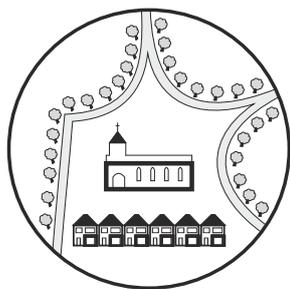


Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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Welcome to your PAWARA newsletter!

**PAWARA's Annual General Meeting will be held at
7.15pm on Thursday 28th November
at the Deverell Hall, London Road, Purbrook PO7 5JU**

Agenda for the Meeting.

1. Chairman's report.
2. Treasurer's report.
3. Election of Officers: Vice Chairman of the association (there is a vacancy)
Treasurer of the association (in place of the late Bill Blackett)
4. Election of Committee.
There are four vacancies on the committee. If any member wishes to join the committee or to be Vice Chairman, please contact the Chairman or Secretary by 21st November.
5. Election of Auditors.
6. Environment group report.
7. Report from the Waterlooville Safer Neighbourhoods Team on crime and local policing.
8. Speeding in Park Avenue and The Dale: PCSO Kathryn Chambers.
9. Major Development Area: Update from Jacky Wilson, Winchester City Council.
10. Current planning applications.
11. Discussion on the future of the Association.
12. A.O.B. From the residents.
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**

BILL BLACKETT

23 December 1926 - 22nd July 2013

Our Treasurer, Bill Blackett, died on 22nd July this year. (He was always known as Bill, rather than as Honorary Alderman William Blackett.)

Bill had a long and distinguished career in the Royal Navy, and then a second career with his own business. He served as a Havant Borough Councillor, and was afterwards appointed an honorary alderman. He was later elected to Hampshire County Council, where he voiced our concerns over the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area. He was Treasurer of the association from the beginning, and of its predecessor PAWES, which he had helped to found. Bill had been given nine months to live by his doctors in 1998, but despite this he continued to work tirelessly and to campaign on behalf of the residents of Purbrook and its area. We shall miss him, but are nevertheless grateful for his years of service. Our sincere condolences go to Gwen and their family. His funeral at St John's Church, Purbrook, on Friday, 2nd August was well attended (the church was completely packed) and was a most moving occasion.

SPEEDING IN PARK AVENUE AND THE DALE

Cllr Mrs Caren Tarrant (Purbrook and Widley Ward) has been trying to get something done about the speed that motorists do along Park Avenue and The Dale. One possible solution has been offered by the Hampshire Constabulary which has set up a Community SpeedWatch programme. This programme is co-ordinated by Hampshire Constabulary in partnership with the local councils and other agencies. It consists of individual schemes which are themselves run by the local police safer neighbourhood team and community volunteers.

In these schemes, in community and residential areas that have a 30 mph limit (or lower), community volunteers work alongside Police officers to identify vehicles which exceed the speed limit. Details of the vehicles are collected at the time of the alleged offence and are then entered onto a database. The registered owner of the vehicle will then be sent a letter telling them that their vehicle was seen exceeding the speed limit, how it affects the local community and asking them not to do so in the future. If the same registration number is logged again within 12

months the owner will receive a warning that if the vehicle is seen speeding a third time the details will be passed to an officer who may take further action.

Volunteers must be aged at least 17 years and each scheme needs a minimum of six volunteers. Keen applicants will need to complete an application form and the vetting process can take up to six weeks to clear.

Specialist training will be given to volunteers. Community volunteers working on the roadside will be given use of high visibility jackets, wet weather equipment, roadside signs and equipment to monitor speed and record vehicle details. Volunteers will be covered under Hampshire Constabulary's public liability insurance for roadside working.

PCSO Kathryn Chambers will discuss the setting up of such a scheme for Park Avenue and The Dale, and how we can help, at our AGM meeting.

THE FUTURE OF THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association has a healthy membership, and a small but enthusiastic band of volunteers who form work parties for the Environmental Group. Careful stewardship of our funds means that finance is not a problem, as long as we balance income and expenditure. But we have had great difficulty in attracting volunteers to the committee. We are very lucky to have found Mr Vic Pheasant to take over the Treasurership from the late Bill Blackett, but we have no vice-chairman and there are four vacancies on the committee. Several of the committee have been carrying out their duties for many years, and would quite like a rest – but we have no understudies for most of the committee posts.

Unless some volunteers come forward at the AGM, we shall have to seriously consider whether the association can continue, and even if it does, in what form and fulfilling what functions. We seek to deliver this Newsletter to all households in our area, but for this we are reliant on a hardworking band of volunteer deliverers. Inevitably, there is a turnover of these and we are finding it harder to find replacements.

We shall air these issues at the AGM public meeting, when we will have a clearer idea of

whether sufficient new committee members have come forward. The future of the association is obviously in the hands of the residents, and we should welcome all views on what steps we should take, and what areas of activity we should concentrate on. The Environment Group would wish to continue, regardless of the outcome for the parent association, and we would respect that and take steps to secure their position.

If you would like to volunteer as a Committee Member, please contact the Chairman, John Briggs, or the Secretary, Sheila McIntosh. If you can volunteer to help with delivering the Newsletters, please contact Michael Saunders.

