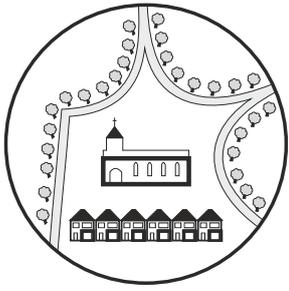


# Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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**Welcome to your PAWARA newsletter!**



## Purbrook Shops Circa 1950's

This newsletter is one of 3,500 that have been distributed on behalf of PAWARA by a small (and shrinking) number of volunteers. Without their continued efforts, you would not be reading this. If PAWARA is to continue to deliver newsletters in the future – we need additional volunteers to deliver to The Crest, The Dale (London Road to The Thicket junction), Deverell Place, Lone Valley, Valley Close, Serpentine Road, Gitsham Gardens, London Road East (Campbell Crescent to Ladybridge Road roundabout), Ladybridge Road, Joseph Court, Parkside Gardens, Christyne Court, Rudolph Court, Morelands Road, Capel Ley, Claremont Gardens and Purbrook Place.

If you can help – **PLEASE CONTACT US.**

**Please come and join us at our next Public Meeting (and AGM) on Thursday 27th November 2014 at Deverell Hall, commencing at 7.15pm.**

**The agenda is on the back page of this Newsletter**

## Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the 32nd edition of the PAWARA Newsletter.

As the association prepares to celebrate its 10th anniversary, it is worth dwelling for a moment on how it came to exist. PAWARA was formed from the Purbrook and Widley Environmental Stewards (PAWES); a group formed to oppose the building of 5,000 houses to the west of Waterlooville between the time period 2001 – 2011; the 'MDA' as it is now referred to.

The first PAWES Newsletter was produced in April 1995. At a public meeting in Deverell Hall in November 2004, 86 residents voted in favour of a motion to form an association and PAWES became PAWARA. The campaigning efforts of both PAWES and PAWARA were not in vain. The original intent to build 5,000 has been scaled down and the MDA will comprise just over 2,500 homes. At our public meeting in May, Jaime Bridges, a community officer with HBC, gave an update on the progress of the MDA and reported that as well as the homes, a new school had been built (opened in September 2014) and a 'town park' would also form part of the development.

Over time the work of PAWARA has broadened. As well as monitoring the progress of the MDA, we have strived to keep a watchful eye on other planning applications that would have an adverse affect on the community and bring them to your attention. In addition, we maintain links with the Hampshire Police 'South Waterlooville Safer Neighbourhood Team' who as well as attending our meetings, have the capacity to alert us to issues that may be of interest to you, the residents.

Further in the newsletter, you will see that the Environment Group is standing down. The band of small volunteers has reduced to a level where it has become untenable. While I am saddened by their decision I am grateful that the group will complete its current schedule of work. Their activities across a number of sites within PAWARA have had a beneficial effect for the whole community and I commend them for their efforts. I am also pleased to report that the 'Adopt a Grot' spot initiative is up and running.

Finally, I was also invited to meet with David Willetts MP, who takes a keen interest in the activities of PAWARA. He was delighted to see that the association was continuing and offered his support for the remaining time he has left in office. I would hope to establish similar relations with his successor (whatever their political persuasion).

PAWARA still needs more volunteers. If you feel you could spare a couple of hours per month please contact me on the telephone number above or e-mail: [gghughes@sky.com](mailto:gghughes@sky.com)

## Planning Issues

Many of you will have noted the work to convert the Leopard Inn on London Road into a Morrisons store. PAWARA raised concerns to HBC in respect to the potential for parking congestion (during deliveries) at the site. HBC Planning Officers conveyed our concerns to Morrisons, who provided reassurances that it would not be an issue. To date, this has been the case.

It has been brought to PAWARA's attention that Hampshire County Council are planning to install traffic lights at the roundabout of Stakes Road/Crookhorn Lane/Purbrook Way/Stakes Hill Road. The reason for their installation is to combat the anticipated additional road traffic generated by the West of Waterlooville development! Residents who live close to the area have already expressed their opposition to Hampshire County Council at a public meeting. If you feel the same way, PAWARA would like to hear from you. Alternately, you can submit any comments to this plan directly to [holly.dury@hants.gov.uk](mailto:holly.dury@hants.gov.uk). It is planned to hold a further public meeting on this issue in the Spring of 2015. PAWARA will advertise details once they are known

## West Waterlooville Major Development Area

The following update has been provided by Jackie Wilson (Winchester City Council) who will be present at the public meeting. Phase 2 of the residential homes (246 homes) (North of Purbook Gardens – South of Milk Lane) at Berewood has commenced and it is expected that the show homes will be open before Christmas.

Phase 3 (behind Forest End) has had the infrastructure (roads/utilities) approved and discussion has commenced on the residential build and a formal planning submission is expected early next year; this phase will also include the northern area of the Town Park.

A cemetery is proposed in the southern part of the MDA. It is anticipated that HBC will be taking up the option for using this land, but it will probably be over a year before all the necessary permissions etc are given. Phases 2 and 8 (south of Forest End) are predominantly in Havant and will become part of the borough.

A map detailing all of the various phases of the MDA along with the 'Town Park' and proposed cemetery has been posted on the PAWARA web-site.

You can find a link to the Havant Borough Council planning website at [www.pawara.co.uk](http://www.pawara.co.uk)

## Environment Group News

The bluebell bulbs we planted opposite the One Stop in Purbrook added some much needed colour this spring and there were plenty of seeds so the spaces should gradually fill in.

In May we cleared around the trees we planted at Privett Road. We located 36 of the original 105 trees in the community tree pack. The Royal Oak appears not to have survived although the squirrels have planted a few other oaks. An unwelcome addition was the horsetails, which were not seen previously and now cover much of the grassy area. There are still signs of the wild flowers, particularly common vetch, and we also saw common blue butterflies.



