

Community Litter Picks



Both of our parish communities will once again be holding their annual spring litter picks to help keep our local environment clean and welcoming.

Headbourne Worthy will hold its event on Saturday 21 March, and Kings Barton will follow on Saturday 19 April. Volunteers are very welcome to join these events.

For Headbourne Worthy litter pick, volunteers are asked to meet at Marlands on London Road, near Taylors Corner (junction with Bedfield Lane) from 10am to 12 noon to collect litter pickers and bags for the village spring clean. Many thanks to Christine and Bevis Clarke-Smith, who will be welcoming volunteers with a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit before sending you out to your allocated area. For Kings Barton, volunteers should meet at the new CALA sales office in the middle of Winchester Avenue (What3Words: ///lawyer.ever.marked) to collect their equipment. Refreshments will unfortunately have to wait until the new community building is completed — but your support will be very much appreciated.

Please come prepared with long trousers, sturdy footwear and strong garden gloves. Children are welcome to take part but must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, helping to make a real difference in our communities.



Headbourne Worthy Parish Council Elections

Headbourne Worthy Parish Council (HWPC) holds elections for its councillors every four years as part of the local government cycle. This year's election is due to take place 7th May. **However, it is possible that the Government will delay these elections in order to bring them in line with the new Unitary Authority elections (UA) due to take place next year.**

Parish councils are the most local tier of government in the UK. While they operate at community level, they play an important role in managing local open spaces, playgrounds and community buildings. As new UAs are formed in Hampshire, parish councils will become an increasingly important voice for their communities, particularly as further responsibilities are devolved to them. Parish council funding is provided through the precept, which is a charge collected through your council tax.

Anyone wishing to stand as a candidate must:

- aged 18 or over
- a British citizen, or an eligible Commonwealth or EU citizen
- have lived or worked within the parish of HW (or within three miles of it) for at least 12 months prior to the election

Nominations open on 26 March and close on 9 April. Nomination papers must be delivered in person (either by the candidate or by the parish clerk) to the WCC offices in Colebrook Street. There are currently seven councillor positions on HWPC. If seven or fewer valid nominations are received, no election will be held and all candidates will be re-elected unopposed.

Anyone interested in standing is strongly encouraged to contact the parish clerk, who will be happy to guide you through the process.



Proposed Down Farm Lane Modal Filter Scheme

Last Autumn, HWPC held a survey inviting the community to respond to the proposal to install a modal filter scheme in Down Farm Lane. The scheme would have stopped through traffic between the Golf Academy junction and the village. The proposal was being considered as a way of addressing the problems experienced by Down Farm Lane residents, in the narrow, steep section of road in which they live. The scheme would have also addressed the increase in unsuitable vehicles using this road and motorists not always observing the 30 mph speed limit.

The response to the survey's proposal was polarised, resulting in no clear consensus in support of the scheme. The Headbourne Worthy Committee of HWPC will need to liaise with Hampshire County Council again to seek alternative options to mitigate the traffic issues for Down Farm Lane residents without adversely affecting other residents of the village. The Committee recognises that the impact of any new traffic management measures in the village will affect all its residents and will take these views into account when re-considering ways of addressing the problem. It is important to note that the primary aim is always to maintain safety and appropriate traffic measures throughout the village for the benefit of its residents.

In view of the survey response, the HW Committee will be creating a new Working Group to assess options for other traffic calming measures and to work with HCC to try to find a solution. Ideally the Working Group will include a broad selection of parishioners, and not just those who are directly affected by the traffic in Down Farm Lane.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of this Working Group please contact the Clerk.



Kings Barton Bus—New Timetable, New Route

This service is an extension of the current service, incorporating a morning rapid service delivering Kings Barton P&R through to Winchester Rail Station

