



# Headbourne Worthy Village News

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News and Information from your local Parish Council

## Headbourne Worthy Annual Litter Pick Saturday 5th March from 10.30am



### CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Meet at Marlands on London Road just past the end of Bedfield Lane on Saturday 5th March for our annual village clean-up, kindly hosted by Christine and Bevis Clarke-Smith. Coffee and biscuits are available before we send you off in small teams and family groups, with bags, litter picking sticks and high-visibility waistcoats to scour the hedgerows and byways for litter. This annual event is slightly earlier than usual to coincide with the national 'Clean for the Queen' campaign, aimed at really tackling the national disgrace that is the state of our roadsides, in time for the Queen's 90th birthday later this year.

Motorists and their passengers are increasingly the guilty parties for this roadside littering, and anybody throwing litter out of a car is reminded that they are liable to an £80 on the spot fine, and persistent litter bugs can be prosecuted in the courts and even imprisoned. New rules mean that roads with speed limits over 40mph have to have lane closures to protect workmen who are clearing up litter, making the process even more difficult and expensive for local authorities.



### Pound Road Doctor's Surgery back under threat of closure

The Friarsgate Practice has failed in its bid to build a new Medical Centre jointly with other local doctors. A 'drop-in session' on their renewed proposals to close the current surgery in Kings Worthy will be on Saturday 5th March from 10am - 12 noon at their Weeke surgery.



The speed limit along the entire length of **Springvale Road** will officially be reduced to 30mph from 7th March. This follows a long campaign by local residents and latterly the support of the Kings Worthy Parish Council.

We hope this will make it more likely that people will keep to the 30mph limit through Headbourne Worthy. We should ensure that we, as local residents, always lead by example and stick to 30mph or less!

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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# Headbourne Worthy Youth Watch

Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Margaret Filley, already does much for Headbourne Worthy. Over the past year, she has also been hosting monthly meetings of Headbourne Worthy Youth Watch, along with PCSO Kerry Croutear. All children in the village are welcome, and recent topics have included: learning the phonetic alphabet, looking after vulnerable neighbours, and remembering what to do if you spot something suspicious.

Please contact Margaret at [m.filley310@btinternet.com](mailto:m.filley310@btinternet.com) if your children would like to attend.

One of the Young Neighbourhood Watchers, Kira (aged 12), wrote this about the group:

“Youth Watch is about keeping safe, making the right choices, taking actions when things don’t seem right, caring for others – where and when we can, enjoying and looking after our village, reminding our families to help us stop

crime and also through our PCSO getting to understand how to look after ourselves, our family and our village.

We have held a meeting at the Dower House which is part of Headbourne Worthy House. That day we were joined by another PCSO and the meeting was especially fun because we got to try on the police outfits and handcuffs. We had a look at the inside of a police car. We also got to learn more about the police and their job.

We brought afternoon tea around to a vulnerable elderly resident with dementia. She was so pleased and we enjoyed meeting and talking with her.

Personally I am glad my brother and I joined Headbourne Worthy Youth Watch and I’m so excited for its future.”

*Claire Welland*  
Parish Councillor



# War Memorial Restoration Fund Appeal Latest

A wonderful Christmas lights display by Barry Pearce in his garden at Green Close, Wellhouse Lane raised £260 towards the appeal fund. Huge thanks to Barry for his great Christmas spirit and generosity.

Another significant boost to the appeal has come from Kings Worthy School, where £85 was raised by creating the outline of a poppy using coins donated by the children. Head teacher Julie Mullane commented,

“Our children had been learning about Remembrance and the significance of local war memorials. After hearing about the

Headbourne Worthy appeal, they were delighted to be able to support their local community.”

This brings the total raised so far through the Appeal to £905. The Parish Council is applying for a grant from the War Memorials Trust. With £3,000 to raise we have high hopes of restoring the memorial in time for the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme.



## Winchester City Council Elections 5th May

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, Winchester City Council elections will be held. This year, because of ward boundary changes, and a reduction in the number of councillors from 57 to 45, all councillors' seats are up for election. As a result of the boundary changes, Headbourne Worthy has moved back to a ward which includes Kings Worthy. We have been part of the Sparsholt Ward (along with Crawley), and our elected representative has been Cllr Caroline Horrill. We must say farewell to Caroline, and we thank her for her service to our community. As of May we will be part of the new three-member Worthys Ward, which includes Kings Worthy, Abbots Worthy, and Worthy Down. Doubtless information on candidates will be forthcoming.

## Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council is made up of 7 Councillors, and we currently have 6. If you are interested in local issues and are keen to make a difference, could you be our new Parish Councillor? You need to have been resident in Headbourne Worthy for at least a year to qualify. If this sounds like it might be you, please contact our Parish Clerk, Lisa Lacey, at [clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.headbourneworthy@parish.hants.gov.uk) or 01489 808170 for more information.



*A recent Winchester Housing Trust development for Micheldever Parish Council*

## Local Housing Need?

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 in Headbourne Worthy?

The Parish Council is exploring an opportunity to work in partnership with Winchester Housing Trust to build a small development of rental and shared ownership social housing, exclusively for people with a local connection to Headbourne Worthy. The properties will be of a high quality and will be sensitively

designed to fit in with the rural village location.

The first step is to find out what is needed in our village. Please contact the Parish Clerk, Lisa Lacey, in confidence, to let us know of any housing need you are aware of.

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## "What if?"

**A train came off the rails?**

**A wing fell off an overflying 'plane'?**

**There was a long power outage?**

**There was a flood or pestilence, or a plague of frogs? - What if?**

What if "the authorities" had to evacuate houses or areas? Where would those people go? How would they be fed? If you are able-bodied you might be able to cope, but what about vulnerable people? However unlikely an event might seem, or however far fetched the proposition, someone would look after us wouldn't they? And if they didn't we would jolly well make our views known on the lack of planning or anticipation - wouldn't we?

However, to some degree, the buck stops here; in our community. The Government believes in the benefits of Community Resilience and we have seen examples of it in the floods in Cumbria and Lancashire at the start of the year. The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Resilience Forum brings together the three main emergency responders and a host of second tier organisations who can offer assistance or experience and trained personnel to respond quickly to unfolding emergencies. However skilled these people are, and no matter how hard they plan and train for emergencies they cannot know every community,

every street, every house and the location of every vulnerable person. This is local knowledge which we all have, and which, in an emergency is valuable information to those responding on our behalf.

In essence, every community is encouraged to have an emergency community response plan to help deal with whatever may befall us. This plan is stored in "the cloud" (remotely) and is available to the three main responders, and the County and City Councils, to help them with their weak spot - local knowledge. This is not about dealing with the incident - this is about the important, vital, background assistance the community can provide.

As much as I admire my fellow Councillors for their sagacity, energy and dedication, I think they would agree that they are not the only, or perhaps the best people to work on a plan - this is a village issue. There is amongst the Community, I am sure, people with current job skills and knowledge, or retired skills, or knowledge of responding to or caring for people, or who know how to brew some tea, who could join a working party to help the village prepare such an emergency plan.

Our annual meeting in May will see the launch of a working party - will you, can you, help the community in this project? Why not let Lisa know of your interest and we can keep you in touch with progress." *Harry Whorwood, Parish Chairman*