A COMMUNITY PLAN FOR THE WATERLOOVILLE AREA

As reported in the previous Newsletter, the newly established Waterlooville Community Forum has carried out a questionnaire-based Community Planning Survey. Between March and June, questionnaires were distributed throughout the study area, which comprised the whole area of the Borough west of the A3(M) motorway, that is to say the five wards of Purbrook, Stakes, Waterlooville, Hart Plain and Cowplain together with the Old Park Farm development of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area. The whole of Greater Waterlooville, in other words (representing about 40% of the Borough.) The questionnaires were distributed by voluntary groups and residents' associations in the area (including at our March meeting.) Volunteers questioned members of the public in the street in Waterlooville town centre, at supermarkets and polling stations and at other community events.

Over a thousand completed questionnaires were returned (including questionnaires completed online.) Preliminary analysis of these has been carried out by officers of Havant Borough Council and Winchester City Council. There were 23 questions, requiring both 'open' and 'closed' answers. These covered topics such as the use of transport for various activities, locations for shopping, issues around roads and transport, the environment and open spaces, community events and activities, sports and recreational facilities, health, community safety and policing. The responses were not evenly distributed over the whole area, and there were imbalances in the responses from the sexes and the different age groups. Nevertheless, we are confident that we

will be able to derive valid conclusions from the Survey.

The next task for the organising group will be to sit down and draw up the list of the priorities that have emerged as the concerns of the people in the area. Next, we shall have to identify partner groups from among the local authorities and other organisations that deliver services in the area, and who will be responsible for providing solutions to these issues. We can then attempt to write a Community plan incorporating these concerns and issues. This Community Plan can then be used by those local councils and other organisations to deliver services and guide the development of the area in ways that are important to the people of the area.

This a project of great importance to the residents of our area. PAWARA is, of course, represented on it, but it is a very small team and we could always do with more help. Moreover, more detailed plans and surveys will be required for the individual areas (whether the size of the local authority ward or not) within the overall area. PAWARA will be expected to play its part for the Purbrook area, and we shall require volunteers for that.

If you feel able to help in any way with this project, please contact the Chairman, John Briggs.

PLANNING ISSUES

Things seem rather quiet regarding planning issues in our area (perhaps too quiet!) The main concern remains the former garage site in Purbrook village. We are continuing to monitor this, and are trying to find out what is happening – are Tesco going to go ahead with building a Tesco Express store on the site, or has that been shelved following the refurbishment of the Post Office and One Stop? If so, will plans revert to residential development?

Work has finally started (and is progressing rapidly) on Phase 1 of the Grainger site of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area – just as Taylor Wimpey are completing their development at Old Park Farm. This phase is accessed off the ASDA roundabout and doesn't affect us too much, but the situation could be very different in subsequent phases. There is still no confirmation of the cemetery site, as tests

continue to see whether the currently proposed location is suitable or (as we suspect) too waterlogged.

Havant Borough Council have been consulting on the Publication Version of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Allocations). This consultation runs from 11th October to 22nd November. The Core Strategy of 2011 set out the housing numbers for development in the period 2006 to 2026, and distributed them to various parts of the Borough. It is this Allocations Plan which decides which particular sites they should be assigned to. Needless to say, this has proved controversial in some parts of the Borough, but we have escaped fairly lightly (which is hardly surprising, as we are already lumbered with the Major Development Area and have the Goodwillies site on our doorstep – not to mention Purbrook Place being finally built).

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

The Environment Group has carried out a variety of tasks in recent months: planting a mixed native hedge (paid for by PAWARA) in front of the fence by Penjar Pond; assisting with clearing branches and rubbish from the pond outflow area in Johnston's Coppice; picking up litter from Gauntlett's Park (next to the golf club), around Penjar Pond, The Bog and the copse in front of Penjar Avenue; clearance at Sandy Dell and Woodsedge; clearing ivy at Marrelsmoor Coppice and digging out Penjar Pond.

The Environment Group has agreed general objectives of managing sites as attracting wildlife and improving the visual appearance using native English species. We would also like to remove or control invasive species. Recent plans include removing Spanish bluebells in Sandy Dell and replacing them with English bluebells and installing bird and bat boxes in some of the wooded areas, subject to agreement with Havant Borough Council and funding.

All work parties meet at 9.30am at Penjar Pond. (The next one is on Sunday 10th November, where the work will be planting at The Bog.) We welcome new members without obligation to attend every task. If you have ideas for Environment Group activities or you would like to be involved, please contact Paul Jackson.

CHRISTMAS GROTTO IN WATERLOOVILLE

Santa's Grotto will be returning to Waterlooville this year from Monday 9 December until Christmas Eve. The Waterlooville Community Forum Events Team are working in partnership with Waterlooville Library and this year's Grotto will be bigger and will be located on the first floor of the library situated in The Precinct, London Road, Waterlooville.

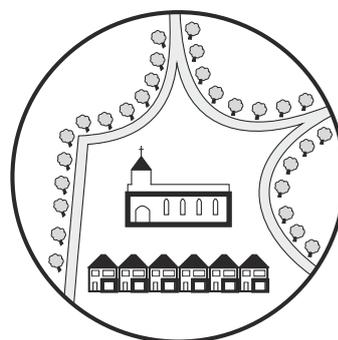
For more information or if you would like to join the team please contact Val Hartridge via email vhartridge@tiscali.co.uk.

For regular updates on community activities in Waterlooville, please go to:
www.facebook.com/communitywaterlooville

WEST OF WATERLOOVILLE FORUM

The next meeting of the West of Waterlooville Forum will be held at Havant Borough Council's Public Service Plaza, Havant, on Friday 22nd November at 2.00pm. There will be a progress report on the Major Development Area.

**Don't forget to join us on
Thursday 28th November
at 7.15pm at the Deverell Hall.**



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