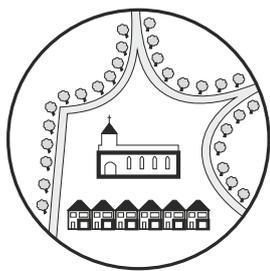


# Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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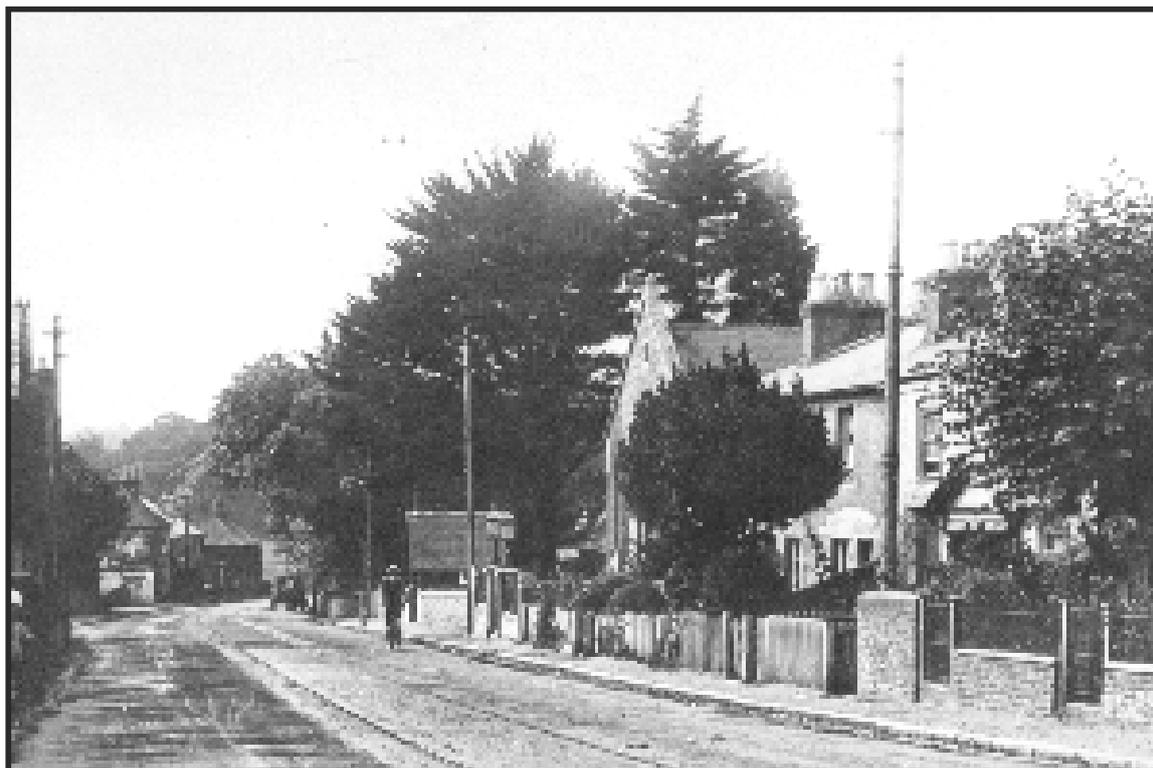


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**Welcome to your PAWARA newsletter!**



**London Road circa 1915**

### **Message from the Chairman**

Welcome to the 33rd edition of the PAWARA Newsletter. It is over a year since I took over the Chairmanship of the Association and through the efforts of the committee and many of you, the residents; PAWARA continues to do good deeds throughout the area. I am delighted to report that the Environment Group continues and that since the last newsletter have undertaken a considerable amount of work across the area (see Environment Group report). The Adopt-a-Grot spot initiative has grown; there are a small, but increasing number of local residents who undertake litter-picking as part of their daily activities (walking to the local shops, dog-walking, etc). In two focused litter-picking events, PAWARA residents collected over 70 bags of rubbish – a fantastic effort. I know that many of you enjoyed Andrew Negus's first of three presentations on the history of Portsmouth, entitled 'Portsmouth – Harlots, Dung & Glory'. We were unable to secure his services for our next public meeting, but he will deliver part two in November.

