

# The Villager

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The community newsletter for  
Mapledurwell, Up Nately,  
Newnham, Nately Scures &  
Greywell

## Trees

*I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.*

### **WHEN THEY'RE GONE, THEY'RE GONE!**

*In Mid-November, I am having FREE TREES delivered for planting  
anywhere in our Parish(es). These will include*

*Woodland trees: Oak, Ash, Beech, Silver Birch & Hornbeams*

*Smaller trees: Downy Birch, Mountain Ash/Rowan, Aspen,  
Wild Cherry & Field Maple.*

*Hedgerow varieties: Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Dogwood, Dog  
Rose & Goat Willow.*

*Readers of The Villager are invited to call or email me with requests*

*John Maclean Tree Warden (Up Nately and Mapledurwell)*

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*Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.*

*- Joyce Kilmer*

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## GREYWELL HILL ESTATE

### LOGS

Seasoned hardwood logs (oak, ash, beech, birch et al)

Cut when dry in the summer and stored in a barn

Delivered in wire cage (to be returned) approximate capacity

1 cubic metre (35 cu ft) £125

or

Very full trailer approximate capacity 3 cu m (105 cu ft) £250

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# Mapledurwell & Up Nately



**Village Hall** The hall will remain for the sole use of the Monkey House nursery until further notice

**The Village Hall Committee AGM** will be held via zoom on Monday 23rd November at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend, please send your email address to [liz.preece1@btinternet.com](mailto:liz.preece1@btinternet.com)

## Bonfire Cancellation

Sadly, the Up Nately & Mapledurwell Parish Council Fireworks party, sponsored by The Friends of St Mary's will not take place this year.

We will be making a charitable contribution to Myeloma UK in memory of Sara Patterson, in recognition of the help and support given to the event by Sara and Nick. RIP Sara, your mulled wine warmed all of our hearts.

## Next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th November, 7pm, remote meeting via MS Teams. Please email for a link to join the meeting [clerk.mapledurwellupnately@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.mapledurwellupnately@parish.hants.gov.uk)

## Parish Planning applications

20/02124/FUL (pending 5 Aug) The Egg Yard, Greywell Road. Revised application for two x 3-bedroomed chalet bungalows.

20/02087/GPDOFF (pending 7 August) Riverview House, London Road. Change of use from Class B1(a) office to Class C3 residential, consisting of 8 x one-bed flats.

20/01723/FUL (pending 29 June) Brockwell (Paddock and Stable) Andwell Lane. Eight dwellings with service road.

20/01350/LBC (granted 23 Oct) Andwell Mill. Internal wall reconfigurations.

20/00060/HSE (pending 3 Mar) The Farm, Tunworth Rd. Single storey rear extension.

20/00153/FUL (pending 24 January) Elmwood, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Demolition of outbuilding and erection of one x five-bed detached dwelling.

20/00009/PIP (pending 03 Jan) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Permission in Principle for conversion of an agricultural building to one dwelling.

**Appeal lodged** APP/H1705/W/20/3259723 (Appeal start date 28 October) ref 20/00901/FUL Erection of detached double garage. The Gamekeepers.

**Parish Tree applications** T/00496/20/TCA (Approved 20 Oct) Eastside, Frog Lane. T1 Remove dead ivy-covered stump. Remove entire lowest large branch, and multi-stemmed branch over building. T2 Ash: remove limb over football pitch. T3 & T4 Ash: Fell. T/00450/20/TCA (Approved 21 Oct) Mapledurwell Barn. (Amended description) T1, T3 & T5 Leylandii: remove. T2, T4 & T6 Sycamore: remove.

## ISSUES & OPTION CONSULTATION

Dear All

The 'Issue & Options' is an extremely important consultation as it will frame the context of the Local Plan Update. Please can you spread the word, and encourage as many family members, neighbours and friends as possible to engage in this consultation.

*It must not become another 'Nonsultation'. The people must speak and our voices must be listened to.*

*Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, Deputy Mayor Basingstoke & Deane BC*



For more information and to respond go to

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/issues-and-options>

Consultation closes 9th Nov 4pm.

