



Headbourne Worthy Village News

Spring 2017

News and Information from your local Parish Council

Barton Meadows Nature Reserve

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust has been appointed by CALA Homes on behalf of Winchester City Council to establish and manage a new Barton Meadows nature reserve on the land east of the railway line between Headbourne Worthy and Abbots Barton. The nature reserve aims to create a new habitat for wildlife displaced by the Barton Farm development, and the trust expects to see species like pollinating butterflies and bees, and farmland birds such as skylark, yellowhammer and linnet, all flourish on the site. *Cont. P3*

Village Litter Pick

This year's village litter pick will be on **Saturday 18th March**. Chris and Bevis Clarke-Smith have kindly agreed to host and organise us again with bags & litter-pickers and to arrange the collection of all the litter at the end of the morning. Join us at Marlands on London Road, from 10am for a reviving coffee before heading out to do battle with fast food packs, cans, bottles and fag packets - mostly thrown from speeding cars!

Parish Meeting Invite

Parish Council Chair Claire Welland cordially invites you to attend the Annual Parish Meeting from 7pm on Monday 3rd April in the Church Rooms, behind St Mary's Parish Church, Kings Worthy. This is your chance to influence some of the decisions affecting our village, and to catch up with neighbours over drinks.

"This year has seen much change: we said goodbye to Cllr Harry Whorwood, our previous Chair, as he and his wife moved away from Headbourne Worthy. *Cont.p4*

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or contact the Parish Clerk, Jill Judge, email clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk

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Christmas Lights Appeal



Many congratulations to Barry Pearce for his wonderful Christmas lights display. Every year Barry cheers all passers-by with a new display, and this year covered most of his house in Green Close on Wellhouse Lane with 20,000 light bulbs, most of which were LED, so had a frugal energy consumption of just 11p per hour.

Barry was collecting donations for the children's outpatients department at RHCH, and raised £300. One donation came via PayPal from the USA! Barry said, "As always it is about giving happiness to those that drive by and for me to give something to our community."

We love the lights Barry - please keep on cheering us up and raising those charity donations!

Headbourne Worthy has three notice-boards: at Taylor's Corner, at the junction of Bedfield Lane and Springvale Road, and at the junction of Nations Hill and Springvale Road.

The notice-board at Taylor's Corner was missing for a time, after a car collided with it. It has now been replaced. The other two notice-boards have been refurbished with a grey self-healing surface rather than the bare wooden boards. All three notice-boards should now be much easier to use.

Village Notice-Boards



Support the Mayor's Charity

Concert - 29th April - St Swithun's School - Cathedral Girls' Choir

Tickets available from the Tourist Information Centre at the Guildhall, tel 840500 or via the Mayor's charity website:

www.mayorofwinchesterscharities.co.uk

Parish Precept 2017/18 - by PC Chair 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 at the Parish Council's January meeting each year, and it is 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, but we also need to be able to address any issues within the Parish. It can be a difficult balance to strike. This year we have made some efficiencies in our general expenditure, although there are some increases in costs over which we have no control: for example

the room hire for our meetings at St Mary's Church Rooms and the audit fees.

However, we have decided to begin a reserve towards flood mitigation, and this is why you will see in your annual Council Tax bill a small increase in our Precept. We are working with Hampshire County Council to identify works to be carried out to mitigate against future flooding. The work will be costly and we will be applying for grants to assist us, but we decided that if we began to put funds in place ourselves then we could be more proactive in managing the risks.

If you have any queries regarding the Precept, please do contact either myself or the Clerk.

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The existing farmland will become wildflower grassland after a final crop is taken later this year. The reserve will include new permissive public access, forming a 2.75km circular path around the perimeter, and livestock will graze within the fencing.

More information will become available over the next few months, including on access points. The plans for the spring and summer include:

January – February: installation of livestock fencing and gates

February – March: installation of temporary information boards

March: management and wardening by HIWWT begins

August: final crop is harvested

September – October: re-seeding with wildflowers commences

Winchester Bereavement Support

Winchester Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation offering a service to bereaved individuals in Winchester and the surrounding areas. It is independent, and has no ties with statutory bodies or the churches. Support is normally given through home visits by "Bereavement Visitors" who are carefully selected and must successfully complete a comprehensive training programme.

Referrals are made directly by the bereaved person, although this is often on the recommendation of their G.P. The service is confidential, free, and the Visitors are given full support from trained Counsellors. We are planning to run a new Training Course, March—June 2017, and would be very glad to hear from anyone who might be interested in training for this very worthwhile service.

If you would like to be considered as a trainee, please ring: 01962 877102 or e-mail:

help@winchesterbereavementsupport.org.uk

Andover Road Bus Shelter

Headbourne Worthy Parish Council was contacted by a concerned resident regarding the state of the bus shelter on Andover Road, opposite the entrance to the Sir John Moore Barracks. The bus shelter was in a poor state of repair, and was



overgrown with foliage, and full of litter. The Parish Council had been unaware that this bus shelter was its responsibility, but once it was confirmed the tidying up and repairs were swiftly carried out.



Parish Meeting 3rd April Invite.. cont

"Harry made a significant contribution to the Parish Council, particularly with regard to Emergency Planning, and he has been missed. Our Clerk, Lisa Lacey, also moved on to a new job. Myself and our new Clerk, Jill Judge, have had a steep learning curve.

"The Parish Council is funded by the Precept - part of your Council Tax collected by Winchester City Council. Parish Councillors are volunteers representing the residents of the village, particularly with regard to consultations from higher tiers of local and national government, and planning applications. The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the War Memorial at St Swithun's Church, the footpaths that cross the village, and the bus shelters. We also conduct small projects to improve the community, for example bulb planting on the village verges. The Parish Council is able to escalate any issues or concerns that residents have to the appropriate organisation.

"This year, good progress has been made on a number of projects, including

finalising the restoration of the War Memorial in St Swithun's churchyard, upgrading our noticeboards, sorting out the parish's bus shelters and monitoring the work at Barton Farm and Barton Meadows to name but a few.

"However we need input from our residents to help us to prioritise our agenda for the coming year. We know that we need to focus on Emergency Planning and in particular flood mitigation (and we hope to have an update from Hampshire County Council at the meeting). We are also looking at ways in which we can improve the village with the funding which we receive from local housing development. Finally we want to improve communications between the Parish Council and the residents that we represent.

"For a small, rural community it certainly seems to be quite busy. We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, so if this seems like something you would like to get involved in, please contact our Clerk." *Claire Welland, Chair, HWPC.*