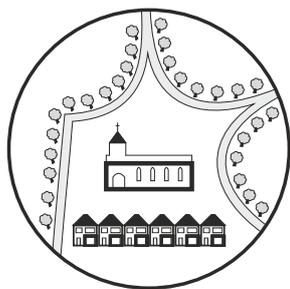


Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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Welcome to your PAWARA newsletter

PAWARA's Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Thursday 22nd November at the Deverell Hall, London Road, Purbrook PO7 5JU



Agenda for the Annual General Meeting being held at Deverell Hall, 22nd November, 7:15pm

1. Chairman's report.
2. Treasurer's report.
3. Election of Officers: There is a vacancy for Vice Chairman of the association.
4. Election of Committee.
There are currently three vacancies on the committee. If any member wishes to join the committee, or to be Vice Chairman, please contact the Chairman or Secretary by 15th November.
5. Election of Auditors. Carol Crascall and Jack Carruthers are due to be re-elected.
6. Major Development Area: Update from Jacky Wilson, Winchester City Council.
7. Current planning applications.
8. Environment group news.
9. Report from the Waterlooville Safer Neighbourhoods Team on crime and local policing.
10. **Illustrated talk by local historian Andrew Perrin on "Widley and Portsdown".**
11. A.O.B. From the residents.
12. Opportunity for residents to sign up for the Christmas Quiz and meal at the Hampshire Rose on 7th December (numbers are limited to 50).
13. You are welcome to join your fellow residents and the committee for wine and soft drinks to end the evening.

Please show your support by joining us or renewing your membership during the evening

West of Waterlooville MDA update

Grainger will be commencing their phase 1 residential development within the next four weeks. They have engaged Bloor Homes to build this first of thirteen phases and it will comprise 192 homes.

Grainger expect to submit their application for phase 2 infrastructure (the phase down to the cemetery site off Milk Lane) later this year and early next year for phase 2 residential and phase 1 of the Town Park associated with that. There will be public consultation on the Town Park as this area has a skate park, and other play areas are proposed. In the next few weeks there will be specific details on management of the site, in particular routes for lorries, details of road sweeping etc., which are subjects close to people's hearts!

Jacky Wilson, West of Waterlooville Implementation Officer for Winchester and Havant Councils, will be at our AGM to explain the details and answer questions, so come along on 22nd November.

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West of Waterlooville Forum takes place at 10.00 am on Monday 12th November 2012, at the D-Day Memorial Hall Southwick PO17 6ED.

It is anticipated that the agenda for this meeting will include a progress report on the MDA, and a report on the Art and Play aspects of the developers' financial contribution.



There have been several acts of vandalism at Plant Farm, and recently a serious fire. Residents living nearby have tried very hard to prevent damage to these buildings, but they are now badly damaged

and facing an uncertain future.

A3 Bus Priority Corridor

There are to be changes to First bus services in the Purbrook and Widley area from Sunday 18th November

Full details are available on First Bus website at <http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/hampshire/travelnews/seviceupdates>, then click on changes for East Hampshire from 18th November.

First Group tells us that it welcomes feedback and is happy to review parts of the network as a result.

Our County Councillor, Robin McIntosh, is attending a meeting on October 11th to discuss the problems associated with this route. Progress will be reported in the next newsletter and at the AGM.



County Councillor Robin McIntosh writes:

"The county is currently undertaking a major operation to upgrade street lighting to meet current efficiency standards. I have been in discussion with the officers and contractors to ensure that we obtain the best available, without undue stress and disruption to residents. I have recently conducted site visits with both residents and officers at Purbrook Gardens. This area has a unique style and I am pressing for suitable lighting to be in keeping with the buildings.

Footpaths and byways The footpath from Purbrook to the Hospice has proved very difficult to get cleared, I must thank a local resident Mr Peter Price, who has taken it upon himself to clear a way through. He has been, on many occasions, very useful to me in identifying local areas that need attention."

Purbrook Councillor Gwen Blackett writes:

"Unfortunately, people who appear to care nothing about Purbrook allow their dogs to foul anywhere they like and in particular, the footpath beside the old Methodist Church. This footpath from Ladybridge Car Park is used by residents and visitors alike going to St John's Church and to the shops and some have made some not very complimentary remarks about 'dirty Purbrook'. Would it not be so much better if dog owners themselves complied with the rules to keep the place clean? I know that many people do, but not all. So, can I ask dog owners to please clean up behind your dog so that everyone can enjoy using this footpath."



Here is the footpath Gwen refers to in her article, just after the team from Havant cleared it.

These four people from Havant Council are responsible for keeping a huge area from B&Q roundabout to Lovedean Lane clean and tidy and they work hard, so let's support them!

L-R Wayne, Roger, Chris and Rob.





Before and After

We mentioned this eyesore at Ladybridge roundabout in the last newsletter. Now it has been fixed thanks to liaison between PAWARA committee member David Heck and Southern Gas Networks. Thanks to all concerned.

Meanwhile, in the small car park by Ladybridge roundabout...



Someone dumped a child's slide and two baby seats in an old bin for their fellow citizens to clear up. Take your rubbish to the recycling centre like the rest of us!! PAWARA Environment Group has since removed this eyesore.

Environment Group News

In September, the Group cleared encroaching vegetation from the path alongside Penjar Pond. We have requested assistance from the probation service to increase the depth of the pond to avoid it drying up in the summer. Due to a reduction in the number of supervisors, there is a backlog of requests and we have had to delay our plans. The committee has approved the purchase of mixed native hedging to be planted in February, in front of the fence opposite the pond. The hedge will give colour and provide food and nesting sites for birds.

