

*This photo is taken looking up
Winchester Avenue.*

Headbourne Worthy and Kings Barton Local News

Spring 2024

News and Information from your local Parish Council

Litter Picks: Kings Barton 16 March, Headbourne Worthy Village 23 March

STOP PRESS
Could you help the PC by
delivering this local newsletter?
Contact the Clerk for details of the
generous remuneration!

The **Kings Barton Residents' Association** is organising a litter pick on Saturday 16 March, meeting at 10am at Greenfields Park (N) or the CALA car park (S). Please see the KBRA Facebook page for all details. All are welcome and please see note below about equipment and children.

Come to Marlands on London Road in Headbourne Worthy, near Taylors Corner (the junction with Bedfield Lane) from 10am to noon on Saturday 23 March and collect your litter picking sticks and bags for **Headbourne Worthy's village spring clean**. Please come equipped with long trousers, suitable footwear and sturdy garden gloves.

Christine and Bevis Clarke-Smith are pleased to welcome us back to Marlands and will offer you a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit before sending you out to clear an allocated area. **Photo opportunity at 10am!** Many thanks to Chris and Bevis, and thanks also to David and Trish Spurling for hosting last year's event. Children are very welcome, but must be accompanied - and supervised - by a responsible adult.



Photo shows entry to Marlands
from London Road

Dates for your Diary

Headbourne Worthy Parish Council (HWPC) meets in full just six times a year, with separate Committees for the detailed plans for Headbourne Worthy Village (HWC) and Kings Barton (KBC). Members of the public are very welcome at all these meetings. Please see the website for full details, but our next few meetings are as follows:

Full Council Meeting	Monday 11th March	7.30pm
St Mary's Church Rooms		
Kings Barton Committee	Monday 18th March	7.30pm
Kings Barton Primary School		
Headbourne Worthy Committee	Monday 8th April	7.30pm
St Mary's Church Rooms		
Kings Barton Committee	Monday 15th April	7.30pm
Kings Barton Primary School		
Full Council Meeting	Monday 13th May	7.30pm
Kings Barton Primary School		
Kings Barton Committee	Monday 20th May	7.30pm
Kings Barton Primary School		
Meet the Councillors event	Tuesday 4th June	7.30pm
The Orchard		

The Orchard, Kings Barton

As part of the transfer of open space from CALA to HWPC which took place in the early Autumn, the small pocket park in Phase 1b which lies at the edge of Andover Rd and Manley Rd came to HWPC to maintain. The Kings Barton Committee decided to install a community orchard in the space and the Committee approached Sparsholt College students to provide the designs as part of their coursework. It was delightful to see the enthusiasm of the students for the project when they had a site visit in December. The Committee is very much looking forward to seeing their designs and suggested trees.

The intention is to show the students' designs at the 'Meet Your Councillors' event HWPC is holding at the Orchard on 4 June. Residents will be asked to vote on their preferred design with the aim to create the winning garden in the Autumn.

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

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Kings Barton Committee Reporting Back

Speed Limit Reminder Signs

KBC have been able to work with CALA to install 3 ground sockets for use by a Speed Indicator Device in Kings Barton. These devices provide a friendly reminder to drivers to keep to the 20mph speed limit within the Kings Barton development. The sockets for the devices are installed at both ends of Winchester Rd and on Manley Rd.

Headbourne Worthy PC has now purchased another speed indicator device to supplement the one it already has and these two devices will be moved around two circuits of different locations in the Parish. It is hoped that each location will have a device installed at least once a quarter and there will be a device in Kings Barton every two weeks.

Speed indicator devices are proven to encourage drivers to drop their speed in residential areas which we all need to be mindful of in areas where there are likely to be cyclists, pedestrians and children playing.

Buses for Kings Barton



Cllr De Stefano and Cllr Porter have been working with Hampshire County Council officers to provide public transport in Kings Barton. At present the only public transport available is the shared taxi service which is less than ideal for the growing Kings Barton community. CALA has contributed funds to underwrite a bus service but Cllr Porter and the HCC officer wanted to ensure that these funds were used effectively and with the long term provision of the service in mind.

In the Autumn HCC went out to tender for the provision of a service from Kings Barton into Winchester. Unfortunately, as a result of this tendering process it is clear that there needs to be some compromise on the type and times of the service that can be offered at present. HCC is now working with a Community bus provider to provide a service focused on those times of heaviest use, evidenced by the survey completed by residents last summer. It is unlikely however, that this service will be operational before the Autumn.

When Winchester Avenue is connected, the expectation is that the service will be developed further. Being able



to connect the two parts of the development will make a considerable difference to timings and costs for a provider. HCC will be able to go back to the recent tenderers for a re-evaluation of their costs. It is hoped that at this stage a more consistent service across Kings Barton will be provided.

Football Pitches and Open Spaces opposite Manley Road

The Kings Barton Committee has been hearing from those residents who are likely to be affected by the proposal to install football pitches on the open space which borders Andover Rd at the top end of the development beyond Phase 1b. CALA's initial proposal is that there should be a 3G all weather artificial football pitch with flood lighting, a smaller under 13s pitch, a trim trail and community building with changing rooms. The KBC working group, comprising of residents who are local to the area, have looked at the implications for this.

Having listened to the concerns of the residents Winchester City Council, CALA and HWPC will be consulting with residents from across the development in order to decide if there are alternative solutions and propositions and how they can be achieved. A consultation process will be announced shortly.

Please check the KBRA Facebook page, the HWPC website and the noticeboards for more information which will be provided when it is available.



DOG OWNERS - PLEASE PICK UP DOG POO!

