeth Addis, Amelia Ngomud and Lizzy Qi, whose subject was “Can Beauty be Defined?”

All the participants in both competitions were presented with certificates by Rotary Club President Elizabeth Carter, pictured far right.

In January members of Hedge End Rotary Club also competed in darts and skittles competitions against other Rotary Clubs and celebrated the Club’s birthday at a Burns Night celebration which was held at Ferneham Hall in aid of the Rainbow Centre. The next big event will be the Hedge End Older Residents’ Afternoon Tea Party on 9 April and, of course, our regular Tuesday meetings.

If helping the community whilst having a great time appeals to you, you can find us on Facebook, on our web site or telephone David Baynes on 01489 690126. We would be very pleased to hear from you.

## PROBUS CLUB OF HAMBLE VALLEY

We are a Club for retired and semi-retired men. We meet in the Diamond Jubilee Hall at the Botley Centre on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10am to 12 noon. At our meetings we enjoy good company and interesting talks on a wide variety of topics.

New members are very welcome. Please contact the Secretary, Martin Mills on 01489 788659

### Details of forthcoming meetings:

April 5	Reach for the Sky
April 19	The Religions of India
May 3	Church Schools in the Current Educational Landscape
May 17	Experiences of the South Atlantic
June 7	HMS Excellent: Whale Island
June 21	Marine Conservation Society

## Alphabets Pre-School, Botley

Rated "Good" with outstanding features  
from Ofsted 2015

- \* We take children from 2 to 4 years old
- \* We offer flexible sessions between 9am and 3pm
- \* We have a large outdoor area with artificial grass, shelter and climbing frame allowing free flow play



\*15 hours free funding available for  
2,3 & 4 year olds

\* Potential for 30 hours free funding  
from September 2017 subject to  
eligibility and availability.

For more information please contact  
07867 542988

Email: [contact@alphabets.org.uk](mailto:contact@alphabets.org.uk)  
[www.alphabets.org.uk](http://www.alphabets.org.uk)

The Scout Hall, Botley Centre, High  
Street Recreation Ground, Botley, SO30 2ES

## Alphabets Pre-school Summer Fair & Open Day

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10am-12pm

- ☆ Raffle
- ☆ Tea and coffee
- ☆ Drinks
- ☆ Cake Stall
- ☆ Ice cream
- ☆ Face Painting
- ☆ Games
- ☆ Chocolate Tombola
- ☆ Kids craft Table and much more

Botley Recreation Ground, High Street, Botley

Bring your friends & family



In return for being allowed to wear their  
Christmas jumpers for a week, **Botley  
Bees Pre-School** children each donated a  
food item to make a food hamper to  
donate to the food bank.

We told the children how some people  
do not have enough food and that they  
were doing a kind act by donating food  
to them. The One Community mini-bus  
came to collect the huge box full of food  
we had collected, as they are an official  
food bank drop off point.

The children's  
parents were very  
happy to have  
contributed and for  
their children to be  
photographed  
handing it over.



Karen Murray



Friends of Botley School regularly run events raising  
money to support the education of the children at  
Botley C of E Primary School.

You don't have to have a child at the School in  
order to help us! We are a key part of the community and would  
love to involve as many of the residents and businesses of Botley as  
possible. You can contribute to this worthy cause by:

- Making cakes: **Easter Cake Sale, Monday 3 April**: we would  
welcome any cup-cake sized cakes (MUST be nut-free). Bring  
them to the school office on that morning.
- Donations of the following good quality items for our  
**Bag2School Event, Friday 31 March**. Bring them to the school  
office on 30th March:  
Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing (no towels)  
Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)  
Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves, Ties and Belts, Soft toys
- Sponsorship for our events: Contact [chairman@botleyfobs.co.uk](mailto:chairman@botleyfobs.co.uk)  
if you, or your business, would be interested in any way.
- Donation of raffle/tombola prizes for our  
**Summer Fayre, Saturday 24 June, 12-3pm** any donations.  
These can be brought to the office in the preceding week.

For details of the rest of our events please visit:

[www.botleyfobs.co.uk/events](http://www.botleyfobs.co.uk/events)

If you have any questions then please email  
[secretary@botleyfobs.co.uk](mailto:secretary@botleyfobs.co.uk)



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 24 June 12-3pm  
Botley C of E Primary School  
Summer Fayre

[www.botleyfobs.co.uk](http://www.botleyfobs.co.uk)  
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## BOTLEY FLORAL CLUB



Botley Floral Club started the New Year with a tea party and demonstration by two of our members. The demonstration was guidance for February's work-in to give members ideas for their creation.

In March the club will enjoy a professional demonstration and in April another work-in. The theme for this work-in will be 'a round table decoration'.

Our May meeting welcomes a NAFAS demonstrator whose title is 'DIY SOS'.

All are welcome to our meetings. We are a friendly group with varying levels of proficiency in flower arranging; above all we enjoy each others company.

We meet the 2nd Wednesday in the month in The Diamond Jubilee Hall at The Botley Centre, High Street Recreation Ground.

Enquiries to Christine Clemons, 01489 790522 or Veronica Mason, 01489 786638.

## BOTLEY WI

The new year started with a discussion on the proposed resolutions for 2017. The majority vote from Botley members was to support women's refuges to safeguard them from future budget cuts. February was our annual New Year Dinner when once again we were served a delicious meal.

