



PAWARA

PURBROOK AND WIDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

If you are interested in learning more about your local area, please come along to the next Public Meeting at Deverell Hall, Purbrook on Thursday 25th May 2023 at 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start.

AGENDA

1. Introduction by Graham Olway MBE, PAWARA Chairman
2. Presentation by Gillian Branson, Senior Rivers Officer (East Hampshire catchments) Groundwork South
3. Update from local Police Community Support Officer
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

Can you help us?

Committee vacancy - Secretary

Can you spare 3 to 4 hours each year? We need someone to help ensure an accurate record is taken at the two committee meetings each year and the AGM. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please contact Graham Olway via info@pawara.co.uk.

Webmaster

We would like 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. 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 – 2023 PAWARA public meetings:
25th May 2023 and 23rd November 2023 (AGM)**

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

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

by Terry Smith

Hedgelaying in Purbrook

PAWARA Environment Group has laid the hedge in front of the fence at Penjar Pond, Purbrook. The hedge was planted in February 2013 with a mixture of hazel, hawthorn, blackthorn, dogwood, field maple and dog rose.



The front of the hedge in April 2022.

The hedge was healthy and vigorous, but there was no growth at the bottom. Despite plentiful foliage and forks created by previous cutting, there were no nests in the hedge. The objective was to create a dense hedge that would be attractive to nesting birds.

The back row of the hedge was laid early last year, incorporating dead hedging to bulk it up, and new growth from the hazel was starting to add height.



The back row in April 2022 after laying.



Cutting branches growing forward in preparation for laying the hedge in January 2023.



Cutting off the side branches.

As our work sessions are only for two hours, we needed four sessions to complete the work.

Volunteers were rewarded with a morning off in March.



The finished hedge in early April showing blackthorn in blossom.

WORK PROGRAMME

Sunday 14th May - Sandy Dell / Privett Road

Remove Spanish bluebells

Sunday 11th June - TBC

Sunday 9th July - Penjar Pond

Dig out sedges.

Sunday 13th August - TBC

Sunday 10th September - Privett Road

Cut grass around trees.

Sunday 8th October - Privett Road

Cut grass around trees.

Sunday 12th 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.

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 website.

www.pawara-environmentgroup.org.uk

CORONATION ORCHARD

by Terry Smith

PAWARA has received permission from Havant Borough Council to create a community orchard on The Bog (Ladybridge Road) to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. The orchard will be planted in the corner near the car park in the winter, which gives us a few months to decide how we want the orchard to look and raise funds.



The orchard does not need to be in traditional rows. For example, it could be a circle or in the shape of a crown. If you have any thoughts on the design of the orchard, the type or variety of fruit trees you would like to see or if you would like to be involved in some way, please let us know.

A one-year-old bare-rooted apple tree on a dwarfing rootstock is four to five feet tall (1.2 - 1.5 metres) and will grow to 2 – 2.5 metres when mature. A tree with a stake and tie costs £32 at March 2023 prices from Blackmoor Nurseries.

Donations for the orchard can be paid into the PAWARA bank account (see back page for details). Please use your name and add the word "ORCHARD" as a reference. All contributions, regardless of the value, will be gratefully received and will help to make the orchard a reality.

LITTER UPDATE

by Natalie Clack

The continued efforts to litter pick in the area are appreciated by many people who stop us and thank us but more helpers would be a great bonus. If you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates on future litter picks please contact us via litter@pawara.co.uk.

Since the last newsletter two organisations working with young people have contacted us to ask about help we can offer and that is a real boost in trying to get more young people aware of the need to stop litter.

The last litter pick on 5th March resulted in 25 bags of litter being collected together with 6 tyres. Thanks go out to all those who helped and the photo below shows the results of their efforts.

Where next?

Do you know of a road or area in the Purbrook & Widley area that needs a litter pick? If so, please contact us via litter@pawara.co.uk



PLANTING IN JOHNSTON'S COPPICE

In December 2021, HCC Countryside Service cut ash trees down along the edge of Johnston's Coppice next to Purbrook Way. The trees were suffering from ash dieback and there were concerns some of the trees may fall across the pavement and into the road. A few other trees were felled or reduced at the same time because removing the ash increased the risk of windthrow (trees being blown down in strong winds).

On 13th April, volunteers from PAWARA and Havant Borough Tree Wardens helped the Countryside Service to replant the area with a mixture of native tree species. Over 200 trees were planted, including hazel, elder, hawthorn, blackthorn, buckthorn and crab apple, together with rowan left over from replanting the hedges in Havant Cemetery. HBTW took the opportunity to find a home for their growing collection of oak trees and a Purbrook resident donated four sweet chestnuts and an ash grown in pots.



Johnston's Coppice

There is already significant regrowth from the coppiced hazel, sycamore, ash, alder, goat willow, dogwood and guelder rose and buddleia has taken advantage of the disturbed ground.

The additional light reaching the ground has encouraged a range of wild flowers, including violets, primroses, herb robert and other plants yet to flower.

Insects seen included ladybirds, alder leaf beetle, bee-flies, small white and brimstone butterflies. The latter should be encouraged by the buckthorn we planted which is a favoured foodplant for brimstone caterpillars.

The verge in front of the planting area was a mass of dandelion, alexanders and garlic mustard which is a food plant of orange-tip caterpillars.

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

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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>

APPEAL FOR NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS

Did you know? Nearly 3,900 PAWARA newsletters are delivered 2 to 3 times a year by a dedicated band of about 30 volunteers. After the last AGM in November, several new volunteers kindly came forward to offer their help, but there is always a need for new volunteers to cover areas without a regular deliverer and to cover for holidays and sickness.

If you could help with delivering 84 newsletters to Jacqueline Avenue/Kennedy Close we would be especially grateful, but if you are willing to help in another area as a standby deliverer for sickness/holidays please let us know.

Please contact Malcolm on **02392 351 092** or via mmjordan@talk21.com if you feel you could help as either a permanent or temporary deliverer as it would help us cover the whole area.

WANTED - HISTORY OF PURBROOK & WIDLEY

Do you know any unusual history about our local area? Do you have any old photos of the area that we could include in future editions of the newsletter?

If the answer to either of these questions is yes, please contact us via info@pawara.co.uk



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WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR LOTTERY PAGE

Buy Your Tickets From Our Page - We Get 50%



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'.

Dates for your diary

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