



# Headbourne Worthy Village News

Spring 2018

News and Information from your local Parish Council

## Village Spring Clean 10<sup>th</sup> March

Come and join local Parish Councillors and neighbours to give Headbourne Worthy parish a great Spring Clean. We will be including for the first time the new roads in Kings Barton, so we particularly welcome volunteers from there!



A great turn-out of volunteer litter-pickers in 2017

We meet at 10am for a reviving coffee and biscuit at Marlands, London Road, (nearly) opposite the end of Bedfield Lane. Many thanks to Chris and Bevis Clarke-Smith for again hosting us. We will provide you with litter pickers and bags and gloves are available.

Everyone is asked to wear a high visibility jacket - we will be providing those as well of course, and children are welcome, although we do ask that they be very closely supervised.

### Parish Council Elections

Elections to the Parish Council will be held this May 3rd. Anybody who lives or works within the Parish and has done for at least a year is eligible to stand for election. There are seven places at present on Headbourne Worthy Parish Council (which currently covers almost all of the new development at Kings Barton). Nomination forms are available from the Clerk or the City Council offices in Winchester.

### Parish Meetings

Forthcoming meetings of the Parish Council are:  
5th March 2018  
21st May - Annual Parish Mtg  
All meetings begin at 7.15pm in St Mary's Church Rooms, London Road, Kings Worthy.  
All local residents welcome.

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

or contact the Parish Clerk, Jill Judge, email [clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk](mailto:clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk)

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# The Parish Precept - by Cllr Claire Welland

The Parish Council receives the money it needs to carry out all its responsibilities from the Precept: collected on our behalf by Winchester City Council as part of each household's Council Tax. The Precept is discussed and agreed at the Parish Council's January meeting each year, and the funds are received by the Parish Council at the beginning of the financial year, in April.

We are very aware that we need to provide value for money to our residents, and we also need to be able to address any issues within the Parish. It can be a difficult balance to strike. This year you will see that the amount of precept that we have requested has increased. However, because the number of houses that the precept is collected from has also increased, the increase per household is small. Most of the new houses in our parish are in Kings Barton. However, you will also have noticed lots of building work going on within the village.

Some of our costs have increased, for example our insurance premium has gone up because we have taken responsibility for the War Memorial and the play area in The Dell, and our printing costs have increased because there are more households in the parish to deliver newsletters to. The Parish Council continues to add to a reserve towards flood mitigation, and this year we decided to increase the amount. Finally, this is an election year and we have been advised to have a reserve to cover costs in the event of a contested Parish Council election.

However, we hope that you agree that we're doing a fair amount for the money that we get. Please do talk to our Clerk or come along to one of our meetings if you would like to raise any questions or comments regarding what we do. If you'd like to get more involved, we will be setting up a working group to look into a Village Design Statement for Headbourne Worthy.

## Welcome to new Parish Councillor



*A message from Giles Vigor-Robertson, recently co-opted onto the Parish Council.*

"My family and I have been living in Headbourne Worthy since 2008 and we've

come to love the village and our community too. I'm lucky enough to work from home, so see regular faces through the week and lots of new folks at the weekend as they pull in to The Goodlife Farm Shop. Headbourne Worthy continues to change and change can be good as long as change is of benefit to

the community as a whole. I've joined the Parish Council to help protect & enhance the integrity of the rural setting Headbourne Worthy enjoys in the face of that inevitable change."



Giles played an energetic role in helping to deal with flooding in 2014

# Thank you to local Scouts!

*As always, we are very grateful to the local Scout group for delivering these newsletters. Here Dom tells us about why they are so keen to help out...*

'My name is Dom and I am a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Winchester Scout Group. We assist the Parish Council by delivering newsletters around Headbourne Worthy and posting them through letter boxes 3 times a year. It is important that Scout groups help their community as that is one of the things that Lord Baden-Powell originally intended for Scouts over 100 years ago in 1908. If you want to find out more about what we do or join in please contact [gsl@3rdwincscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@3rdwincscouts.org.uk).'

*Thank you Dom - we think Lord Baden-Powell would be very proud of you all for helping out in this way.*



## Where have our crocuses gone??

Last October, in addition to the bulbs generously planted by Worthy Conservation volunteers, three of your Parish Councillors planted daffodil bulbs and crocuses at the bottom of Bedfield Lane so that we'd have an early spring display before the nettles took over. The daffs are flourishing (see photo), but there's nary a sign of the crocuses.... Meanwhile we are delighted to report that at the TOP of Bedfield Lane, last year's crocuses are blooming again (see second photo). We hope you enjoy them as much as we do!

*Gimma Macpherson, Parish Councillor*





If the answer is yes, we are looking for you!

We are seeking new trainee Advisers to join our Information and Advice Team at our Winchester Office. You would be contacting people by telephone, email or face-to-face to assist them with their queries and difficulties. This could involve answering questions, filling in forms and liaising with other agencies. We're also looking for new Reception/Resources Assistants to take enquiries from the public and assist with managing our resources.

If you would like to know more about either of these roles, please contact Suzanne on 0800 328 7154 for an informal discussion, or email us on [info@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk](mailto:info@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk)  
We'd love to hear from you!

## NEW VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Are you looking for a volunteer role that is varied, interesting and challenging?

Would you like to develop new skills, meet new people and help older people in your community?

## Affordable Housing Provision Locally

**Headbourne Worthy Parish Council** is working with the HARA Housing Partnership to develop a small affordable housing scheme for people with a local connection to the parish. The Parish Council wants to ensure that people with a local connection to Headbourne Worthy are given first priority for the affordable properties. By local connection we mean people who live, have lived, work or have close family in the parish.

The affordable housing units will be for Shared Ownership and Affordable Rent. We are currently unsure of the housing mix; this will be dependent on local demand.

**Only people who have registered** will be eligible for an affordable property. If you or someone you know would be interested in one of these affordable properties and have a local connection to Headbourne Worthy is in your/their interest to register as soon as possible.

**Hampshire Home Choice (join the waiting list)** <https://www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk/>

If you or someone you know is interested in a property at **Affordable Rent**, you/they need to register with Hampshire Home Choice. You/they can apply online through the link above. This link takes you/them to the Hampshire Home Choice homepage. If you/they scroll down you/they come to "register a housing application" and then you/they should be able to register from there. (Please read the information on the homepage about registering and bidding for properties).

Please contact Winchester City Council on 01962 848400 if you have questions.

**It is important that you state your local connection to Headbourne Worthy and explain that Headbourne Worthy is an area you wish to live in. You will not be able to bid for affordable properties in the parish if you do not state your local connection. Applicants are renewed every year so you must ensure that you respond to your renewal letter otherwise you will be removed.**

**Help to Buy South (join the waiting list)** <https://www.help Tobyouth.co.uk>

Register with Help to Buy South if you are interested in **Shared Ownership** properties.

You can apply online through the link above.

Please contact 0800 456 1188 if you have any questions.