I received a letter from the Rt Hon David Willetts (ex-MP) who stood down as MP for Havant at the recent general election. In it, Mr Willetts praised the work of PAWARA, highlighting the positive contribution it has made to community spirit. He wished PAWARA all the very best for the future and hopes that we continue to keep our elected representatives up to the mark!

**Please come and join us at our next Public Meeting on Thursday 28th May  
at Deverell Hall, commencing at 7.15pm.**

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

PAWARA is an apolitical organisation. As I type this newsletter, I am also campaigning to be elected to Havant Borough Council in the local elections. In order that this newsletter remains outside of politics, the distribution of this edition of the newsletter was deliberately held back until after 7th May 2015.

I regret to inform residents of the passing of Brian Woolley, who was the PAWARA Membership Secretary from November 2010 until November 2014.

## Planning Issues

To date, we have received no indication as to when Mayer Brown (the contractors tasked to install the traffic lights at the Stakes Road/Stakes Hill Road/Crookhorn Lane/Purbrook Way roundabout) will be undertaking the public consultation in respect to these works. PAWARA has raised a number of safety concerns regarding the impact of this work; namely the creation of 'rat runs' through residential streets, which in some cases are alongside schools. It is also our contention that the **potential** traffic congestion problems occur at peak times (school hours Mon-Fri). Therefore, the proposed traffic lights are considered unnecessary, disruptive to PAWARA residents who use the junction and could have unintended consequences. In other planning, residents may wish to know that the 'Manhattan Cakes' shop opened on 25th April and can be found on the London Road, next door to the Cooperative Shop.

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

## West Waterlooville Major Development Area

Joseph McKee has temporarily taken over Jacky Wilson's role as Implementation Officer at Winchester City Council responsible for aiding the delivery of the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area. Havant Borough Council (HBC) has been reviewing its provision of cemeteries and remains committed to moving forward with the cemetery site as allocated in the outline Masterplan. HBC will develop the project for submission of an application to Winchester City Council (WCC) subject to further ground condition analysis.

To address ongoing accessibility problems between the new school and what is to be designated employment land, Winchester City

Council has now received an application for a road bridge, which will span the river Wallington and connect the two sites. It should be completed by the commencement of the new school year. Phase B of the Town Park is to go ahead as planned. The current "spoil heaps" located on the site for the Town Park visible from Milk Lane will act as a levelling tool for several elements of the Town Park design, including the proposed Cricket Pitch.

Joseph will take responsibility in continuing to update what was previously Jacky Wilson's blog ([www.westofwaterlooville.wordpress.com](http://www.westofwaterlooville.wordpress.com)); it has proven to be a useful method to keep everyone informed about progress.

The next two meetings of the West of Waterlooville Forum are scheduled for 2nd July and 2nd October 2015 commencing at 1400. The venue has yet to be determined. Once it is known, it will be published on our web-site and 'Streetlife'. These meetings are open to the public and PAWARA residents are encouraged to attend.

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.

## Hampshire Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team) update

I am pleased to report that PCSO Lee Haywood will be in attendance at the public meeting to update residents on crime related issues in the Purbrook, Widley & Crookhorn area.

Waterlooville South. Safer Neighbourhood Team undertook a survey of residents to help set their local priorities.

The results from the survey and other community engagements have set the following priorities that our neighbourhoods policing team will be working towards resolving: -

- Anti Social behaviour in and around Springwood Avenue
- Criminal Damage in Purbrook
- Non dwelling burglaries in Purbrook and Widley

All aspects of anti social behaviour throughout the South of Waterlooville have been taken into consideration and will form part of their local patrols.

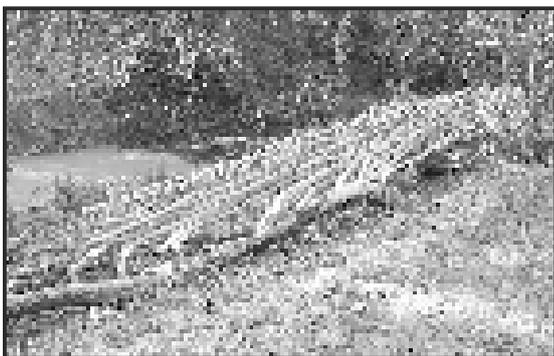
## Environment Group

In the last newsletter we said that the Environment Group would cease if there were no new volunteers and no one could be found to lead the group. Since then six more residents have participated in work parties with ten in December, seven for each of the first three months of this year and only four for the last task. Although we do not have a leader, members have agreed to share responsibilities and the group will continue.