A varied programme has been arranged for 2017 including walks, craft, reading group and speakers.

20 April: Shapes and Styles to Flatter your Figure by Linda MacDonald

18 May: Annual Meeting

15 June: The Mistletoe Path - an Introduction to Modern Druidism by Anne Coleman



**Spring Coffee  
Morning  
Saturday 22 April  
Botley Market Hall  
11.00am - 1.00pm  
Cakes. Books. Raffle.  
Refreshments**

Botley WI meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in Botley Market Hall at 7.30. New members always welcome. For more information contact our secretary, Jean Travers tel. no. 01489 785712.

Clare Harding, President Botley WI

## BOTLEY MARKET HALL

The Market Hall is owned and run by a local charity, and local people, like you, are the Trustees and volunteers who make the Hall such a success. Over 20 local organisations meet there, it can be booked for private functions and it hosts top class entertainment.

Join in by coming along to the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 4 May 7.30pm at the Hall. The guest speaker will be Mike Wagstaff from Chalice Mead, local mead makers who will talk about how mead is made, and will offer tastings.

We very much welcome new Trustees and volunteers: ring Derek on 781155 to find out more. You don't have to be experienced, just to have an interest in supporting a successful local enterprise. You give what you want in terms of time and commitment.

## BOTLEY GARDENING CLUB

For armchair gardeners, experts, amateurs or just those who would like to meet others with an interest in gardening, wildlife and the environment.

Monthly Wednesday evening meetings at the Market Hall - the next one is on 19 April, 7.30pm with a talk on Hardy Geraniums. Further talks this year include house plants, roses and hedgehogs.

Please join us - we welcome new members and visitors. Ring 781155 to find out more.

### *Botley Choral Society: Spring Concert*

*Vivaldi - Magnificat  
Vivaldi - Beatus Vir in C  
Pergolesi - Stabat Mater*

Saturday 1 April, 7.30pm, St Nicholas Church, Wickham  
Sunday 2 April, 7.30pm, All Saints Church, Botley

Tickets £12 (£10 concessions) from:  
All Saints Church Parish Office, Botley 01489 782445  
Or Tel: 07941 884419 or online at [www.botleychoral.co.uk](http://www.botleychoral.co.uk)

## BATH CAMERATA PERFORM IN BOTLEY

On the 10 December, Botley Church resounded to the wonderful voices of Bath Camerata, with a concert of modern and classical Christmas music.

They delivered renditions of classics such as White Christmas and pieces by modern composers like Whitacre and Lauridsen. Other composers and arrangers included Britten, Parry, Todd and Bennett. From the deeply sacred (The Lamb by John Tavener) to the totally joyous (12 Days of Christmas arranged by Humphris) the choir showed not only that English choral tradition is alive and kicking, but that the musical heritage in Botley is also thriving.

Botley is lucky to have a lively music scene with regular concerts in the Church and other local venues well supported by the local community, as well as a large and highly rated Choral Society. Details of concerts and other music can be obtained by phoning 782445.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

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### **FREE Crime & Community Information**

Register at [www.hampshirealert.co.uk](http://www.hampshirealert.co.uk) or  
Hand into **The Co-op Botley** or into **The Parish Office**

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**Postcode -**

**Email -**

**Contact Nos - Home / Mobile -**

**Please give at least one contact number**

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Do you have a disability (circle) – Yes    No    Prefer not to say

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To receive free crime and community information for your area visit [www.hampshirealert.co.uk](http://www.hampshirealert.co.uk) and register, alternatively fill in above form and return it to the Co-op in Botley or the Botley Parish Office in the Botley Centre.

When the police put out information an e-mail is automatically sent to everyone on the Police alert system thus keeping you up to date.

For up to date information on your local Policing Team and priorities for your area visit:

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/my-neighbourhood>.

### **BOTLEY BEAT SURGERY**

There is a monthly police beat surgery held at  
All Saints Church, High Street, Botley  
Thursdays 10 - 11 am.

Next meeting dates:

6 April    4 May    13 June    27 July

Come and meet your local policing team,  
PC Robin Tebb and PCSO Steve Hill.

Receive crime prevention advice, helpful free  
booklets/leaflets or just pop in and have a  
friendly chat, giving you a chance to air your  
problems/issues in your community.



### **WARNINGS FROM HAMPSHIRE TRADING**

#### **Suspicious Telephone Call**

Be alert to people on the phone  
calling about existing **Personal  
Community/Care Alarms**

The caller may claim to be from  
the resident's alarm provider.  
As well as trying to obtain personal  
information, there may be an  
attempt to sell a replacement alarm  
The Alarm may not have remote  
monitoring or back up in  
the case of emergency

**Residents are urged not to buy  
alarms or to give ANY personal  
details, especially bank  
or card details, over the phone**

#### **Doorstep Callers – Office of Fair Trading**

Be alert to Cold Callers at the door  
claiming to be investigators from  
the Office of Fair Trading.

They claim to be taking action  
against a company that has done  
poor work for the resident in the  
past, and that they can claim  
compensation if the resident  
pays court costs.

#### **These claims are untrue.**

It is thought that the callers are  
using information gained from  
rogue traders about their  
past victims.

For further advice, to report a scam or  
doorstep crime or to request a  
Trading Standards approved trader  
scheme '**Buy With Confidence**'  
directory call our partners at the  
Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline  
03454 04 05 06