



PAWARA

PURBROOK AND WIDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**Come and join us at our Public Meeting
on Thursday 26th May 2022
7.15pm at Deverell Hall.**

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr John Geden

**REGIONAL BEE INSPECTOR
CENTRAL REGION
NATIONAL BEE UNIT**

Honeybees

their

Value

and

Decline

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the Spring edition of the PAWARA newsletter. As we slowly resume 'normal' life, I am keen to re-instate the 'guest speaker' at our spring public meeting. I am therefore delighted that Mr John Geden has agreed to talk to us about 'Honeybees: Their value and decline'. I am aware of a number of hives maintained by beekeepers across the PAWARA area. Indeed, my neighbour produces excellent local honey, which is very popular. I hope many of you can join us for what will be an enlightening evening.

Regular readers will note the slightly different format to this newsletter. Previous newsletters have been compiled by me, using inputs from a number of contributors. However, this time, I have asked that the contributors provide fully attributed articles, so that you are aware of the group effort that goes into producing local news of interest. Grainger, the major developers of the Berewood estate were invited to provide an update on how the various works are progressing on the site. In doing so, they made a contribution to our printing costs which is gratefully received.

At our AGM in November, both myself and the Treasurer (Vic Pheasant) gave notice of our intention to step down at the next AGM in November 2022. Vic will have served as Treasurer for almost 10 years. He has been a constant source of advice and guidance to me during my eight plus years as Chair. An Association can only succeed if willing, enthusiastic volunteers come forward. I am delighted that 'Husky' Patel has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer. It has been a privilege to represent and speak on behalf of PAWARA residents. I am confident that a new Chairperson will be found and take the Association forward in a manner that ensures it remains relevant and focussed on issues of importance and interest to you.

HAVANT & SOUTHDOWNS COLLEGE HOUSING PROPOSAL

'Places for People' have submitted a planning application for 102 new homes on the Havant & South Downs College campus, east of College Road in Crookhorn.

The proposed development consists of a range of family homes and flats.

The site was in the (withdrawn) Local Plan (KP8). There will be provision for at least 30% affordable homes, with an aspiration to increase this to 100%, available for affordable rent and sale through shared ownership. Access will be from College Road opposite Apollo Drive, with a mini-roundabout forming part of the scheme.



**Proposed
site for the
development**

**A view from the
northwest of what
the development
may look like**



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Development Update

Berewood is a new housing development located west of London Road, Waterlooville, managed by Grainger Plc. Spanning 500 acres, over half of which is (and will remain) green space. There are now nearly 1000 occupied homes on the site.

When complete the site will consist of 2,650 homes as well as 250 acres green space featuring a river and nature reserves, plus community facilities including a health centre, nursery, community centre, sports pavilion and pitches, skate park, children's play areas, allotments and more.

These updates will give an overview of current works and future plans to keep you informed of progress.



Latest Land Sales

Woodlands Edge and **Larkfields** have been purchased by Bloor Homes. Work is expected to start this summer.

Kentidge Coppice and the northern half of **Daubenton Glen** are now on the market to be sold in the next few months.

Combined these 4 phases will bring just over 450 additional homes to the site.

40% of all housing at Berewood is a 50/50 split of affordable rent and shared ownership.

Ladybridge Roundabout

As part of the local infrastructure improvements we will be upgrading the Ladybridge roundabout junction and providing access to the Berewood site from the south.

Discussions are currently ongoing with Hampshire County Council regarding the design and timescales, we will let residents know as soon as these are confirmed.



Current Timescales

Please note these dates are estimates only and subject to change

- Bloor Homes on site (**Larkfields & Woodlands Edge**) summer 2022
- **Berewood Town Park** second phase (including cricket pavilion) to commence spring 2022 estimated completion 2025
- **Marrelsmoor Avenue** connection works to start spring 2022, complete spring 2024
- **Newlands Avenue** connection works anticipated to start 2023
- **Northern allotments** aiming to be complete 2023
- **Second Primary School** delivered by Hampshire County Council planned to be complete and open Sept 2025
- **Community Centre** anticipated to open 2025
- Other elements of the **Local Centre** delivered within next 5 years (not including Health Centre and Extra Care facility which are subject to NHS and Hampshire County Council, timescales still to be confirmed)

River Wallington now open

The river runs across the north of the site and has accessible paths and boardwalks. Lots of wildlife has already made itself at home, including a kingfisher along the western stretch!

There are parking bays along Houghton Avenue and Marrelsmoor Avenue, and a free car park opposite Berewood Primary School on Kentidge Way (PO7 3BE) should you wish to visit and explore the area.



