



# PAWARA

PURBROOK AND WIDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## ALL CHANGE AT PAWARA

Gary Hughes has handed over the 'Chair' of PAWARA to Graham Olway. Gary announced his intention to step down at the public meeting in May. On leaving, Gary said 'it was a privilege to serve as Chairman of PAWARA. I did not intend to serve for almost 9 years, but having the support of the Committee and knowing that we were doing good things around our neighbourhood and amongst our community was



an incentive for me to continue in the role. I would like to thank the Committee for their patience and humour and I wish PAWARA all of the very best for the future'.

Incoming Chairman, Graham Olway said 'I am incredibly grateful to the PAWARA Committee Members for having confidence in me to take over the role of Chairman from Gary Hughes. He has strengthened PAWARA during his involvement and I hope to continue the good work that has been happening in recent years. Having lived in the Borough of Havant since 1973 and in Widley since 1999 I am very much aware of PAWARA and its considerable impact in the Purbrook & Widley area. I will be looking to support the various committee members in the responsibilities they have and obviously look to encourage more participation in neighbourhood improvements. It certainly is an exciting time to be involved and I hope to meet many of you at the AGM on 24th November or through PAWARA activities'.

Graham Olway - Chairman  
Secretary - Vacant  
Husky Patel - Treasurer  
Malcolm Jordan - Deliveries  
John Briggs - Vice Chairman  
Terry Smith - Environment  
Natalie Clack - Litter Picking Coordinator

Vic Pheasant (Treasurer) and Sheila McIntosh (who has been a member of the Committee since PAWARA was formed in 2004) also indicated that they would wish to step down. 'Husky' Patel has assumed the role of Treasurer on behalf of the association.

### **Committee vacancy – Secretary**

With the appointment of Graham Olway as Chairman, a replacement is now needed to take on the role Graham previously performed of PAWARA Secretary. The key role is at the two committee meetings and the AGM to ensure an accurate record of the meeting is minuted and if anyone is interested in finding out more please contact Graham Olway via [info@pawara.co.uk](mailto:info@pawara.co.uk).

## **Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association (PAWARA) Annual General Meeting - Deverell Hall, Purbrook on Thursday 24th November 2022 7.15pm Arrival & 7.30pm Start**

### **AGENDA**

1. Introduction & Welcome by PAWARA Chairman
2. Election of Officers
3. Election of Committee
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Update on PAWARA Activities
6. Open questions to Cllr Alex Rennie, Leader of Havant Borough Council
7. Any Other Business
8. Dates of next meeting

## ENVIRONMENT GROUP

by Terry Smith

We had a change of scenery in June. We were asked to clear the Wayfarer's Walk footpath between Purbrook Heath and Dellcrest Path (at the top of Portsdown Hill) which had become overgrown in places. Although still useable with care, there were several sections of long grass, nettles and trailing brambles further up.



We returned to Penjar Pond in July to dig out sedges to create a clear area and some deeper pockets to give a variety of habitat. The conditions were ideal with the ground dry, but not rock hard.



In August we weeded around the hedges at Purbrook Gardens and cut the verge. We spread the remaining woodchips around the newest hedge and took the opportunity to dig out brambles. We finished off by watering the hedges (grey water), concentrating on the whips that appeared to be in most need.



I would particularly like to thank Denise for helping to keep the whips alive during the worst of the heatwave. Most of the whips have survived with new growth on those that had died back.

Gary watered the newest section of hedge at Widley Gardens and that is also recovering well with only a few blackthorn casualties.



In September and October we cut the brambles and grass around the trees we planted at Privett Road to uncover the trees and allow wildflowers to flourish. There has been a good display of berries on the rowan and hawthorn trees and they are now being enjoyed by birds.

## WORK PROGRAMME

### **Sunday 20th November - Penjar Pond**

Cut back brambles, trim edge of verge.

### **Sunday 11th December - Widley Gardens**

Hedge maintenance, cut back brambles.

### **Sunday 8th January 2023 - Penjar Pond**

Lay front row of hedge.

### **Sunday 12th February - Penjar Pond**

Lay front row of hedge.

### **Sunday 12th March - to be confirmed**

### **Sunday 9th April - Sandy Dell / Privett Road**

Remove Spanish bluebells

### **Sunday 14th May- Sandy Dell / Privett Road**

Remove Spanish bluebells

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

# LITTER UPDATE

by Natalie Clack

2022 has seen another positive effort in terms of picking litter. Over 100 rubbish sacks have been collected in the Purbook and Widley area, this year alone.