Kings Barton P&R	0615	0645	0730	0830	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1630	1730	1830
Winchester Avenue/Manley Road	0617	0647	0732	0832	xx02	xx02	xx02	xx02	xx02	xx02	1632	1732	1832
Winchester Avenue/Loverose Lane (Kings Barton P&R)	0619	0649	0734	0834	xx04	xx04	xx04	xx04	xx04	xx04	1634	1734	1834
Winchester Avenue/Fishwicke Road	0621	0651	0736	0836	xx06	xx06	xx06	xx06	xx06	xx06	1636	1736	1836
Winchester Avenue/Granadiers Road	0623	0653	0738	0838	xx08	xx08	xx08	xx08	xx08	xx08	1638	1738	1838
Winchester Road/Hyldeborne Road	0624	0654	0739	0839	xx09	xx09	xx09	xx09	xx09	xx09	1639	1739	1839
Peter Symonds	0628	0658	0743	0843	xx13	xx13	xx13	xx13	xx13	xx13	1643	1743	1843
Winchester Rail Station Rear	0632	0702	0748	0848	xx18	xx18	xx18	xx18	xx18	xx18	1648	1748	1848
Winchester Bus Station	N/A	N/A	0752	0852	xx22	xx22	xx22	xx22	xx22	xx22	1652	1752	1852
Winchester Bus Station			0800	0900	xx30	xx30	xx30	xx30	xx30	xx30	1700	1800	1900
Winchester Rail Station Rear			0808	0908	xx38	xx38	xx38	xx38	xx38	xx38	1708	1808	1908
Peter Symonds			0810	0910	xx40	xx40	xx40	xx40	xx40	xx40	1710	1810	1910
Winchester Road/Hyldeborne Road			0814	0914	xx44	xx44	xx44	xx44	xx44	xx44	1714	1814	1914
Winchester Avenue/Granadiers Road			0815	0915	xx45	xx45	xx45	xx45	xx45	xx45	1715	1815	1915
Winchester Avenue/Fishwicke Road			0817	0917	xx47	xx47	xx47	xx47	xx47	xx47	1717	1817	1917
Winchester Avenue/Loverose Lane (Kings Barton Pri Sch)			0819	0919	xx49	xx49	xx49	xx49	xx49	xx49	1719	1819	1919
Winchester Avenue/Manley Road			0821	0921	xx41	xx41	xx41	xx41	xx41	xx41	1721	1821	1921
Kings Barton P&R			0823	0923	xx43	xx43	xx43	xx43	xx43	xx43	1723	1823	1923

The new service will start on 2nd March. Please use the start time as from Manley Rd until the Park and Ride is operational. Please consider using the bus for all your trips into Winchester.

Traffic Regulation Orders



In December, Hampshire County Council (HCC) consulted on a series of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) relating to speed limits and parking arrangements around the proposed new junction at Andover Road / Harestock Road / Wellhouse Lane, as well as the planned closure of part of Andover Road. Following this consultation, HCC will reduce the speed limit on Wellhouse Lane to 40mph and will introduce a 20mph limit across much of Kings Barton, with a small number of exceptions, once the roads have been adopted.



Parking will not be permitted along Winchester Avenue and around the proposed Manley Road football pitches. CALA will be responsible for installing the associated yellow line markings prior to adoption.

These measures are intended to improve safety and manage traffic flow as the area continues to develop.

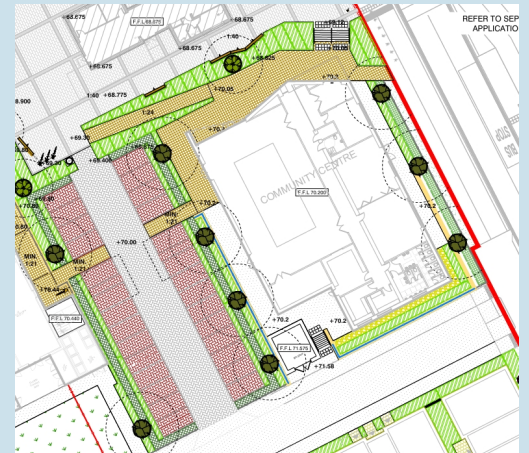
Kings Barton Developments

The New Community Building

Plans for the new community building in Kings Barton are expected to be approved very shortly. Once approval is granted, CALA will be able to begin construction. The original plans required further consideration due to the varying ground levels surrounding the site. Additional landscaping has been incorporated to ensure smooth, sloping access to the building for wheelchair users and those with mobility needs.

The Council is hopeful that the completed building will be handed over to the Parish Council in December, although this timeline could extend by a couple of months depending on progress. Once transferred, the management of the building will pass to a newly established charity, the Kings Barton Community Building CIO. The charity currently has eight community members serving as trustees and will be responsible for the building's marketing, bookings and financial management.

This new facility is intended to reflect and serve the needs of the local community. If you are considering starting a community group and would like to make use of the space, please contact the Clerk. She can also provide guidance on applying for grants to support start-up equipment and resources. There is already a proposal for a badminton club — but what about a parents and toddler group, a film club, or even an amateur dramatics society? All ideas warmly welcomed.