The Japanese Knotweed infestation at Sandy Dell has been reported to Havant Borough Council and is scheduled for treatment.

We have started to clear Marrelswood Coppice of ivy which is blanketing the ground and this was the task for the work party in October. We will see what flowers appear this spring and supplement them with native plants as necessary.

Our request for a community tree pack from The Woodland Trust has been approved and, following feedback from residents, the trees will be planted in the area bounded by Privett Road, Widley Gardens and The Thicket on Sunday 11th November at 9.30am. There are 105 trees in total and the year-round colour themed pack includes Hawthorn, Hazel, Silver Birch, Rowan, Wild Cherry and Dogwood; and contains a Royal Oak sapling, grown from seeds gathered from Royal Estates, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Please show your support by joining in on 11th November.



Work Programme

Sunday 11th November 2012
Privett Road, Widley Gardens, The Thicket
Tree planting

December 2012 no work party

Sunday 13th January 2013
Woodsedge Pond – clear ditches and edge of pond

Sunday 10th February 2013
Penjar Pond - hedge planting

Sunday 10th March 2013
Location(s) to be decided - clearing paths

All work parties meet at 9.30am at Penjar Pond by Ladybridge roundabout, for the benefit of those who may not be familiar with the locations. If you have ideas for environment group activities or you would like to be involved or receive e-mail updates, please send your request to Terry Smith at tjs.oaktreecottage@virgin.net

Feeling green fingered? Want to grow your own? Purbrook Horticultural Society welcomes new members whether or not they have a garden or are even green fingered. For the annual subscription of £6 per household we offer friendly advice, affiliation to numerous Horticultural societies and two Shows annually in spring and summer. We produce four Gazettes a year and monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Deverell Hall. We invite guest speakers on various topics. During the interval we have free coffee, tea and biscuits and the raffle is drawn and Show Table judged.

Our Trading Store, where items may be purchased at discounted prices, opens on Saturday mornings from 09.30 to 11.30 and is situated on the London Road Widley adjacent to Purbrook East Allotments. During the summer, monthly trips are offered to places of interest at competitive prices. Further information at www.purbrookhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

News from our Safer Neighbourhoods Team at Waterlooville police station.

36 arrests have been made in the last 45 days; they were for –1 Domestic, 1 Criminal Damage, 1 Theft, 4 Drugs Offences, 9 Assault, 2 Obtaining by Deception, 1 Harassment, 2 Custodial, 4 Arson, 1 Breach of ASBO, 2 Dispute, 1 Mental Health, 1 Assault on Police, 2 Drink Driving, 1 Burglary, and 3 Other Crimes.

PC Jones is currently undergoing rehabilitation in another county for her injury. She may be back out onto the beat in the next four weeks.

PC Nixon caught and arrested a male for Breach of ASBO, after they made off from lawful custody. They are now on tag and have a community order, last chance saloon for that person before prison.

PCSO Burbury is setting up a brand new Junior PCSO Scheme in partnership with Morelands Primary School. Last year the scheme had a great impact on the community, doing things like visiting the vulnerable, litter picking the areas that required it and many other activities.

PCSO Collins arranged a "Police and the Community Football Tournament 2012" in partnership with South Downs College, using the brand new Outdoor Astro-Turf Pitch. Purbrook Park School, Crookhorn College of Technology, Oaklands Catholic School and Cowplain College all participated as did the SNT Team.

PC Donnelly is working hard whilst unable to be on the beat due to an injury. He has gained a lot of intelligence regarding drugs and Trading Standards issues and taking statements for crimes to allow other officers to have more time out on the beat, and is setting up warrants on addresses for teams to execute.

Due to poor attendance, the weekly beat surgery held at Springwood Community Centre has been cancelled. This decision was reviewed in September, but unfortunately the new Nursery School that was likely to open, fell through and therefore attendance to the Community Centre has not improved. Further Beat Surgeries will be opened in partnership with other agencies and businesses.

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One of our local officers will be attending the AGM with further information on Telephone Scams and Preventing Car Crime.

Dates for the diary

PAWARA Xmas Quiz evening and meal at the Hampshire Rose Widley on Friday December 7th 2012 from 7.00pm.

Tickets £7 from Gill Johnson 023 9279 3161.

Any raffle prizes would be appreciated. If you would like to donate a prize, contact Gill or any of the committee.

West of Waterlooville Forum will be held at the D-Day Memorial Hall Southwick on 12th November at 10.00am

St John the Baptist Purbrook Christmas Fair will take place on November 24th in the Church Hall.

The Christ Church Portsdown Advent Fayre will be held in Christ Church Hall on Saturday 1st December, 10.00am to 1.30pm.

*Purbrook Horticultural Society Spring Show
Deverell Hall Sunday 24th March 2013 from 2pm*

We hear that a Purbrook Village Show is planned for spring/summer 2013. What an excellent idea – more details in the next newsletter!

Our thanks to Penny van Berkel.

Penny has had to give up delivering the newsletter in The Brow. We thank Penny for all her help. If you have time to spare to deliver in your road please let Mike Saunders know. Mike Saunders 023 9264 8966.

See you all on 22nd November at the Deverell Hall for our AGM. Remember your membership is still only £3 per year. We are looking forward to welcoming PAWARA members old and new for an evening of local interest ending with a toast to ourselves and our fellow residents.