More reading overleaf...

# Newnham & Nately Scures



## Clubroom Treasurer Wanted

After 18 years, Peter Brown is looking to retire as Treasurer within the next 12 months, and therefore the Clubroom is now seeking a replacement so that a full handover can be given.

Anyone interested in learning about the role should contact Peter at [pbrown129@btinternet.com](mailto:pbrown129@btinternet.com) or 01256 861 055 / 07703 345 033.

## The Newnham Litterpick

has regretfully been postponed due to the new lockdown.

## Parish planning applications

20/01974/FUL (pending, 24 July) Chapel House, Newnham Road. Change of use of agricultural access to residential curtilage. One metre high brick wall to frontage. Renovation and alterations to chapel.

20/01903/RET (Granted 30th Sept) Highview Business Park, The Barracks. Change of use of land from woodland to

C3 residential and amenity land enclosed by relocation of western boundary fence.

20/01798/FUL (pending 20 July) Land Adjacent to Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane. One new dwelling, new driveway following demolition of car port attached to stables at Tithe Barn Cottage. Amendment (8th October) Addition of detached garage.

20/01666/FUL (pending 25 June) Land at Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. One new dwelling and detached garage. Amendment (23 October). New plans submitted which allow for 20% buffer to ancient woodland.

20/01597/FUL (pending 24 June) Land at Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Two dwellings and associated parking. Amendment (23 October). New plans submitted which allow for 20% buffer to ancient woodland.

19/03224/LDEU (pending 29 Nov 2019) Manor Farm, Newnham. Certificate of lawfulness for the continued siting of a caravan as farm workers' dwelling.

16/03282/RET (pending 15 Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. 'Change of use from agricultural to mixed use to include farm open days for no more than 100 days in a year with tea room and associated car parking.'

## Parish tree applications

T/00500/20/TPO (validated 23 Sep) 3 Kingsbridge Copse. 2 Oak and 1 Ash tree: prune.

T/00403/20/TCA (approved 30 Sept) Land At OS Ref 470609 154268 Tylney Lane. Oak (T1) Reduce by outer canopy 25% (2.5-3m) to limit impact of trees on neighbouring property and reduce weight on certain over extended lateral limbs. Oak (T2) As T1.

T/00232/20/TPO (pending 3 June) 11 The Baredown. Area G2: 1 Spruce: fell.

## PLANNING WHITE PAPER

The Parish Councils responded to the 'Planning for the Future' consultation. See websites.

# WILDFLOWER PLANTING – NEWNHAM GREEN



Deborah Whitfield, Consultancy Manager for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, has advised on management and planting for sections of the Green, the verges and pond margins. Grant funding will be needed so hopefully looking to spring planting with a selection of the species suggested.

29 September 2020

Newnham Village Green SINC site visit of 15th September and subsequent management advice:

## GRASSLAND AREAS

The area next to the pond is to be managed as a grass and wildflower meadow. It is recommended that this is cut twice a year, early spring (April) and late summer (end of September) to allow the flowers to set seed, but no shorter than 5cm. A mown path cuts across the area and it is recommended that this is kept to allow access, add visual appeal and minimize disturbance to wildlife.

The majority of the grassland sections have amenity use and are cut more frequently, but it is recommended that 'buffer strips' be left along a selection of the edges adjacent to the drainage ditch banks. This will create a gradation of habitats known as an 'ecotone'. The buffers could also be cut twice a year to prevent obscuring vehicle site lines (early spring April and late summer end of September).

Arisings should be removed and composted off site if possible, alternatively piling in a chosen area would be ok and also create additional habitat for reptiles.

## DRAINAGE BANKS

The drainage banks could be enhanced with wildflower planting. A trial section of seed mix has already been sown but these have mostly been being outcompeted by existing more dominant species.

Sowing seed is the most cost-effective way to create a wildflower area but due to the presence and composition of the existing sward, which contains dominant grasses and herbaceous plants, some preparation of the soil would be needed to enable the wild flower mix to establish. This would mean removing the existing plants to expose the soil.

