

Horndean Parish Council: Downs Ward has a new Parish Councillor and we welcome Cllr Carolyne Jacobs who joins Cllrs Port and Veitch to bring the compliment back up to 3.

Carolyne has lived in Horndean since 1986. Her children attended local schools and she has many friends and contacts in the area. Carolyne is particularly interested in the future of our local area and how Horndean, particularly Downs Ward, will take shape in the next few years. She has joined the Parish Council to have an input, and represent the voice of neighbours in the Downs Ward in the future. Carolyne's background is in education and project management and she plans to bring these skills to help raise awareness about the interests of people living in Downs.

Carolyne can be contacted via email at carolyne.jacobs@outlook.com



Hampshire County Council issues with Cllr Marge Harvey:

First, I would like to wish you all a very healthy and happy New Year and a very big thank you to all those who voted for me in the election. I will do my very best to work as hard as I can for you all.

In the last 7 months, I have been working with Guy to get grit bins, bus shelters and other items sorted and we have been very successful in sorting out many problems. My thanks to Guy for passing on all of the things that need my help. The first thing I did was to get all the white lines repainted as they were not in a very good state. I have managed to get traffic calming resolved on

Stonechat Road and I am working now on White Dirt Lane to get some traffic calming done there. The next road is Victory Avenue and that will be started as soon as other roads have been completed.

I was able to get Hampshire to find £4,000 towards the bus shelters and to agree that HCC would be responsible for maintenance for the first 5 years in Downwood Way, so that the Parish could save some money. I have given grants from my devolved budget to Merchistoun Hall for the security gates and £500 to the Horndean players who are based at Merchistoun towards their show. I have also sorted out problems with parking on Murray Road and many other smaller problems that arisen during this time.

If there is anything that I can help you with, please don't hesitate to let me know on marge.harvey@hants.gov.uk



Information From George Hollingbery our local MP:

Rural Broadband. Like many who live in the countryside, I have sometimes considered throwing my computer out of the window when the internet has ground to halt. I have always managed to resist the temptation but once or twice it has been a close run thing, as I imagine it has for quite a few others who like the green of the country but not the terrible internet speeds. Some of you may therefore have felt your computer and nerves were granted a reprieve when word of rural superfast broadband for Hampshire hit the headlines.



Well, for most in the county this calmness should now be permanent as they surf the web for Christmas presents and sales bargains in the weeks to come, but there is going to be some who will miss out. As many of you may know, Hampshire County Council is working with BT Openreach to install new fibre connections.

Under these plans, at least 95% of home and businesses in Hampshire will be able to access superfast services by the end of 2017 and will enjoy speeds of at least 2 Mbps. Hampshire County Council has estimated that around 40,000 homes will actually get better than 50 Mbps.

It's great news for the area that the council has decided to make this investment and I'm sure that at least 95% of people will be very happy with the results. The slight wrinkle is the other 5%. These are the most rural areas – small villages and hamlets of a few dozen houses. For these people, the future is less clear. It may be that some communities have to fund their connection to this network on their own and that could be at a great cost. Rural Parish councils are being told that they may have to pay for the infrastructure to be installed themselves also with a pretty hefty price tag. For example, Rotherwick near Hook recently completed a self-funded broadband scheme at a cost of around £28,000.

I would encourage local residents to be in touch with Hampshire County Council directly to express their support for superfast broadband in their area. They can do so by signing-up to the campaign here:

<https://www3.hants.gov.uk/broadband/broadband-signup.htm>

George Hollingbery, Member of Parliament for Meon Valley.

George Hollingbery holds a monthly surgery at Waterlooville Precinct on Saturdays. For the next date contact his office on 01962 734076 to book an appointment. You can also write to him at: George Hollingbery MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or get in touch through his website: www.georgehollingbery.com

Sincere thanks to Jenny Castle who delivers most of these. If you would be able to help deliver 200 please get in touch.



Dear All; Here we have the Fifth edition of The Downs Ward Newsletter. If you know of something I should cover please get in touch! Best Wishes and Happy New Year! Guy.

In this issue you will find: Roman Horndean, Trading Standards Sticker, BT Kiosk fate, Bus Shelters, Community Grants, New Horndean Parish Councillor, Fly Tipping, Busses on Footpaths, Housing, Horndean Post Office Condemned and more.

Trading Standards Sticker With This Newsletter

Havant Road Site Iron and Roman Age Settlements: Work by Archaeology South-East at the Sunley Homes Havant Road site has uncovered an Iron Age and Roman settlement enclosed by deep V-shaped ditches which are likely to be defensive in nature. Further settlement related evidence (pits, post holes, ditched spaces) were found outside of this main enclosure and may relate to earlier or later phases of activity in both the Iron Age and Roman periods.