In June we returned to Woodsedge where we concentrated on cutting out brambles from in front of the pond and overhanging the path, opening up the view from the bench, raking weed off the pond and removing bottles, cans and other rubbish, including a sign on a metal post. We had to leave the concrete base where it was.

160 notes advertising our visit were delivered to houses around the pond and two residents met us at the pond. Although they were unable to join us they expressed an interest in helping in the future.

We also discovered something of the history of the pond. Apparently, a large number of terrapins were released there, probably when the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles craze waned in the 1990s; we have not seen any signs of them so it is not known whether any survived.

Our other good deed for the day was sawing some branches off a fallen tree that was blocking the path in Johnston's Coppice.

We were back at Penjar Pond in July to cut around the hedge and dig out some of the sedge. As we did not need to clear the path alongside the pond Adele made a start on chopping back the grass growing over the kerb onto the pavement.

Several large branches had been cut off one of the mature oak trees by a neighbour and thrown over the fence at the back of the pond, so we had the additional task of moving them to the verge for removal by the Council and made a separate pile of logs for firewood. There was a healthy frog population with inch long frogs hiding in the long grass.

The Tree Council has offered us some trees to plant as fruiting hedges at Sandy Brow and The Bog. We have cleared the vegetation around the island of trees in The Bog in preparation and we have requested assistance to clear Sandy Brow from Groundwork who are running the Hermitage Stream Project in Leigh Park.



The Environment Group needs a new leader and, so far, no one has offered to take over. There have been no new volunteers this year and the general view is that the Group should carry out the planned work, but is too small to add any new jobs. We expect to receive the trees for the fruiting hedges in December so we should be able to plant them the same month.

We intend to make a final visit to Woodsedge Pond in January to lay the row of ash trees in front of the pond as a hedge. If there are no new volunteers and no new leader the Group will then cease. If you would like the Environment Group to continue, please let the committee know and volunteer your services.

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## Membership and subscription renewal.

As many of you will know, the future of the association was in doubt 12 months ago. As a consequence no subscriptions were taken at the 2013 AGM. As you will hear, PAWARA funds are modestly healthy and our outgoings are less than £500 per year. For the foreseeable future, it is the intention not to have membership fees, but rather rely on donations and our existing funds to keep us going for as long as possible. A collection at the last public meeting in May raised £40 – sufficient to pay for the hire of Deverell Hall... thank you!!!

## 'Adopt a 'grot' spot' – anti - litter initiative.

In the last newsletter, PAWARA promoted the idea of 'adopt a grot spot'. The aim was to clear up litter not routinely (or regularly) picked up by Havant Borough Council (HBC). HBC has given excellent support to the initiative, providing equipment and council rubbish bags, which they collect from council owned rubbish and dog-waste bins. I am very pleased to report that the challenge has been taken up by residents and we have six teams who tackle/have tackled Purbrook Heath Road, The Brow/The Dale, Sandy Brow, Widley Walk, Gauntlett's Park and the public space between Ladybridge Road & Park Avenue. Their efforts are noticeable and appreciated. To date, 39 bags have been collected in 2014. We could always use more volunteers to tackle other spots. If you are interested in undertaking your own litter picking and would like equipment (litter pickers, gloves and 'approved' waste sacks) please contact PAWARA at [info@pawara.co.uk](mailto:info@pawara.co.uk) or telephone **Gary Hughes on 02392-374152** for more information.

## Hampshire Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team) update (from the SNT & Crime Statistics web-site).

The South Waterlooville Safer Neighbourhood Team Area covers a population of approx 12,500 people. Over the past 3 months, recorded crime is shown in the table below. Following complaints by the public, there has been a crackdown on ASB and drug-taking in Laburnum Road, Waterlooville (off Mill Road).

A Public Neighbourhood Meeting will be held at Laburnum Road on 13 November. The event is a multi-agency approach to dealing with ASB, noise, environmental issues, crime and disorder within an area as well as using

Crime	June	July	August
Anti Social Behaviour	77	93	39
Burglary	12	34	7
Robbery	0	0	1
Vehicle	10	1	3
Violent	14	8	19
Drugs	4	1	2
Criminal Damage & Arson	10	13	10
Shoplifting	4	2	1
Bike Theft	4	4	2
Theft from a person	0	0	0
Other Theft	9	9	5
Weapons	0	0	0
Public Order	1	1	0
Other	3	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>90</b>

local resources into improving the environment and community. Laburnum is a condensed population and an area where all agencies can work together to make a visible impact on the environment. The emphasis is on education, enforcement and improvement of the area.

**PAWARA's public meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Thursday 27th November 2014  
at the Deverell Hall, London Road, Purbrook PO7 5JU**

### AGENDA

1. Chairman's report.
2. Guest Speaker - Andrew Negus 'Portsmouth – Harlots, Dung & Glory'
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Election of Officers: There are no vacancies for Association Officers
5. Election of Committee: Vacancies: 'Deliveries',
6. Environment group report.
7. Major Development Area: Update from Jackie Wilson, Winchester City Council.
8. Current planning applications.
9. Discussion on the future of the Association.
10. A.O.B. From the residents.
11. Closure

### If you would like to make a donation to PAWARA you can either:

Send a cheque made payable to '**PAWARA**' to '**The Treasurer**', Heathcote, Purbrook Heath, Waterlooville, Hants. PO7 5RX. Please include your name and address on the back of the cheque

Bank Transfer to '**Purbrook & Widley Area Residents Association**'

Sort Code: 40:45:26 Account No: 61246178. Please insert your address in the 'Reference'.