Therefore, if funding could be sought, introducing some plug plants of broadleaved perennial wildlife flower species may be more effective and

would avoid removal of the existing biomass. If planted at a high density they would have more chance at establishment eg cowslips would be good plant to try and establish this way. The drainage banks could be cut twice a year to prevent obscuring vehicle sight lines (early spring April and late summer end of Sept).

Suitable perennial species for a clay cap over chalk include:

- Agrimony - *Agrimonia eupatoria*
  - Betony - *Stachy officinalis*
  - Birds Foot Trefoil - *Lotus corniculatus*
  - Black Knapweed *Centaurea nigra*
  - Cats Ear - *Hypochaeris radicata*
  - Cowslip - *Primula veris*
  - Field Scabious - *Knautia arvensis*
  - Germander Speedwell - *Veronica chamaedrys*
  - Greater Knapweed - *Centaurea scabiosa*
  - Kidney Vetch - *Anthyllis vulneraria*
  - Lady's Bedstraw - *Galium verum\**
  - Meadow Buttercup - *Ranunculus acris*
  - Meadow Vetchling - *Lathyrus pratensis*
  - Ox-eye Daisy - *Leucanthemum vulgare*
  - Rough Hawkbit - *Leontodon hispidus*
  - Sainfoin - *Onobrychis vicifolia*
  - Selfheal - *Prunella vulgaris*
  - Small Scabious - *Scabiosa columbaria*
  - Tufted Vetch - *Vicia cracca*
  - Vipers Bugloss - *Echium vulgare*
  - Wild Majoram - *Origanum vulgare*
  - Yarrow - *Achillea millefolium*
  - Yellow Rattle - *Rhianthus minor*
- Together with fine grasses such as:  
 Red fescue\*, Sheeps fescue, Crested dogs tail\*, Smooth meadow grass  
 Sweet vernal grass\*, Common bent\*

## 'PARKLAND' AREAS

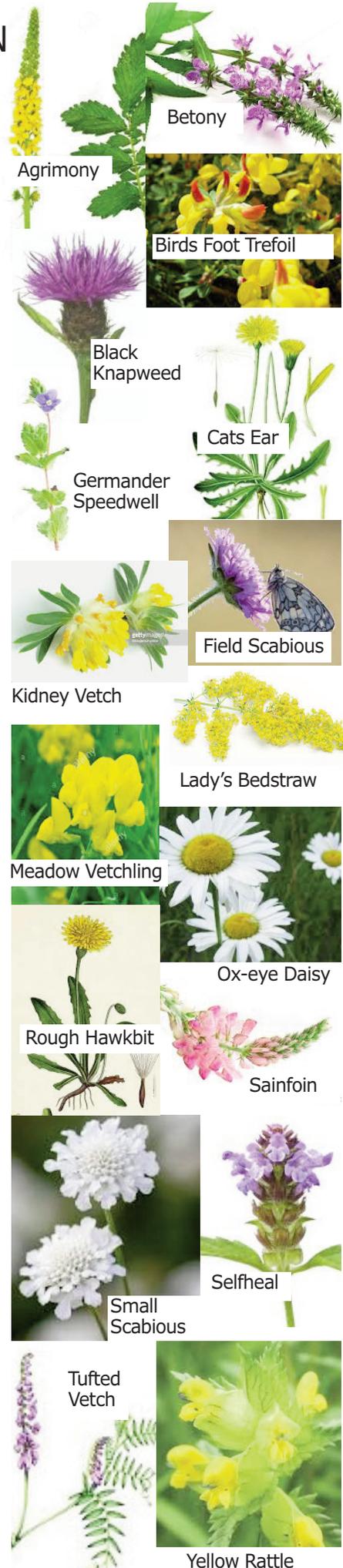
The areas of the Green with grassland and mature trees could be enhanced with some native spring bulb planting for example bluebell and wild daffodil. These will thrive best in glades and edges with available light.