As the future of the group was in doubt we added two significant projects to our original programme to end on a high. In December we planted a fruiting hedge along the rim of Sandy Dell in Sandy Brow. A small orchard surrounded by a hedge was also planted in front of the island of trees in The Bog, Ladybridge Road. The trees were supplied by The Tree Council as part of the Hedgerow Harvest project and included apple, pear, plum, quince, wild cherry, green gage, hazel and blackthorn. We received assistance to prepare the ground from Groundwork South who are running the Hermitage Stream Project in Leigh Park.



Our next task involved two visits to Woodsedge Pond. The main job was to lay a row of ash trees in front of the pond as a hedge to open up the view. Before we could get to the trees we had to clear the remaining brambles.



Meanwhile, other teams cleared the ditches to improve the flow through the pond, removed pond weed and collected litter. The trees were larger than would normally be laid which meant the wood was dense and hard to chop through, hence the need for a second visit to finish the job..

In March we joined teachers, parents and pupils at Purbrook Infant School for instruction in pruning fruit trees from Jon Stokes of The Tree Council. Havant Tree Wardens had planted a fruiting hedge the previous year and the ground around the hedge was weeded and mulched with wood chips at the same time. Nine standard fruit trees had been planted as part of The Big Tree Plant and gave us an opportunity to practice what we had learned.

For our April task four residents spent a successful morning removing the remainder of the Spanish bluebells from Sandy Dell. After the eighteen bags filled last year there was a noticeable difference this time and we took out a further four bags full together with a small amount of litter. While we were there we also cut some of the brambles back from the path. We left anything that could be English bluebells, so there is a possibility that some hybrids will need to come out at a later stage when the flowers will help with identification.

We are now ready to replant with English bluebells. Terry Smith has become a Tree Warden for the Purbrook area in order to obtain a grant for English bluebell bulbs from The Tree Council with a view to planting this autumn.

### Work Programme

**Sunday 10th May**  
**Marrelsmoor Coppice**  
Remove ivy.

**Sunday 14th June**  
to be decided

**Sunday 12th July**  
**Penjar Pond**  
Remove sedges, clear grass back from path / kerb, general tidy.

**Sunday 9th August**  
to be decided

**Sunday 13th September**  
**Privett Road**  
Clear brambles and renovate signs.

**All work parties meet at 9.30am.**

We welcome new volunteers, so if you would like to join us please come along. You do not need experience of conservation work and there is no obligation to attend every task. More information can be found on our web site.

If you have ideas for Environment Group activities or you would like to be involved, please contact Paul Jackson.

[www.pawara-environmentgroup.org.uk](http://www.pawara-environmentgroup.org.uk)

## Community Clean Up Day

To recognise national 'Community Clean Up' day, PAWARA organised our own 'Purbrook Spring Clean', which comprised two hours of litter picking followed by a full-english breakfast. 19 people participated in the event, collecting 51 bags of assorted rubbish and other non-baggable waste. The winner of the most unusual piece of litter was the person who sighted the 'dyson' vacuum cleaner in the undergrowth. A special thank-you to Aaron and Emma who opened up the Purbrook Bakery & Cafe for PAWARA; the breakfasts were a well-deserved reward for our endeavours. PAWARA would like to thank **Jaquienes Hair & Nails**, the **Radiance Beauty Salon** and **Refresh Computers Ltd** (all on London Road) for 'buying a breakfast' for our volunteers. They supported PAWARA; please support them.



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 023 9237 4152** for more information.

**PAWARA's public meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Thursday 28th May 2015  
at the Deverell Hall, London Road, Purbrook PO7 5JU**

### AGENDA

1. **Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.**
2. **Guest Speaker – 'Bats in Purbrook & Widley' – Nik Knight, Hampshire Bat Group**
3. **Treasurer's report (to be delivered by the Chairman).**
4. **Major Development Area Update. Joseph McKee/Jill Lee (Winchester City Council)**
5. **Environment Group – Update of status, projects & grants**
6. **Policing update - Waterlooville South – Safer Neighbourhood Team. PCSO Lee Haywood**
7. **A.O.B. From the residents.**
8. **Meeting 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

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**“TOGETHER, DOING GOOD IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD”**