



PAWARA

PURBROOK AND WIDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

If you are interested in learning more about your local area, please come along to the next Annual General Meeting at Deverell Hall, Purbrook on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start

AGENDA

1. Introduction by Graham Olway MBE, PAWARA Chairman.
2. Presentation by Terry Norton, Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire.
3. Update on PAWARA Committee activities, finances etc.
4. What do you want from PAWARA? - please bring your ideas and suggestions for activities as well as for speakers or topics at future meetings.

PAWARA Committee Secretary Update

After our appeal in the last newsletter we were contacted by a local resident who offered her time as the PAWARA Committee Secretary. We are pleased to welcome Jacqueline Coonie as our new Committee Member.

Webmaster - Vacancy

We are still looking for someone to help us develop a new PAWARA website - if you have the experience to help create and run a new website or are someone who would like to do so, please get in touch. Your help would need to be voluntary and you could help ensure PAWARA continues to develop its communication with local residents. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Graham Olway via info@pawara.co.uk.

**Dates for your diary - 2024 PAWARA public meetings:
Thursday 23rd May 2024 and Thursday 28th November 2024 (AGM)**

Graham Olway MBE - Chairman

John Briggs - Vice Chairman

Jacqueline Coonie - Secretary

Husky Patel - Treasurer

Terry Smith - Environment

Natalie Clack - Litter Coordinator

Malcolm Jordan - Deliveries

DEPUTY POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE

Dear Neighbour,

Thank you for allowing me to feature in your newsletter. My name is Terry Norton; I'm the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and a resident of Purbrook and Widley.

It's been 12 years since Police and Crime Commissioners were first introduced to be the voice of the people and hold the police to account, yet – there is still some mystery around them, what they do and how they help make communities safer.

In Hampshire and on the Isle of Wight, the Commissioner and I spend £10 million annually on commissioned services which help fight crime and support victims.

We are responsible for the totality of policing and can be an excellent resource for local people to utilise so that communities (like ours) can receive the changes they want to see. Working together effectively helps us understand our priorities; please take time to read our Police and Crime Plan. You can find it at www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk. I hope that it will help reassure you that your needs are being addressed.

As the Deputy PCC for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, I have seen first-hand how collaboration on issues like anti-social behaviour makes a huge difference to residents at a hyper-local level. We at the OPCC have commissioned many crime prevention initiatives through an ASB Taskforce force where key stakeholders work in partnership with the police to solve issues in cities, towns and villages.

Whilst collaboration is key, so is police visibility. Purbrook and Widley residents will know how vital increasing police numbers are now and into the future. The Commissioner and I have, therefore, ensured that recruitment numbers are high. Consequently, I'm informing you that we have recently recruited our 600th new police officer, who trained as part of one of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary's twenty-four cohorts of recruits since March 2020. At the same time, we are investing in the police estate and infrastructure to take the fight to criminals and build safer communities. It is clear more police will mean faster response times, more investigations, and more crime prevention.

Thanks to PAWARA, you have the opportunity to hear from your Police and Crime Commissioner, councils, landowners, schools, and parents. I have no doubt that residents' associations (like ours) support in addressing systemic community issues and influence how local money is spent.

Thank you for allowing me to introduce myself, and I hope to meet as many of you as possible in the near future.

Kind regards,

Terry Norton
Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner



ENVIRONMENT GROUP

by Terry Smith

We had three sessions digging Spanish bluebells out from Sandy Dell and the small wood to the side of Widley Gardens this spring. There has been a significant reduction since we started the work with the intention of adding to the native bluebells we have already planted. In June we had a follow-up visit to Purbrook Gardens where we cut back sycamore and dug out brambles.

In July we cut back the willow that was hanging over the pavement in front of Penjar Pond and cleared brambles that were encroaching on the new path.

We were back at the pond in August to dig out sedges from the centre of the pond to maintain clearer areas and create some deeper pockets to give a variety of habitat for wildlife.

In September we started the annual grass cut around the trees we planted at Privett Road in 2012 to encourage wild flowers and we will continue that work in October. The ends gnawed off hazel nuts still on the tree suggests a visit from a dormouse. If we plant more hazel that may encourage further visits although the area is probably too small to support a permanent population. Dormouse numbers are estimated to have fallen by 52% since 1995, mainly due to loss of habitat. Domestic cats are also a threat and we saw a cat kill two small rodents during our September work party.



Above: Dormouse (Photo: PTES)



Left: Hazel nuts at Privett Road gnawed while still on the tree (Photo: Terry Smith)

If you know of other areas that might benefit from attention from the Environment Group, please contact us at info@pawara.co.uk

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

www.pawara-environmentgroup.org.uk

WORK PROGRAMME

Sunday 19th November	Widley Gardens Hedge maintenance
Sunday 10th December	Privett Road - Tree planting
Sunday 14th January	TBC
Sunday 11th February	TBC
Sunday 10th March	TBC
Sunday 14th April	Sandy Dell / Privett Road Remove Spanish bluebells
Sunday 12th 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.

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SOME HELPFUL INFORMATION

The following are a few useful websites and telephone numbers to report the following:

Report a Pothole in Hampshire

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

If you see a highway issue which needs urgent attention:

- Phone **0300 555 1388** (08.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday)
- Outside of office hours, phone **101** (emergencies only)

Emergency defects are usually made safe within two hours. These repairs may be temporary with permanent repairs being made later. Other defects become part of the maintenance programme and are usually repaired within two months.

Larger or more complex works, such as major resurfacing, are generally scheduled separately.

Report a faulty street light

Most street lighting mounted on, or near, the highway is maintained by Hampshire County Council.