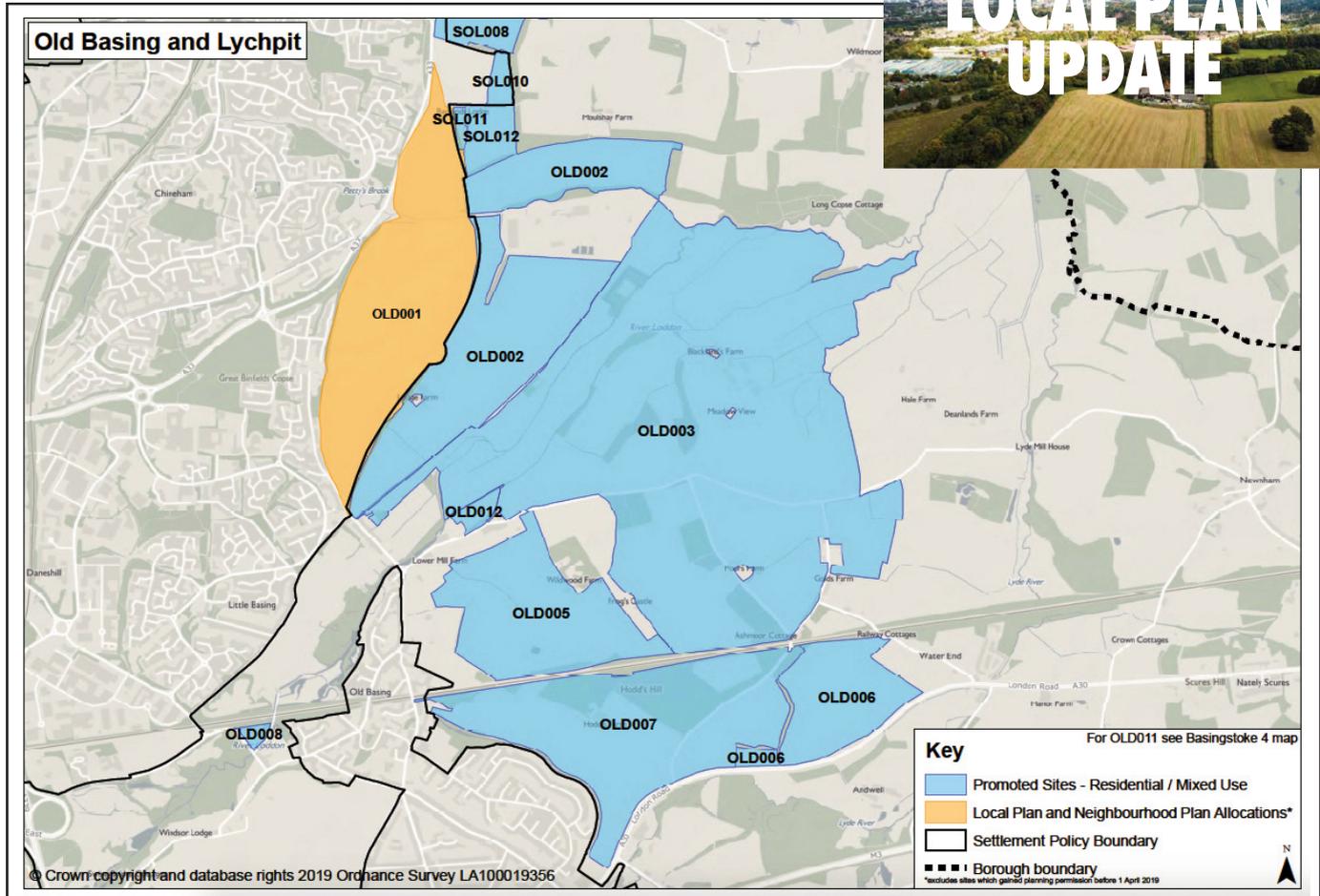
## POND MARGINS

The vegetation around the pond bank should be left as a buffer but could be reduced in November to prevent scrub build up and encroachment that would lead to drying up of the pond.

Planting up of the pond with some more native species could also enhance the diversity of the pond, for example introducing marsh marigold, purple loosestrife and more yellow flag iris would be beneficial to insects and aquatic invertebrates, as well as provide more structure to attract damselflies and dragonflies.



