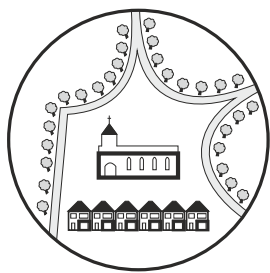


Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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Welcome to your PAWARA newsletter



London Road Circa 1915

Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the 35th edition of the PAWARA Newsletter. I am pleased to report that a revised Constitution, which permits elected officials to serve on the PAWARA Committee, was unanimously passed at the AGM in November. I am therefore able to continue as Chairman of the Association, something I have enjoyed doing for over two years... how time 'flies'. I would like to thank Hampshire County Councillor Robin McIntosh for approving a 'County Councillor' grant to the Association, which allows us to produce three newsletters each year. Our loyal band of deliverers were consulted as to whether they would be willing to deliver an extra edition, to which we received a very positive response. I am delighted that Mr John Beresford, Development Director of Grainger PLC, has agreed, once again, to be our guest speaker at the public meeting. Grainger PLC is responsible for delivering the groundworks and infrastructure at the West of Waterlooville development, which is then handed over to housebuilders to construct the various phases. If you want to know how the various phases of the development are progressing, come along and listen to what should be an informative and authoritative talk.

We could use some volunteers to help us with future deliveries in Greenacre Gardens (14) Aldermoor Road, Aldermoor Road East, Newlands Road & Kent Ridge (83) and finally, Privett Road (between The Dale and Park Avenue)(40). If you could support these deliveries, please contact us at info@pawara.co.uk or Malcolm Jordan (Deliveries).

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

Local Planning & Traffic News

The planning application for retirement flats on the London Road site currently occupied by Purbrook Garage Services, Purbrook Tyres, Neil James Vehicle Sales and Asphaltic Roofing Supplies was refused. An appeal has been submitted, which will be heard (in public session) by the Planning Inspector (date yet to be announced).

Grainger PLC invited Hampshire County Councillor Robin McIntosh and Purbrook Councillor (& PAWARA Chairman) Gary Hughes to their premises in Aldershot to discuss the 'off-site' traffic works linked to the West of Waterlooville development. In what was a very positive meeting, a number of proposals to adjust the 'trigger' points (when off-site works have to commence) were discussed. If approved, it would delay any changes to the current roundabout (Purbrook Way, Crookhorn Lane, Stakes Road & Stakes Hill Road) until after construction of the proposed Southern Access Road (through the development) and the impact on local traffic has been assessed further. The installation of traffic lights at the junction of College Road and Purbrook Way would be the first 'off-site' work at a major junction in Purbrook. The proposals are being worked up and will be formally submitted to Winchester City Council, Havant Borough Council and Hampshire County Council. The issue was discussed at the West of Waterlooville forum on **17th March**, where all councils were informed of the initiative and their support was requested.

You can find a link to the Havant Borough Council planning website at www.pawara.co.uk.

West Waterlooville - Major Development Area

A map detailing all of the various phases of the MDA along with the 'Town Park' and proposed cemetery can be found on 'useful links' page of the PAWARA web-site.

Hampshire Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team) update

Meet the people who produce the Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin...

'Waterlooville South - Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin' is a monthly document produced by volunteers (who live in the **PAWARA** area).

Purbrook residents Garry & Sandie Craig (pictured here with Inspector Dave Humphries on the right) responded to a request for volunteers at Waterlooville Police Station.



Sandie Craig said "We spend about 8 hours per week producing a monthly bulletin for Neighbourhood Watch, which goes out electronically to about 1500 people. The police team are such a nice group of people and it's obvious that they feel strongly about serving the community."

Garry said: "It's good to put skills acquired as a former I.T. lecturer to good use. We have to interrogate the police database to insert crime stats into the bulletin, which also requires editing and formatting skills. It's a constant learning curve, which keeps the brain in gear. The bulletin gives an overview of Neighbourhood Policing activities and encourages engagement from the public to help sustain a safe community."

Do you have access to the Internet? Have you signed up to Hampshire Alert yet?

Members of the public who have access to the internet can sign up to '**Hampshire Alert**' at www.hampshirealert.co.uk. It is a system that enables you to be informed quickly when the police want to notify you of specific incidents, issues that you should be aware of (such as 'scams') and other helpful information including traffic reports. In doing so, you will receive the monthly bulletin by email. You will also receive very useful crime prevention tips and alerts to criminal activity in the area.

It is hoped that the Neighbourhood Policing Team will be in attendance at the end of the meeting to answer any questions that you may have.

Environment Group

The activities of the Environment Group have been somewhat constrained by the appalling wet weather we have experienced towards the end of last year and the beginning of this year.

In November 2015, using a grant from the 'Tree Council' the Environment Group planted 1000 (yes, 1000) English Bluebell bulbs in Sandy Dell. We are hoping that they will give a splendid display throughout the spring.

The work throughout 2016 will focus on maintenance of our spaces and to monitor the results of our efforts in 2015.

We have been checking on the bird boxes and bat boxes that were installed throughout the area last year. All seem to be in good condition and it will be interesting to see if they are occupied in the coming months. We are looking for southwest facing locations throughout the area to install a further three bat boxes. If you are aware of the existence of bats in your area and can offer a quiet, south-westerly facing location with at least 15 feet clearance (to allow the bats to come and go) please contact us at info@pawara.co.uk.



Work Programme for the coming months

The group meets every second Sunday in each month for two hours.

10th April - Clearing brambles at Privett Road.

8th May - Complete the litter pick at Johnston's Coppice/Motorway embankment.

12th June - Sandy Brow - maintenance of the fruiting hedge planted in November 2014.

10th July - 'The Bog' (Ladybridge Road) maintenance of the fruiting hedge planted in November 2014.

All work parties meet at 9.30am (unless 'on road' litter picks, which start at 8.30am).

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

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

The 'Adopt a Grot Spot' anti-litter initiative continues to be a great success. As well as our loyal 'adopt a grot spot' sponsors, **PAWARA** have participated in 3 litter-picks in 2016; a VERY wet session at Gaunlett's Park (nr Morelands School)(12 bags) in January, followed by a 'Purbrook/Purbrook Heath' litter-pick in February (47 bags). **PAWARA** participated in the nationally organized 'Clean for the Queen' litter-picking event held over the weekend of 4th-6th March, undertaking a deep clean at Johnston's Coppice, resulting in the collection of 50 bags of rubbish. In every case we had an excellent turnout of residents wanting to see their environment litter free.



Purbrook/Purbrook Heath

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 or telephone **Gary Hughes** on **02392 374152** for more information.



Johnston's Coppice

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If you have access to **Facebook**, the **'Waterlooville Community HBC'** is a great source of useful information available to residents. Click **'like'** on the Waterlooville Community HBC page to keep up to date with the following:

- Local community projects and activities
- Job/volunteering opportunities
- Funding streams
- Community focused meetings
- Events in the Waterlooville and surrounding areas
- General community news and development



Twitter users can also receive updates on **Twitter @CommunityHBC**

**PAWARA's public meeting will be held at 7.15 on Thursday 28th April 2016
at the Deverell Hall, London Road, Purbrook PO7 5JU.**

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome.
2. Guest Speaker - John Beresford - Grainger PLC
West of Waterlooville Major Development Update
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Environment Group report.
6. Current planning applications.
7. A.O.B. – from the residents.
8. Closure

Dates for your diaries:

2016 PAWARA meetings: Thurs 28th April & Thurs 24th November 2016

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'.

“TOGETHER, DOING GOOD IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD”