**The Law and Smoking** – please read

Legally shops cannot sell cigarettes to people under 18 (as of 1 October 2007)

Legally you cannot buy cigarettes until the age of 18 (as of 1 October 2007)

Legally you cannot smoke in enclosed public spaces (as of 1 July 2007)

It is illegal to display cigarettes in a large shop (as of 15 April 2012) and will be illegal in all shops from April 2015.

Tobacco displays attract new young smokers and those who have given up or are trying to.

Tobacco display is a form of advertising. Tobacco advertising has been illegal in England since early 2003.

Public opinion since 2009 has shown strong public support for the ban of displays at the point of sale.

**Effects of smoking** – please read

Short-term effects: feel less stressed and anxious, smelly clothes, hair and breath, stained fingers and teeth, coughing, increased heart rate and high blood pressure.

Longer-term effects: lung damage, lung cancer, heart damage, appear much older, cancer of the mouth, throat and lips, pregnancy complications, passive smoking can cause asthma and cancer.