# PROMOTED SITES DOCUMENT



## OLD BASING PROMOTED SITES

Site ref	Site Name	Site area (ha)	Promoted no. of homes	sqm employment floorspace
OLD002	Lodge Farm	74.1	900	
OLD003	Poors Farm	253.4	3,400	
OLD005	Land South of Newnham Lane	42.1	1,132	
OLD006	Land North of London Road	25.2	732	
OLD007	Land at Hodds Farm	69.8	900	
OLD008	Riverside View	1.0	17	
OLD011	Land north side Tunworth Rd	22.1	7247 sqm	
OLD012	Paddock Land at Lower Mill	2.2	3	
	<b>Total dwellings</b>		<b>7,084</b>	

## NATELY SCURES PROMOTED SITES

Site reference: NEW002  
 Site Name The Old Rectory  
 Approx. site area (ha) 1.4  
 Promoted no. of homes 35

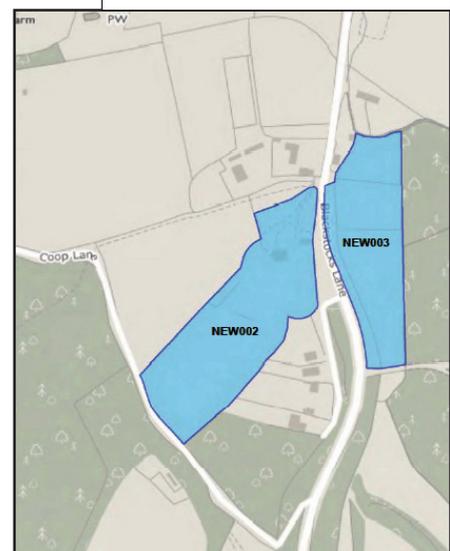
Site reference: NEW003  
 Site Name: Land off Blackstocks Lane  
 Approx. site area (ha) 1.0  
 Promoted no. of homes 9

**Total dwellings 44**



## MAPLEDURWELL PROMOTED SITES

Site ref	Site Name	Site area (ha)	Promoted homes
MAP001	Paddock at the Farm	0.7	13
MAP002	Land east of Cob Cottages	1.1	20
MAP003	Land adjacent to Meadowcroft	1.6	25
MAP004	Land at Greywell Road	5.9	118
	<b>Total dwellings</b>		<b>176</b>



## PROMOTED SITES RESPONSE

### TO COMMENT ON THE PROMOTED SITES

If you have any views on any of the promoted sites which you would like to be considered through the LPU process, please contact us via email or post:

Email to [local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk)  Basingstoke and Deane

Post to: Planning Policy Team, BDBC  
Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke RG21 4AH

Please quote the site reference number in all correspondence, otherwise we will not be able to consider your comments.

Please everyone have a look at these proposals and give your views on the sites put forward in the Parishes and those for developing the Loddon Valley. (You can comment on any or all of the sites put forward for development including 'Upper Swallick'.) see <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/SHELAA>

For more information go to <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/issues-and-options>

## THE LODDON VALLEY

The rivers Loddon and Lyde are chalk streams – internationally rare, valuable and fragile habitats, home to a diversity of wildlife and priority species.

The Valley environments are the heart of wildlife corridors between the river ecosystems, fields and hedgerows, and pockets of ancient woodland.

The Inspector for the currently Adopted Local Plan in his final Report (2016) commented on avoiding 'unacceptable environmental impacts, for example on the quality of the landscape and Chalk Rivers' (para 64) and that... (para 128) 'the Loddon Valley forms an effective barrier to further significant growth of the town to the east...'

Specifically... (para 191) re Lodge Farm and Poors Farm... 'the EA has objected on the grounds of flood risk and impact on the River Loddon and associated wetlands on biodiversity grounds.' (Para 192) 'The site at Hodds Farm also has sensitive landscape and biodiversity issues.' '...whether impact on the biodiversity of the Loddon Valley can be mitigated to an acceptable standard... it is difficult to see at this point in time how this could be achieved'.