Elm Green play area now open

Located at the north west of the site next to the River Wallington, this play area features a range of accessible equipment for children of all ages and abilities.

Please note the closest parking is currently the bays along Houghton Avenue and Marrelsmoor Avenue, and the free car park opposite Berewood Primary School on Kentidge Way (PO7 3BE).



Newlands Community Hall

Located on the corner of Marrelsmoor Avenue and Newlands Avenue, opposite Berewood Primary School, the hall has plenty of free parking and is accessible for wheelchair users.

Bookings are managed by Waterlooville Area Community Association:

admin@waterloovillecommunity.org.uk

023 9225 6823

Newlands Community Hall, Marrelsmoor Avenue, Berewood, Waterlooville, PO7 3BX



Town Park & Nature Reserves

Town Park and the nature reserves are currently owned and managed by Grainger Plc.

Whilst we do regularly attend to these areas for maintenance, we appreciate reports from the public of anything that may need our attention:

berewood@graingerplc.co.uk

Should you experience any antisocial behaviour, however small, please report it via 101 or online:

www.hampshire.police.uk



Polite reminder to please keep dogs on leads when walking in residential areas and Town Park. Thank you!

Berewood Footpath Network



PURBROOK AND WIDLEY LITTER PICKERS 'OVER THE MOON' AS THEY SMASH 1,000 RUBBISH BAG TARGET IN BID TO KEEP AREA CLEAN AND TIDY

ECO champions cleaning up their community are celebrating after hitting a big rubbish collecting milestone.



By Emily Jessica Turner

Friday, 18th March 2022

A group of volunteer litter pickers helping to keep their home in Purbrook and Widley tidy have now collected a total of 1,000 bags of rubbish from their area.

Natalie Clack, a mum from Purbrook, is litter pick co-ordinator for the Purbrook and Widley Residents Association and helps organise the rubbish collections.

She said: 'We're absolutely over the moon - we were hoping we'd reach that 1,000-bag bracket and we did.'

The residents association has been logging the collected rubbish bags since the end of 2011.

Around 20 people of ages from their 40s to their 70s take part in the litter picks.

Natalie, 40, said: 'Around 10 to 12 of us get together. We usually focus on one particular area and we cover Purbrook and Widley.'

'Recently we did a big litter pick where we did the Johnston's Coppice on Purbrook Way. We collected 53 bags of rubbish.'



Natalie is a primary school teacher, and says she is keen to encourage children and young people to take an interest in their environment.

She said: 'I think it's really important that younger people get involved.'

'It would be nice if people were more aware of litter and doing their bit to keep their area tidy - their workplaces, their car parks.'

If you would like to get involved with a Purbrook and Widley Residents Association litter pick, contact Natalie by emailing litter@pawara.co.uk.

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SANDY BROW FOOTPATH, STAIRWAY AND FOOTBRIDGE

By Gary Hughes

Thursday, 28th April 2022

Residents who know this area will recall that this popular route was closed for six months last year due to safety concerns over the stairwell and the footbridge. Following an intervention with local councillors, it was agreed that stairwell and footbridge were not 'unsafe' and subsequently re-opened. However, councillors successfully argued that the priority project should be the replacement of the footpath.

NORSE have now repaired the stairwell and replaced the footpath with materials more in keeping with the rural surroundings. Additional steps have been added at the top of the stairwell and handrail extensions have been installed.



UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON ROADWORKS

Ever wanted to know why a road is being dug up, how long temporary traffic lights are in likely to be in place etc?

The '**one.network**' website <https://one.network> details all roadworks happening across the UK. Once a (free) account has been created, you can set a radius of interest and subscribe to daily email updates. It is a 'nice to know' information provider.



ENVIRONMENT GROUP

By Terry Smith

In December we planted another section of hedge on the edge of the woodland to the side of Widley Gardens. We received two Wildlife and Shrubs packs from The Conservation Volunteers under the I Dig Trees scheme sponsored by OVO Energy; a total of 80 whips included a mixture of Hawthorn, Hazel, Dogwood and Dog Rose.



We had nothing scheduled for January and had a break although we have made up for it since. We have had three sessions at Penjar Pond to lay the back row of the hedge in front of the fence to reduce the height and thicken up the bottom of the hedge to improve habitat for wildlife. If hedges are not managed they eventually become a row of trees, which had started to happen here. The arisings were incorporated into the hedge; some of the freshly cut branches, mainly rose, were pushed into the ground in the hope they would take root. The front row was tidied with more substantial work left for next year



If all the work is done at the same time it will reduce the amount of flowers and fruit which grow on older wood.

The work was timed to allow berries to be eaten by wildlife, avoid the bird nesting season and completed before the trees were in leaf.