The site as a whole gives insight into how the local population reacted to the growing influence of the Roman world both prior to and post the Roman Conquest of AD43, with finds like fragments of Italian amphorae or wine containers, suggesting that links with the continent were well established in the 1st century BC.

For more information and photos visit www.horndeanmatters.com and click on "Havant Road Archaeology Finds" for photos of the pottery and aerial Photo.

North Road BT Kiosk: Following discussions with BT, local consultation and public meeting, the neglected BT Kiosk on North Road has been formally put forward for removal. The Kiosk, a symbol of corporate greed and vandalism, made only 12 freephone calls between February 2012 and February 2013.

Hampshire Constabulary: The Drink Drive campaign this year resulted in the arrest of 196 people on suspicion of drink-driving for the period 1 Dec - 29 Dec 2013.

European Parliamentary Elections: These will be held on Thursday the 22nd May. Portsmouth and Southampton both have their local elections on the same day, EHDC's Local Elections are not until 2015 so we will vote only for our MEPs. There are 73 seats in total and currently Conservative have 26, Labour & UKIP 13 each, Lib Dem 11. Details will appear on www.horndeanmatters.com (and no doubt on your doorstep in abundance) before the big day!

Trading Standards: Hampshire County Council Trading Standards has an enormous remit which includes taking an interest in just about every type of sale to the public, including the origin of the products. Some of the regular duties include checks for underage selling, fuel pump accuracy, food / other goods recalls, weights and measures, and of relevance here, doorstep crime. Jane Gulliver at HCC Trading Standards has very kindly provided sufficient No Cold Calling stickers to be distributed with every newsletter to Downs Ward.

We hope you find this useful whether to display for the first time, replace a faded sticker, or pass onto a friend or relative outside of Downs who will benefit from one. For advice on cold calling go to <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/tradingstandards.htm> TEL 01962 833620

Hampshire County Council Trading Standards also issue regular bulletins on the types of scam they are currently identifying, and how to spot these and protect against them. Current scams include Auction Sites, Charity donations, Email phishing, Inheritance scams, PayPal, and others. Visit www.horndeanmatters.com and click on "Trading Standards Scam Warnings" on the right hand column for full details.

Thank you Jane for the stickers, and for any online readers who would like one please email tsadvice@hants.gov.uk



Illustration: The currently accepted story of this event mentions considerable opposition on the part of the British, but it is more likely that the municipal dignitaries gave the Roman invaders an even more painful reception... Source The Morning Leader, 1920



Bus Shelters: For the last 18 months I have been lobbying for bus shelters following requests from residents, and am delighted to confirm that following welcome support from our County Councillor, Cllr Marge Harvey, HCC have come up with some funding. Horndean Parish Council (who ultimately take on responsibility for maintenance of these shelters) voted unanimously to support plans to install 3 new shelters. These will be on the Southdown Road stop, Tarn Rise opposite Eskdale and the South Road / Downwood Way junction stop, and should be ready for Autumn 2014. Consultations will commence shortly and thanks to the Councillors and Staff at HPC who have worked hard on this.

Councillor Grants: Can you think of any improvements we can make to Downs Ward, or good causes that need support that operate in our community? I have a devolved grant fund of £3,000 which can support projects by £250 to £1,000. Contact me on guy.shepherd@easthants.gov.uk

Rights Of Way Volunteer Group: Horndean Parish Council have started a ROW volunteer group to either help identify areas where there are problems, or help rectify them. If you are interested in helping out for a few hours a month, or have any issues to report then contact the HPC Countryside team on rowv@horndeanpc-hants.gov.uk or on 023 9259 7766

Street Light Replacement. Complete in Downs Ward with just the conservation areas to finish, and feedback is they are brighter with improved visibility. There is also a lot less glare at night which will improve road and personal safety. We were able to get an additional column here and there to make junctions and public areas safer.

“Coming Up” Dates. (Please visit www.horndeanmatters.com for up to date events and meetings)

- ❖ **Police South Of Butser Surgery.** 25th January Mill Road Shops, Mill Road, Waterlooville 10:00-12:00
- ❖ **EHDC Council Meetings.** 27th February, 10th April at Penns Place 18:30
- ❖ **Southern Parishes Community Forum.** 14th January St Johns Church, Rowlands Castle 6:30pm
- ❖ **Horndean Parish Council meetings.** 27th January, 17th March from 7pm at Jubilee Hall

Horndean Post Office Condemned:

In shock news, Jo and Chris Hedger who have run Horndean Post Office for 3 years have been told they are no longer part of Royal Mail's plans for the future, and will be closed by Easter. The Post Office has carried out a review of its service and our Horndean office does not fit into a profile of the types of post offices that will be taken forward.