## ISSUES & OPTION CONSULTATION

### KEY ISSUES (SECTION 4 SUMMARY)

#### 1. The Climate Emergency

- 1.1 Supporting BDBC's Climate Change Strategy
- 1.2 Ensuring new development is energy efficient
- 1.3 Supporting renewable energy
- 1.4 Mitigate & adapt to the impacts of climate change on flooding, water resources, air, water and soil pollution, temperature changes and biodiversity, managing and improving our natural environment.

#### 2. Place shaping and design

- 2.1 Raising the standard of design and build quality
- 2.2 Supporting local distinctiveness;
- 2.3 Ensuring the creation of safe and healthy places.

#### 3. Environment & heritage

- 3.1 Protecting & enhancing key environmental assets including attractive landscape, the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the North Hampshire Downs;
- 3.2 Better connected and managed priority habitats and the delivery of biodiversity net gain
- 3.3 Improving air and water quality protecting all aspects of water environment including groundwater, maintaining river flows, ensuring new development does not negatively impact upon water quality of the River Loddon or designated sites in the Solent through the River Test and Itchen catchments
- 3.4 Protecting parks, open spaces' improving green networks
- 3.5 Development contribution to green infrastructure including increase in tree cover
- 3.6 Preserving and enhancing heritage and cultural.

#### 4. Meeting the needs of all

- 4.1 Changing needs – demographic, lifestyles & work
- 4.2 Those most in need, including via affordable housing
- 4.3 Flexibility to accommodate and respond to rapid change
- 4.4 Continuing to support Neighbourhood Planning
- 4.5 Supporting and delivering regeneration.

#### 5. Providing the right housing

- 5.1 New homes – affordability, appropriate, accessible
- 5.2 A mix of homes – size, type, tenure, selfbuild
- 5.3 Variety of deliverable sites to ensure five-year housing supply and avoid speculative development in countryside
- 5.4 Maintaining the identity of rural towns & villages
- 5.5 Brownfield development, regenerating dated areas
- 5.5 Considering AWE Aldermaston and Burghfield.

#### 6. Facilitating infrastructure delivery

- 6.1 Timely delivery
- 6.2 Significant new infrastructure eg for potential new

- hospital and higher education provision
- 6.3 Efficient and rapid public transport network plus walking and cycling routes;
- 6.4 Sustainable locations, reducing need to travel;
- 6.5 A new transport hub at Station Approach.

#### 7 Supporting economy and centres

- 7.1 Growing/diverse economy, attractive business environment
- 7.2 Regenerating existing employment sites
- 7.3 Continuing the regeneration of Basing View
- 7.4 Supporting town and local centres
- 7.5 Basingstoke town centre, incl Top of the Town
- 7.6 Regenerating Leisure Park as a regional destination.

### SECTION 4 – QUESTIONS RE KEY ISSUES

4(a) Do you agree with the key issues as identified?

4(b) Are there any other issues which you consider to be central to the Local Plan Update?

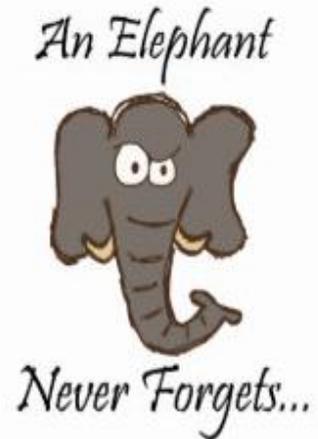
#### PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS WILL INCLUDE

- Climate emergency should be central to Planning Policy.
- 'Put the Environment at the centre of policy making' as per the pledge of the Environment Bill.
- Provision for Wildlife should be afforded much higher status. The topic heading '3. Environment and Heritage', should include 'Wildlife habitat, networks & ecosystems' – or better that Wildlife etc has its own separate heading.
- At 3.1 Chalk Streams should be included within 'Environmental Assets'.
- At 3.5 Developer Contributions should also be explicitly required for wildlife habitats & networks. Policy should be specific and proactive for accommodating and integrating nature and wildlife beyond mitigation and 'net gain'. Detailed data and monitoring is needed. Ecologists should work alongside Planners.
- To fully support the Wildlife Trust's call for 'Re-wilding the Planning System'. Wildlife habitats, wildlife corridors need to be integral to all planning policy – everywhere alongside, within and between old and new developments, greenspace, the open countryside and protected landscapes. Also as per the Defra & Natural England policy paper, the *Nature Recovery Network*.
- Reviewing Policy in light of Covid and Brexit.