In March, several people attended a big litter pick at Johnston's Coppice on Purbrook Way. At this event, 53 litter sacks were collected, along with a vast amount of other large items including car tyres, a microwave and a portable toilet!

In June, a group met at London Road and picked a total of 18 litter sacks and 2 bags of rubble. More recently in September, a total of 14 bags were collected in the same area.

Local residents are continuing the commitment to keep the area clean and tidy, either by joining group picks or litter picking individually, demonstrating tremendous community spirit. Thank you to everyone who contributes!

## Why litter pick?

Did you know that looks aren't everything? As well as making the area look better, picking litter helps to prevent wildlife from getting hurt. Keeping an area litter free helps to prevent animal habitats from being disturbed and prevents plastic breaking down and entering the food chain as microplastics.

If you pick litter in the local area, PAWARA would love to hear about it for our records!

It would be fabulous to welcome more residents (young or old) to join a community litter pick or collect some equipment, to do your own picks. If this is something you are interested in, send an email to Natalie at [litter@pawara.co.uk](mailto:litter@pawara.co.uk).

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR GRANTS

Each County Councillor has a grant pot of £8,000 available to community groups and schools to fund capital projects. Examples of previous grants include the CPAD at Shilling Place, part funded the footpath between Ladybridge Road and Elstead Gardens and improvements to Deverell Hall.

The last date for applications is 28 February 2023.

More information can be found at:

[www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor](http://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor).

## ONE NETWORK

Ever wondered why roadworks are taking place, how long they are scheduled to last? Ever wanted to know if your long journey has roadworks on the route? There is a new website; <https://uk.one.network> that transforms the way road agencies collaborate and communicate.

With over 20,000 operational users and many millions of public consumers one.network underpins traffic operations across the UK, allowing you to be alerted to roadworks in the area and have the ability to investigate particular routes.

If you haven't used it, it may be worth a look. It is free to use.

## GARDENERS WANTED

In June 2019 PAWARA Environment Group removed the large, well-rooted (and heavy) phormium that was obscuring the Purbrook sign next to the Deverell Hall.

The flower bed in front of the sign could be an attractive feature, but it is currently uninteresting, of little value to wildlife and much of it is covered with a low shrub. Are any keen gardeners looking for a project?



The obscured Purbrook sign



The flower bed in October 2022

## PROPOSED BENCHES IN GAUNTLETT'S PARK.

Havant Borough Council have been approached to consider installing additional benches in Gauntlett's Park near to the golf course. This would be particularly beneficial to users of the park in the winter months when the wet ground conditions prevent access to the current ones. Some of the funding will hopefully come from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), but if required, a separate grant application will be made to the County Councillor.

## APPEAL FOR NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS

3891 newsletters are delivered 2 or 3 times a year by a dedicated band of about 30 volunteers. However there is always a need for new volunteers to cover areas without a dedicated deliverer and to cover for holidays and sickness.

Shortage areas at present are:- Purbrook Place (75); Taylor Close (26); Jaqueline Ave/Kennedy Close (84); Fir Copse Rd (98); part of The Dale (56) and part of Park Ave (86).

If you can help either as a permanent or temporary deliverer we would love to hear from you. Contact **Malcolm** on **92351092** or **mmjordan@talk21.com**. Thank you.



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The use of Facebook continues to be our main social media platform for promoting news on PAWARA. Thanks to the continuing efforts of Katie Eaton, our Facebook page contains a wealth of useful information and we would encourage you to view it regularly. Recent posts have had over 300 views and so the PAWARA messages on Facebook are being seen by increasing numbers of local residents.

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.

To view the PAWARA pages on Facebook you currently have to open a Facebook account.



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**', Corbett House,  
148c London Road, Waterlooville, PO7 5SS. Please include your name and  
address on the back of the cheque

or

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

Sort Code: 30-99-50 Account No: 29454168.

Please insert your address in the 'Reference'.

Dates for your diary

2023 PAWARA Public Meetings

Thursday 25th May Deverell Hall commencing at 7.15pm

Thursday 23rd November (AGM) Deverell Hall commencing at 7.15pm