Royal Mail are, we understand, in advanced negotiations with the SPA to locate a smaller office in the proposed new convenience store in the Gales development. Jo and Chris will not have any opportunity to be a part of these plans, but firmly intend to remain a key part of our community offering a tea rooms / card shop service or similar community business. Jo and Chris are after suggestions from us on what new service they can offer in the community so they can remain an active part of Horndean and also make a living.

In the meantime the notification they have received advises that "Results of the survey will have a material impact on anyone in the initial Post Office Local classification. Offices deemed to have insufficient retail sales or scope for retail growth will be encouraged to leave the business, even if this is against their wishes."

I hope when passing you will show support and let them know your concern, and suggest ideas for them to consider.

JCS Update:

The Government Inspector has responded to EHDC following the Joint Core Strategy consultation and examination. There are a number of minor changes that he is looking to have incorporated following the feedback from the public hearings, but the key issues to note are as follows:

- The rate of build of new housing was under attack from developers as being too low. They were looking for a significant annual increase from the 592 homes across East Hants as defined in the plan. He felt there was no justification for this, so there will be no further increase on the annual build rate we are expected to deliver.
- The South Downs National Park were looking for a range of 400 to 700 homes, and were being very non committal on numbers. The inspector has ruled that Petersfield must not only take the larger number of 700 on their range of options, but that this is their minimum number. This is still considerably lower than the impact on Horndean, but may help to take some of the pressure off at least.
- There will be an updated plan with a further 7 week consultation which will conclude at the end of January. The plan will be in place by the end of March.



The next steps for East Hants now are to put in place an Allocations plan, and to put forward our structured proposals for the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) charges for developers. The application of CIL in particular is key as it will prevent piecemeal development as we have seen on Five Heads Road and other areas from ducking below the affordable housing and other community contributions.

The full text for the JCS and a tracked document of the required modifications are on www.horndeanmatters.com and anyone wishing to submit representations on any of the Proposed Main Modifications may do so either by email to ldf@easthants.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Policy team no later than 5.00pm on Friday 7 February 2014.



Fly Tipping in Horndean:

Fly tipping is a regular problem in East Hants and just before Christmas 4 loads were dumped in Horndean and Clanfield, the load dumped on Five Heads Road in a gateway to a farmers field being the worst. Fed up with this, I went rummaging and found a CD of holiday photos for a group of people who went to China in November 2007. There is an article on www.horndeanmatters.com where we are looking to identify the 3 people who appear in the photographs.

Subsequent digging into the dumped rubbish in the last few days (when it has been dry enough!) has also found 3 Fuel Cards, a letter from a gun club and a Christmas Card. These all tie into an address in Horndean and investigations are now underway to see if this was dumped by the household, or a contractor working for them. An update will be posted on the blog and next newsletter.

Blendworth Lane Housing Plans:

In the last few weeks Sunley Homes (who are also the Havant Road Developer) have put forward plans for a development on Blendworth Lane. This is for 41 dwellings including some specialist accommodation for injured servicemen, and the redevelopment of Napier Hall, a key Parish Facility. It would, if approved, build in the conservation zone and add to traffic on the already difficult Blendworth Lane.

Sunley summarise the key benefits of the site as follows:
 41 High Quality dwellings in a variety of sizes and budgets.
 Existing vegetation and hedgerows to be largely retained.
 New footpath to part of Blendworth Lane to improve road safety.
 A new community orchard which will be open to all of Horndean's residents.

The existing Right Of Way to be retained and improved.

Napier Hall, a Parish building, to be redeveloped as part of the community contribution.

86 parking spaces for the 41 dwellings, Solar heating, Solar power to the roofs.

Some of the accommodation will be dedicated to injured servicemen.

For full details and how to comment visit www.horndeanmatters.com and click on the link for "Blendworth Lane Sunley Plans" on the right hand side.



White Dirt Farm Concerns:

In the last few weeks surveyors have been seen on White Dirt Farm. Generally this is an early sign that someone is considering a planning application, and if so then this will be disappointing considering that it is a designated local gap and any developer knows this would be a major fight with significant opposition. (Green Lane was not in a local gap so this would be a stronger case to fight back with). The land is in Catherington Lovedean which is Cllr Schillemore's ward, and we are pressing the planning team to see if there is any substance to this, and to make sure the opposition is clear. Keep an eye on www.horndeanmatters.com where any further information will be posted. For the record I am totally against any development on this land and will work hard to keep you informed of, and fight any application that might appear.

Want To Stay Informed?

Horndean matters has 2 or 3 new items every week. If you find the information useful then you can register for email notifications when new items are posted. visit www.horndeanmatters.com and follow the link on the right at the bottom to receive notifications.