If possible please also give your views on key Options, eg for Climate strategy, Build quality and design, New sites, Greenfield development.

## Kidzone

Hi again everyone! I wonder how you remember things? Do you make lists, write a note on your hand, set an alarm? In the old days, people even used to tie a not in their handkerchief! Many of you will know elephants are my favourite animal and have heard the phrase 'elephants never forget'. Did you know that the female leaders of the herd can remember friendly (and unfriendly!) elephants 30 or 40 years after they see them, and either invite them in or chase them away, accordingly!



In the month of November we see something else all around that helps us remember – the poppy. The Royal British Legion have been selling the poppy to raise money for soldiers and their families who were killed or injured in battle for 99 years, and they still sell millions of poppies every year. Even though it's a very old tradition, it still is really important today, as we remember not only those who go to war who may die or have their lives affected, but also their families as they try to deal with their grief or the sadness of how much their lives have changed as a result of war and the innocent people who are affected by wars as they are being fought.

God knows that People are still being persecuted and treated badly all over the world and sometimes we have to stand up for those people, which might even mean other countries fighting for them.

In The Bible there is a passage in Matthew which says:

“Happy are those who work for peace;  
God will call them his children!”

We might not think of soldiers as people who work for peace, but as we wear our poppies this year, let's also say thank you to all those people who still put their lives on the line each day, to stand up to people who are hurting others and working for peace around the world.

Why not make your own poppy wreath out of egg cartons?

Materials Needed:

- Paper plate
- Black sharpie
- Red/black paint
- Scissors
- Glue
- Egg carton



Use a ruler and draw two lines horizontally across the middle of the plate. Cut out both (in)sides. Cut individual cups out of the egg carton and paint red. Let dry then paint the middle black. Paint the plate green. Glue on the poppy flowers and write “remember” in the middle.

# Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'  
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## Thank You

At our APCM on Wednesday 7th October Joyce Roberts stood down as our PCC secretary and Jon Webster stood down as our PCC Treasurer. Both have served our local churches in these roles for a significant number of years and their skills and expertise will be very much missed. We are still looking to replace Joyce and Jon and if you or anyone you know might be interested in helping your local churches in this capacity, please let Rev Helen know.

## Christmas

As we are all too well aware, this Christmas looks set to be very different from usual. Within the restrictions currently in place we are making the best plans we can for marking the sea-son and enabling everyone in our communities to join in Christmas celebrations in different ways. Please keep an eye out in the December Villager for more details on the different 2020 Christmas offerings in the United Parish.

### The Friends of St Michael's Hospice Christmas Carol Concert

Thursday 10th December 2020  
at All Saints, Odiham

With Canon Roger Royle and the world renowned  
Magdalen College Choir, Oxford and the Tippett Quartet.



## United Parish Church Services November 2020

As we enter November we enter a season of remembering. As the months turn and Autumn begins to give way to winter our church services focus on remembrance and are a way to remember those we have loved but no longer see, to remember the stories of faith that have shaped so much of our lives and this year especially, to remember the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on our lives, the lives of families and friends and on our country and the wider world. We hope you will be able to join us, to set aside time to pause and reflect and to honour the memory of all those who have shaped and blessed our lives.