Above: Laying the hedge



Above:
The front of the hedge in late April 2022
after the back row was laid.



Right:
The back of the hedge in late April 2022.



In February Havant Borough Tree Wardens received 500 large whips from The Tree Council and we were able to include 200 in the hedges at Widley Gardens and Purbrook Gardens to thicken them up and add a variety of different species, including guelder rose, spindle and wild privet.

The larger plants made an immediate impact and now the whips are coming into leaf they are starting to look like hedges.

Left:
Part of the hedge at Widley Gardens.



In March we received the scheduled Wildlife and Shrubs pack from TCV and we were able to create a third hedge at Purbrook Gardens, incorporating some of the larger whips from the Tree Council. There are signs of bird nests in the existing trees and the new hedges should provide additional nesting habitat. We took the opportunity to dig brambles out from the main area.



Some of the wild flower seeds we scattered previously have taken and foxglove leaves are evident.

Now more light is reaching the ground, other native plants are thriving, including lesser celandine and wild arum.



The garden plants that were already there are flowering. The daffodils have finished and three-cornered leeks and forget-me-nots are now in flower.

Unfortunately, dumping of garden waste and furniture has started again recently.

Left:
The new hedge facing Purbrook Gardens.

In April we dug nine bags of Spanish bluebells and hybrids out of Sandy Dell. Back in 2014, removing the Spanish bluebells and planting native bluebell bulbs seemed like a good idea. We have dug out a total of 83 bags and we keep thinking the end is in sight. The work will continue in May.

1,000 native bluebells were planted in Sandy Dell in November 2015 and we intend to add to them.



WORK PROGRAMME

Sunday 8th May - Sandy Dell

Remove invasive Spanish bluebells to allow native bluebells to be planted.

Sunday 12th June - TBC

Sunday 10th July - Penjar Pond

Dig out sedges, cut vegetation, cut back grass growing over kerb.

Sunday 14th August - TBC

Sunday 11th September - Privett Road

Cut grass around trees.

Sunday 9th October - TBC

Sunday 13th November - TBC

If you know of other areas that might benefit from some attention from the Environment Group, please use the Contact form on the website to let us know.

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

We welcome new volunteers. You do not need experience of conservation work and there is no obligation to attend every task. More information can be found on our website. www.pawara-environmentgroup.org.uk

QUIZ NIGHT

AT THE WOODMAN

WANT TO SUPPORT PAWARA BY USING YOUR BRAIN?

COME AND JOIN THE MONTHLY (EVERY SECOND THURSDAY) QUIZ NIGHT AT THE WOODMAN PUB.

MARTIN AND LAUREN HAVE KINDLY AGREED TO HOST PAWARA ORGANISED QUIZ NIGHTS.

ENTRY FEE £1 PER PERSON UP TO FOUR PLAYERS. £6 FOR FIVE PLAYERS AND £8 FOR SIX (MAXIMUM). WINNERS GET 50% OF THE ENTRY FEE AND A CHANCE TO WIN ANOTHER 25%.

IF IT IS NOT WON, IT IS CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT QUIZ.

PAWARA FUNDS WILL BENEFIT FROM THE REMAINING 25%.

THE PRIMARY AIM IS TO HAVE A BIT OF FUN. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRANTS

Each Hampshire County Councillor is allocated £8,000 per year for grants to community groups across the county and in their division. This has been used across Purbrook and Widley for works in community buildings (Deverell Hall, Phoenix Centre), used to fund the CPAD in Purbrook and contributed towards the replacement footpath between Elstead Gardens and Ladybridge Road. This year, it has been agreed that Community Groups may apply for grants from the 'pot' for the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Applications can be made from 9th May.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor/application-notes>



Thanks to the continuing efforts of our administrator Katie Eaton, our Facebook page contains a wealth of useful information from outside bodies, local authorities and other contributors.

We now have over 600 followers, many of whom also subscribe to the 'Community' page. We will always consider requests to post information on behalf of residents, but do not advertise businesses or 'wanted'/'for sale' items.

Type: <https://www.facebook.com/pawara.co.uk/> into your browser to follow the PAWARA page. The Community Group can be found under the 'community' tab on the right hand side.



For a £5 donation
PAWARA will send you a 4" self-adhering
'We Support PAWARA' coloured sticker.

It will look fantastic in your car, your front window or your front door.

Show your support for PAWARA

"TOGETHER, DOING GOOD IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD"

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'.

Date for your 2022 diary
PAWARA Public Meetings

Thursday 26th May Deverell Hall commencing at 7.15pm
Thursday 24th November (AGM) Deverell Hall commencing at 7.15pm