Kings Barton Summer Fete



Kings Barton Residents Association are pleased to be able to announce the return of their annual Summer Fete.

Taking place on Sunday June 14th, all the fun of the summer fete returns. The KBRA committee are busy finalising all the plans including face painting, a bouncy castle, and lots of games for children and adults to enjoy. There will also be a craft stall, our popular tombola and a cake stall. If you're a budding Bake Off competitor perhaps you'd like to donate a cake? All donations would be most welcome as well as any unwanted gifts you might have for our tombola! If anyone is interested in having a stall at the fete, please email kingsbartonra@gmail.com

Playparks - What's New and What's Next

HWPC has also recently installed some exciting new play equipment for older children at Greenfields Park. While the park was originally designed primarily for younger children, the Council and KBRA felt it was important to provide additional equipment to cater for older children and to ensure the space is engaging, inclusive and suitably challenging for children of all ages. We hope families enjoy the new additions.

Meadowside Park, at the southern end of Kings Barton, is in the process of being transferred to HWPC. Once ownership is complete, HWPC will take full responsibility for its maintenance, insurance and regular equipment inspections. The transfer has taken longer than originally anticipated, largely due to recent weather conditions delaying the necessary mowing and weed treatment works. We appreciate your patience and will provide a further update once the transfer is finalised.



Jackie's County Corner

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Worthy Bus to Henry Beaufort: Unfortunately, HCC plans to withdraw this bus service after Easter. I am working with parents and the school (Head and Governors) with the aim of delaying the service withdrawal as there are a number of safety concerns in respect of the walking route. **HAF (Holidays Activity Fund) funding:** Over £3,000,000 has been secured for three years to fund free holiday activities and meals, primarily for children on free school meals, with wider support for vulnerable families and older people. **Schools and SEND:** School 'readiness' issues in Reception year remains a concern with teachers spending considerable time managing children's personal needs. A new campaign for parents and schools will be launched in September <http://startingreception.co.uk>. SEND numbers continue to rise with transport costs rocketing. HCC is creating 170 additional specialist places in mainstream schools to keep children closer to home. **Potholes:** These are increasing in number, temporary repairs are common and can take months. Please keep reporting issues via HCC and let me know if delays are unreasonable. **Ash Dieback and Tree Safety:** Councils have greater responsibility to ensure roadside trees are safe. Ash dieback costs are significant and with sodden ground at this time of year, trees can become unstable. Please report any concerns promptly.



Social Housing Act 2023 – What Tenants Need to Know

The Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 strengthens protections for social housing tenants and raises standards for landlords. The Act gives tenants stronger protections, faster repairs, clearer complaints procedures, and greater accountability for landlords.

Key changes include:

- Safer, better homes: Landlords must deal with hazards eg: damp, mould, fire risks.
- Stronger oversight: The Regulator can inspect landlords, enforce improvements, and act quickly where serious failings occur.
- Clearer standards and transparency: Landlords must publish performance information and demonstrate response to tenants.
- Improved complaints handling: The Housing Ombudsman ensures concerns are dealt with fairly and promptly.
- 2026–2027: Later phases to be introduced to expand legal timeframes for other repairs

What Tenants can do:

- ⇒ Know your rights – safe, well-maintained homes; timely repairs; fair complaints handling.
- ⇒ Put it in writing – reference the Act, describe the issue, and request action.
- ⇒ Keep records – save emails, letters, and messages.
- ⇒ Escalate if needed – contact the Housing Ombudsman (via online form www.housingombudsman.org.uk/residents/bring-your-complaint-to-the-housing-ombudsman) or seek advice from Shelter/local council.
- ⇒ Stay polite but firm – a calm, factual approach works best.

**Social housing
issue? Know
how to complain.**

Bits and Pieces of News

HWPC actively supports the campaign to **keep the Henry Beaufort school bus**. The suitability of an often waterlogged and muddy path, close to ongoing building by CALA, is of concern. WCC Cllrs are working to improve a new cycle route, **the Barton Line**, from Kings Barton into Winchester. The route is available now but the Cllrs are hoping to provide new crossings and widen the paths in places. Don't forget to go to the HWPC website to sign up for the **email alerts** for news and events. These will bring information about what is happening in your parish straight to your inbox. **Grants** are available from HWPC for all types of community and local start up groups.