

Headbourne Worthy Village News

Autumn/Winter 2021 News and Information from your local Parish Council
Headbourne Worthy Parish Council includes the majority of Kings Barton

Springvale Road/Wellhouse Lane resurfacing photo montage



Spring Bulbs for Kings Barton

Last year the Parish Council was delighted to give a grant for spring bulbs to the Kings Barton Residents' Association. You can see the wonderful display that resulted in this photo. The Parish Council has agreed to give another grant for more bulbs this year. As the development continues to grow so we hope will the cheery display of spring flowers.

Is there a patch of verge or open space near you that could accommodate some bulbs this autumn? Grants may be available from the Parish Council, especially if you have a group of volunteers to plant them too! See contact details below.

Open for Christmas?



Kings Barton residents were delighted to see their new post box installed last month - but disappointed that it is still not in operation.

Will it be Open for Christmas!!!! Watch this space.....

New Cycle Path to Worthy Down



The new cycle path connecting Worthy Down with Headbourne Worthy is taking shape. The section between Worthy Down and Down Farm Lane is just about complete with a fantastic surface.

The next stage will connect Down Farm Lane with the Water Treatment Works on Andover Road. Our thanks go to Hampshire County Council, and we hope to be able to report its completion soon.

To contact your Parish Council, visit www.headbourneworthy.org.uk

or contact the Parish Clerk, Belinda Baker, email clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk

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Flooding - does your property include a ditch or drain?

As we head into Autumn and Winter it is important to be as prepared as possible for any flooding event that might be round the corner. Many members of the community may remember the flooding of 2014 and the Parish Council has been working with Hampshire County Council since then to improve the drainage through Headbourne Worthy. HCC sent CCTV down through the piping to track and investigate how the water is taken away and shared the results with to the Council.

The Council, along with some local volunteers and under guidance from the Environment Agency, undertook a dye test to locate where any blockages might be. The results highlighted a possibility that some of the water may not be flowing out as it should.

The Council has been continuing to exchange information with both bodies in order to ensure that the community is in the best possible position regarding flooding as the winter approaches. However, it is the responsibility of all riparian landlords to keep the streams, ditches and culverts that run through their properties clear and the water flowing. These water courses are important protections from flooding and need to be working effectively in times of flooding. Information regarding the responsibilities of the riparian landlords is available on the Parish Council's website at [Emergency Plan - Headbourne Worthy Parish Council - Headbourne Worthy Parish Council, Headbourne Worthy, Winchester.](#)

Belinda Baker, Parish Clerk.



New SLR Signs to remind drivers of 30mph limits

Headbourne Worthy Parish Council now has 10 sites for the Speed Limit Reminder signs on rotation which go from the edge of Headbourne on the London Road to the A34 flyover on Sringvale Road and on Down Farm Lane. Three more locations have also been agreed with Hampshire County Council. The PC is also working with CALA to install 3 posts at locations in Kings Barton including two on Winchester Avenue (phases 1A and 2A) and one in Manley Road. The signs are moved around every two weeks to ensure the effectiveness of the prompting that the SLR offers is kept to the maximum.

Overgrown Hedges and other issues

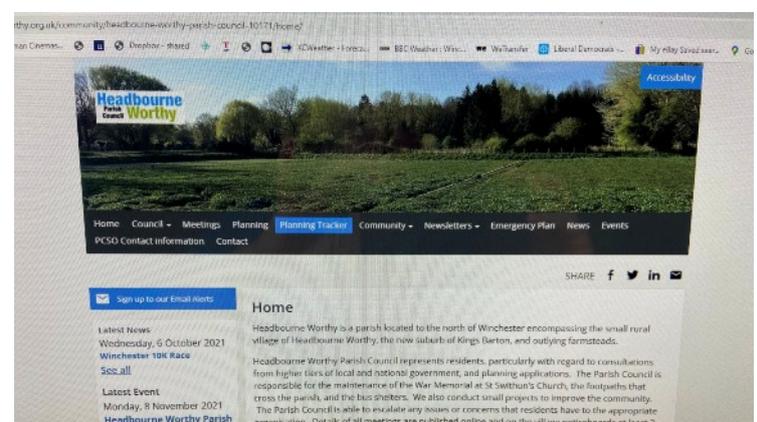
The Council would like to remind homeowners, who have hedging that borders footways, to ensure that they are properly cut back. The Council has recently received a number of complaints from residents regarding hedging that has been allowed to grow too far out and as a result has narrowed the pavement which has become a problem especially for

those with pushchairs or on mobility scooters.

Do you need to contact the PCSO's that look after the Headbourne Worthy and Kings Worthy area. The PCSOs

are available to provide a visible and uniformed presence in the community and for members of the public to go to with any policing matters or concerns and to receive crime prevention advice. Information on how to contact the PCSOs is now available on the Parish Council's website [PCSO Contact information - Headbourne Worthy Parish Council - Headbourne Worthy Parish Council, Headbourne Worthy, Winchester.](#) It is also hoped that they will be holding Beat surgeries in the Headbourne /Kings Worthy soon.

Please remember to sign up for notifications from the News section of the Parish Council website. Information regarding road closures, updates from the Parish Council, notifications from HCC or WCC and Police advice are posted on the News section and will come direct to your in-box. It is an easy way to keep in touch with what is happening in the local community.