### 1st November

9.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Informal Service	Greywell

### 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Nately Scures
10.50am	Service of Remembrance	Greywell Churchyard
3.00pm	In Loving Memory	Mapledurwell

*A short service to remember those we have loved and lost. All are welcome to come and light a candle for a loved one and share in some quiet reflection.*

### 15th November

9.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Informal Service	Greywell

### 22nd November

9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	Newnham
11.00am	Informal Service	Greywell

### 29th November

9.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	Odiham
11.00am	Informal Service	Odiham
6.00pm	Advent Carol Service	Odiham and Herriard

These services are all run in line with current health and safety guidance and could be sub-ject to change dependent on the guidelines and restrictions put in place by the government. At the time of going to print these are the services we are hoping to run in November but please do check our website [www.moretolife.church](http://www.moretolife.church) for the most up to date information.

We are also very aware that some people do not yet feel the time is right to return to the church building and we would love for you to join our online service available from 9.15am every Sunday morning on our website [www.moretolife.church](http://www.moretolife.church).

If you have any questions about our health and safety processes then please do contact Rev Helen on [helen@moretolife.church](mailto:helen@moretolife.church).

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## Letter from Chris Dudgeon, Vicar in Odiham

One of my favourite quotes is by Corrie Ten Boom, who said this: 'When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.'

We're all going through uniquely difficult and challenging times at the moment, with Covid-19 resulting in the loss of loved ones, restrictions on our freedoms, worsening mental health issues, and increased unemployment and financial hardship for so many.

It can indeed feel like we're going through a dark tunnel.

Corrie Ten Boom was a Dutch Christian, who lived through the most extreme suffering. During the second world war, she and her sister were caught helping Jews escape from the Holocaust, and as a result they were sent to Ravensbruck concentration camp, where her sister died. Corrie survived and her quote about 'sitting still and trusting the engineer' when we're going through a dark tunnel, was born out of her own experience, and refers to trusting God when things seem particularly bleak.

Sometimes trusting God when in the midst of dark times can seem particularly hard. But Jesus, who endured the most terrible suffering on the cross because of his love for us, tells us that as we trust him, as we walk with him, he will carry our burdens and restore us.

In Matthew's gospel he said: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.' (Matthew 11: 28-30)

So as we progress through this dark tunnel that we currently find ourselves in, let's turn once again to God, and put our trust in him afresh each day.

One way of doing this is simply to speak to God in prayer, saying that we don't know what's going on, things are difficult, but we trust him – and we need his help.

Another way of turning to God that I find helpful is to read the Psalms in the Bible. These are full of references to how as we put our trust in God, so he restores us, takes away our fear, helps us, and renews our hope and joy. A great example, from Psalm 28, is this: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.'

As we go through this dark tunnel together, let's put our trust once again in God, our creator, our saviour and our sustainer. Let's draw close to him anew each day, that our hope and joy might once again be restored.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Chris Dudgeon

chris@moretolife.church

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Corrie ten Boom



Guideposts

Dear Residents

I am pleased to report a lack of reported crime in my area of this magazine, however towards Old Basing a farm was broken into at about 11:30 pm on October 21st 2020 in which a silver Subaru was seen. If anyone was in the Newnham Lane area about that time and saw anything unusual or a car matching this description with the numbers plates covered, please give me a call direct.

Albeit not in my area, between 7:30 and 10:30 PM on October 16th 2020 several garden sheds were broken into in Dorchester Way, Greywell, this after a field gate chain was cropped allowing access. These crimes are part of a large series all across our area and north east Hampshire. Now we have the dark evenings earlier I ask all residents to please be aware of opportunistic thieves who will take full advantage to use the darkness to commit crime. Please consider CCTV, sensor controlled lighting etc. Criminals do not like to be seen.

There are still several scams doing the rounds, one latest concerned a cold caller from telephone number 01174433677 offering services, usually it rings then hangs up when asking for home owner? If you receive any such calls which you have suspicions of just place the number into Google and if it is a scam number it will frequently show up on the internet as such, usually with various comments.

And finally a plea, if you are the subject of any crime I ask that it be reported, I am aware of crimes taking place and they are not being reported to the Police, it is important that we are aware of any crimes in the area as an absence of reported crime will impact on police resources. If you are a victim of crime please call 101, report on line via Hampshire Constabulary website or call or email me direct.

Many thanks for your continued support

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