Lights maintained by Hampshire County Council are labelled with their name and logo, their service provider's name and logo, and a contact telephone number. Please use this information or Report a faulty street light via:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/streetlight>

Report fly-tipping

If you see fly-tipping please report it to Havant Borough Council on 023 9244 6010

Report a problem with paving

If you see a highway issue which needs urgent attention:

- Phone **0300 555 1388** (8:30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)
- Outside of office hours, phone **101** (emergencies only)

Pavements will deteriorate quicker in heavily-used pedestrian areas and where there is a need for utility companies to lay and maintain their equipment. When a problem is reported to us, we will inspect, assess and repair where necessary or forward details to any relevant third-party.

Pavements that are considered dangerous are those likely to cause a trip hazard or result in a fall. Cracked or unsightly pavements are not normally classed as dangerous. Minor repairs such as raised slabs and block paving are repaired throughout the year within an appropriate timescale.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

LITTER UPDATE

by Natalie Clack

Since the last news letter several members of the community have contributed to the litter picking effort. When individuals collect a sack, they send an email to litter@pawara.co.uk to advise.



Did you know that you can pick litter at a time that suits you? PAWARA are able to provide purple bin bags, when needed. New litter pickers are very welcome.

PAWARA has made several community links this summer. We were able to provide the equipment needed for a community pick, organised by Sarah at Church of the Good Shepherd in Crookhorn, in May. The group picked up 5 bin bags of litter in that area.

In June there was a group litter pick held at Johnston's Coppice and along Purbrook Way.



8 community members collected 12 bags of litter along with a large tarpaulin, a traffic cone and a cartyre.



In June I also had the opportunity to meet up with the Purbrook Cub Scouts. We did a pick around Fielders park and the grounds at Purbrook Junior School. The cubs thoroughly enjoyed the pick and all said that they would like to continue to litter pick in the future in order to look after the environment.

I have personally done some litter picking at Berewood skate park. Unfortunately this area is a permanent 'Grot Spot' that needs regular attention due to lots of broken glass, takeaway packaging and alcohol bottles/cans.

Thank you so much to the local residents who keep their area tidy and pick litter on a regular basis. Your effort is much appreciated.

If you would like to be involved in upcoming community litter picks, please contact litter@pawara.co.uk to add your email to the mailing list.

CALLING ALL MEN - PSA AWARENESS & TEST

Havant Lions Club organised a PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen) Testing day last year at Deverell Hall on 26th November 2022. On that day they tested 350 men, resulting in 316 were clear, 14 were advised to have another test in twelve months and 20 were advised to contact their doctor.

A further opportunity for the test is being organised by Havant Lions on Saturday 18th November at St Joseph's Church Hall, Havant. A donation is sought to help fund the test.

For details please refer to: <https://havantlions.org.uk/psa-awareness-and-testing>

CHRIST CHURCH PORTSDOWN celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2024

In 2024, one of our local churches, Christ Church Portsdown, will celebrate 150 years since its consecration. With a particular link to the D-Day events of 1944 and other local and national history there will be a number of celebration activities that everyone is invited to. These include:

Sat 27th January 2024	Quiz Night
Fri 15th March 2024	Local History Talk
Sun 9th June 2024	80th anniversary of D-Day Service
Sat 13th July 2024	Family Fun Day with craft activities
Tue 30th July 2024	Celebration Service to commemorate 150th anniversary of the church's consecration
Sun 8th September 2024	Celebration service with the Bishop of Portsmouth
Sun 26th November 2024	Service of thanks for 2024 and looking forward

Please refer to the church website at: www.christchurchportsdown.org for more details

LATEST NEWS

The Environment Group of PAWARA have been granted permission to create a community orchard on 'The Bog' to celebrate the coronation of HM King Charles III. More details will follow.

The flowerbed outside the Deverell Hall/ at the end of Campbell Crescent needs someone or a group of volunteers to help maintain it. If you are interested please contact PAWARA at info@pawara.co.uk



PAWARA TAKES ACTION AFTER DAMAGE TO LADYBRIDGE ROAD GREEN SPACE

Local residents will remember all too well the incursion earlier this summer by a number of vehicles onto green open space and then the damage and rubbish that was found after they had left. PAWARA received several requests for help from local residents and multiple requests were made by PAWARA on behalf of all of us to Havant Borough Council. Whilst requests for information on the cost of incidents at Ladybridge Road required a Freedom of Information request to be submitted we hope the following details will ensure our elected representatives press Havant Borough Council for further improvements and increased security measures.

We asked on your behalf the following questions and Havant Borough Council replied as follows:

How many reported incursions have been made to Havant BC in the last 5 years (1st July 2018 - 1st July 2023) on this site?

1 - July 2022 2 - Sept 2022 3 - June 2023

How much has the clean up cost been on each occasion during that period?

It is roughly about £200 a time which includes waste disposal (this does not include green waste). On average it costs £475 to clear and dispose of green waste from each site.

Can we see copies of all emails and reports referring to Ladybridge Road, Purbrook about securing the area for the period of 1 January 2021 to date

The following defences were installed at the Ladybridge Road site this year:

12 Dragon Teeth Posts - £1,483 + VAT Locking Entrance Barrier - £2,890 + VAT

We do not hold any correspondence or reports on the matter.

PAWARA will continue to press our elected representatives to ensure our community does not experience this again.



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APPEAL FOR 'BANK' NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS

Did you know? Nearly 3,900 PAWARA newsletters are delivered 2 to 3 times a year by a dedicated band of about 35 volunteers. After an appeal in the last newsletter we finally have every round covered by a dedicated volunteer deliverer. However there is always a need for new volunteers to cover areas without a deliverer during holidays and sickness. If you think you could help on an as required basis we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Malcolm on **02392 351 092** or via mmjordan@talk21.com



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.



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'.

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