Reporting a fallen tree

First check the website:
www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge

If you see a highways issue which needs urgent attention:
Phone 0300 555 1388 (8:30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).
Outside of office hours, phone 101

Trees close to roads need to be managed to make sure that they do not cause danger to people, vehicles, and neighbouring properties. HCC manages trees growing on highway land. That means trees on public roads and pathways and generally (but not always) the verges beside them. HCC does not manage trees on private property and roads – the land owner or occupier is responsible for these trees. If trees are not the responsibility of Hampshire Highways they still may be able to give notice to the owner or occupier of the land to take the necessary action.

Parish Council Elections

Elections for members of the Parish Council are held every four years. In reality actual elections are uncommon, as rarely are there more candidates than places! However, elections are a sign of a healthy democracy, and an engaged and interested community, so we hope many of you will be considering joining the Parish Council on 5th May 2022.

There are currently 7 places on Headbourne Worthy Parish Council. We are working with WCC to increase this number, ideally to 12, so that we have plenty of opportunity to encourage new residents from Kings Barton to get involved.

Nomination forms and more information are available from the Parish Clerk, or the Winchester City Council website. The Parish Council is non party-political, and welcomes applicants of all political persuasions and none. We have one meeting a month, with occasional sub-committees for things like budget setting, and are an informal and friendly bunch!

Councillor Jane Rutter

St Swithun's car park - Construction news

Some of you might be wondering what has been happening with the car park build at St Swithun's and the fact that no construction staff have been on site for some time. Based on what the construction team found on site, we needed to take some additional professional advice from a structural engineer on the original technical solution.

That report took a little more time to create than we had originally hoped but culminated in some meetings this week online and on site which positively confirmed we are 'good to go'. The construction team will be back on site as of the middle of next week and thereafter will be working continuously to complete the car park ahead of Christmas. We had hoped to open it on 28th November but it looks as if it will be completed and signed off this side of Christmas – a very special Christmas present for St Swithun's!

Revd Paul Bradish & Gimma Macpherson



Dog Poo - Use the Bin!

Councillors and residents have noticed that the play area in The Dell has a dog poo problem, which is a serious matter for our children's health. There is a

strong smell and noticeable deposits. While the play area is not fenced, dogs should still not be allowed around the equipment and any dog poo must be bagged and placed in the bin conveniently provided.



Trout Farm Access

Work has been progressing on the new driveway down to the Trout Farm from Bedfield Lane. At least the entrance no longer resembles a tip - but a lot of

vegetation and trees have been cleared away. The parish council opposed this development but was over-ruled by the WCC Planning Committee.



Jackie's County Corner - Autumn 2021

HCC is asking parents and carers to take the Hampshire Children's Trust survey, so we can improve outcomes for the next generation. For ease, I have shortened the link to <https://tinyurl.com/childtrustsurvey>

There are several county planning matters being considered at HCC:-

The Solar farm at Three Maids Hill is awaiting an appeal date, the Ecogen application will be heard after November now, the Road Planing site at Three Maids Hill is going to committee, and a new application has been received for the Bryan Hirst site at Bullington Cross. Please contact me if you'd like more details on any of these.

In October, HCC has published an Annual Report for their Climate Emergency Action Plan and HCC Climate Change Strategy 2020-2025.

The Report is available online on www.hants.gov.uk: search 'Climate Change Annual Progress'. There are successes: grant funding has enabled an ambitious programme to improve energy efficiency in schools, but one figure that stays depressingly low is our recycling rate, which is one of the lowest of the 'shire councils'.

'Aspirational recycling' contributes to this. Putting something into your recycling bin 'because it should be recycled' or 'because I did so at my last home' is something we hear

often - and it's tempting! But doing this will contaminate a whole bin lorry and will result in that whole lorry load going for incineration rather than to recycling. So we can all play our part to improve that rate: please check again to remind yourself about what can be recycled. Go to www.winchester.gov.uk or ask me for a leaflet.

The latest information on the Census 2021 is out now. You can sign up for further details.

<https://blog.ons.gov.uk/2021/10/12/census-2021-the-count-is-done-the-data-is-in-so-what-happens-next/>

Finally, would you like to start working with individual children? HCC is seeking new foster carers and needs more independent child minders. If you are interested, please contact me for more details.



County Councillor Jackie Porter.
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EVERYONE WELCOME – HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

St Swithun's Church will be celebrating Christmas in its traditional manner. They are opening with a **Candlelit Advent Carol Service at 5.00pm on Sunday 28 November.**

The church will be lit almost entirely by candles and the magical atmosphere will be enhanced by the mulled wine and mince pies available for everyone afterwards! Three weeks later, at **10.00am on Sunday 19 December**, there will be a celebratory **9 Lessons and 9 Carols service** and by then the church will be fully decorated for Christmas.

On **Christmas Day at 10.00am** there will be a **Family Communion service** to which all will be welcome. And on **Sunday 26th December at 8.00am** there will be a **Holy Communion service** - but no 10.00 service. All villagers will be warmly received at any or all of these services.



St Swithun's Church, Headbourne Worthy
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