



# Headbourne Worthy Village News

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## Headbourne Worthy War Memorial Launch of Restoration Appeal

The Parish Council has a legal responsibility for the maintenance of the war memorial, which it is proud and happy to accept on behalf of the community. Tony Dowland of the Worthys branch of the British Legion, has proposed its restoration to coincide with the Great War centenary, and the Battle of the Somme fought 100 years ago in the summer of 2016.

With this in mind, the PC has agreed to part fund the cost, and to launch a special appeal for funds, calling for donations from village organisations and individuals who would like to mark the centenary of the fiercest battle of the Great War in this way, and honour the memory of the men who are commemorated on our memorial. For an article from Tony and more details of the Appeal Launch see Pages 2 & 3.



## New Local Housing Need?

The Parish Council has for some time been concerned about local housing needs, and about being unable to fulfil our obligations in this area. An opportunity has arisen to work with Winchester Housing Trust which has been offered land at Barton Hill for a rural exception site - a small development of rural social housing exclusively for people with a local connection to Headbourne Worthy.

The first step along this route is to find out the level of local need for such housing. Do you know of a local family struggling to afford private rents, or somebody who would love to return to their roots but is unable to afford the cost of buying or renting locally?

The Parish Council is determined that any new housing here will be in keeping, of a small scale, and provided in response to clear, identified local need. Please do contact our Parish Clerk, Lisa Lacey, (details below) to let us know in complete confidence of any housing need you are aware of, so that we can decide whether to support this new development.



**To contact your Parish Council, visit [www.theworthys.org.uk](http://www.theworthys.org.uk)**

or contact the Parish Clerk, Lisa Lacey. [clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk)

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## 'We Will Remember Them'

When the War Memorial was placed in St Swithun's Churchyard, the Trustees admonished future generations to ensure that the Memorial Cross should be kept in good and substantial repair and in particular that the names inscribed be kept lightly defined to be at all times a lasting record of those for whom the Memorial has been erected. This was stated in April 1920 on a framed document which remains on display in the Vestry. Earlier, a fund had been raised to erect the Memorial to show the names of those who fell in The Great War 1914-1919 which was to be maintained in perpetuity. Since then, additional names have been added to remember those men who lost their lives during the 1939-1945 conflict.

Over time, repairs have been made when necessary but additional



treatment is now required. The stonework has become heavily weather stained exacerbated by the damp location and weather action has also caused the lettering to become seriously eroded. In addition, the base is in need of minor repairs to the stonework with joints re-pointed where mortar has become dislodged.

The Parish Council has requested quotes from skilled restorers so that all of these defects may be remedied by appropriate and careful treatment. The stone will be sensitively cleaned yet retaining a patina of age, the names would be re-cut and re-painted black as the original lettering and the repairs to the base effected.

The cost is estimated to be about £3,000 and, whilst the Parish Council is prepared to underwrite part of the cost, it is felt that local people, businesses and organisations might wish to be associated with the scheme by making donations. In so doing, the local community would be party to ensuring that the original Trustees' wishes are observed and those local men who fell are remembered by those who followed.

*Tony Dowland*

*Former Chair, Worthys Branch of the Royal British Legion.*



# War Memorial Restoration Fund Appeal Launch Wednesday 18th November at 11am

The Parish Council will launch the Appeal to help pay for the restoration of the War Memorial at a special gathering on Wednesday 18th November at 11am at St Swithun's Church.

Please join us for a glass of wine or cup of coffee and bring your cheque books, as donations (made payable to Headbourne Worthy Parish Council) will be accepted on the day. Launching the appeal will be Deputy Mayor of Winchester Cllr Jane Rutter, who is also a member of the Parish Council. Also attending will be other members of the Parish Council, other local civic representatives, members of the British



Legion, and our new Rector, Revd. Paul Bradish. You are all most welcome to join us on Wednesday 18th November at 11am at the war memorial.

## Worthys Festival

**Annual General Meeting**

**From 7pm**

**Tuesday 17th November**

**at the King Charles Pub,  
Kings Worthy**

*Come and celebrate the great success that was the 2015 Worthys Festival, and help decide the future of this unique community event. Join us for a drink and nibbles, and together we will plan the future of the Worthys Festival.*

**All welcome!**

## Parish Council Vacancy

We are looking for a new councillor to join us. As part of the first line or tier of local government, the role is an interesting and worth-while position.

The PC does not espouse Party Politics and has to be seen to be working for the community as a whole, irrespective of personal or group views. There are six scheduled meetings per year at which we ..... Well – what do we do?

Have a chat with a current post holder to get an idea, or why not come along to our next meeting on Monday 9th Nov at 7.15 in the Rooms behind St Mary's Church.

*Harry Whorwood, Chair, HWPC.*

## New Parish Clerk

We are delighted to welcome Lisa Lacey who is taking over from Adrian Reeves as our Parish Clerk. Here she introduces herself:

"Hello, I am Lisa Lacey your new clerk for Headbourne Worthy Parish Council. I am very excited about my new role and looking forward to being able to support the Headbourne Worthy Parish Councillors. My role as clerk is to ensure the council is run competently as well as having responsibility for the financial management of the council. My contact details are below and I am happy to hear from you by phone or email, Monday to Friday."

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"Outside of my working life I enjoy walking my dogs and spending time at my allotment." Lisa Lacey.

## Church Green Play Area Opened



After several years of campaigning, residents of Headbourne Worthy with small children now have access to a play area within yards of the parish boundary. The small-scale rustic play area on Church Green was officially opened on Thursday 22nd October, and Cllrs Jane Rutter and Claire Welland went along. The play equipment has been jointly funded by Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy Parish Councils, and will be an excellent addition to other play areas further afield such as at

Chandler Road in Abbots Barton and Eversley Park in Kings Worthy. Cllr Welland said 'We at the Parish Council are thrilled that the play area has now been constructed. We hope that it will prove to be a well-used resource for young families in the village.'