Dog Fouling – Bad Habits Easy to Pick Up

Dog fouling is becoming a persistent problem in our local area and we all know its both unpleasant and a potential health risk as it carries a small risk of toxocariasis which can lead to asthma, blindness and seizures. A further paw for thought is that dog poo can actually disturb the delicate ecosystem by encouraging some plants to take over those of a more fragile disposition, the high level of nitrogen and phosphorus it contains can unfortunately lead to biodiversity loss.

The vast majority of dog owners diligently scoop the poop and dispose of it in either dual purpose bins in the neighbourhood or at home. Sadly, it only takes the inaction of a few thoughtless owners for unsightly deposits to blot our landscape. HWPC will be providing both prevention signage and poo bag dispensers (with biodegradable bags) around the parish should any dog owner be caught short.

The Law

If you are in charge of a dog, it is an offence not to clean up after it under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. This applies to discarded dog poo (bagged or not) on land 'which is open to air and to which the public is allowed or permitted to have access to'. The law states that being unaware that a dog you are in charge of has fouled or not having a suitable bag to dispose of the fouling is not a reasonable excuse.

Failing to pick up dog poo can lead to an on the spot Fixed Penalty Notice of £50 and persistent offenders can be charged up to £1,000.

Reporting

At HWPC we have raised dog fouling problems with both the Dog Warden and Neighbourhood Policing thanks to feedback from residents. We would encourage you to contact the Winchester City Council's Environmental Health and Licensing Team on 01962 848097 to report dog fouling. This helps the Dog Warden and his team to identify fouling hot spots and apply WCC resources accordingly. When reporting, please provide as much detail as possible to help identify offenders such as time, date, location, a description of both the dog walker and the dog. If you are able to identify the offender, know their address and/or car registration number please provide WCC with this information. You may be required to provide a statement of evidence.

Lastly, we politely remind dog walkers to please be mindful of fellow residents and the environment by picking up dog poo, and putting it in a bin.



Flood Alleviation

Headbourne Worthy Committee have been liaising with HCC for improvements in the flood defences for the community. HCC's proposed improvement was to install a dropped kerb opposite Down Farm Lane close to the ditch by Worthy Barn. This would allow the flood water (which was not in the underground pipe) to flow off the road, onto the pavement and into the ditch and away into the Watercress beds. This would help to alleviate the pooling of the water at the junction with Down Farm Lane and Welhouse Lane which made things so difficult in 2014. However, when HCC came to install the dropped kerb they found a communication cable (possibly for telephone or broadband) in the way. Instead, they installed a weir kerb which has a pipe within it that takes the water into the ditch behind.

The Headbourne Worthy Committee is unsure whether this installation will be sufficient to take away the amount of water that came into the village in 2014. The Committee is recommending that improvements are made to the existing 300mm underground pipe (bypass pipe) that runs from the village side of the railway and discharges into the fisheries. This pipe has been damaged by previous utilities work and the amount of water that it can carry has been significantly reduced. HWC are working towards getting this restriction removed in order to provide a robust means of reducing the impact of any future flooding.

Vote Now: Name the new Kings Barton Park!

The Parish Council's Kings Barton Committee together with the Kings Barton Residents' Association is inviting all local residents to vote on which of the four suggestions (see below) is their favourite for the name of the new park at Phase 1a. The first park, following suggestions from pupils at the school, has been named Greenfields Park and the small open space at the end of Manley Road is The Orchard. Please email our Clerk, Belinda, with your preferred option, by the end of March.

1. Valley Park
2. Bluebell Park
3. Pippet Park
4. Meadowfields Park

Email Clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk by the end of March for your vote to be counted, or vote via the KBRA Facebook Page.

HWPC has been working hard with WCC to get CALA to sort out the drainage issues at the new park - we hope that it will be ready to open as soon as the weather improves and the grass has taken properly.

Jackie's County Corner - March 2024



Did you have problems with your water supply last month?

If you suffered from water cuts and periods of low pressure as many people in our community did, you can claim compensation from Southern Water. This can be done through their website, or contact

me or one of your other local city councillors. You can also ask for a water pressure check if you are worried it is still low. Again please approach Southern Water directly at www.southernwater.co.uk

Hospital Consultation

Have you completed the hospital consultation?

There's been a lot of publicity about the new Hospital but there's still time to give your views to the consultation. See the Hampshire Together website: www.hampshiretogether.nhs.uk for ways to respond.

Please consider your own needs when you respond to this - our own 'lived experience' is very powerful evidence.

On street parking

The County Traffic Wardens, started in October 23, but are gaining confidence that they can raise a significant sum in both Winchester and Alresford on street. Please take care! The County employs a company to manage this and expects it to bring in revenue. They often bring several wardens into the area at one time. This is creating problems for some who don't see the closed space signs, or who are unsympathetic to the excuse of disability, especially for temporarily

closed parking spaces and if you have the misfortune to receive a penalty notice, and you believe the penalty is unjustified, please contact me.

Roads - is your road adopted?

I've been frustrated at the difficulties of repairing and cleaning roads which are unadopted and not owned by the County Council. Pudding Lane is an example. Poor weather always brings the most damage to road surfaces, but if private, the road must be maintained by the owners themselves, not the County Council. For adopted roads, these are best reported on the hants.gov.uk website. The website has been updated: there's a REPORT IT button on the home page which is very helpful. If you take photos, please add them to your reports. There are size limits to the photos, but this has recently been upgraded.

County Council Tax bill

Your total Council Tax bill is administered by Winchester City Council, but it has many parts. The Hampshire County Council tax will rise by 2.99% from April 2024, the maximum allowed without a referendum. There is an additional 2% increase specifically raised for adult social care costs. This is listed on your Council Tax bill as two separate costs.

The rise for Winchester City Council is lower at 2.6% but the bill also includes the Police, Fire and Rescue, and of course, your Parish precept too. You can opt for online bills if you prefer: More details online at <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/council-tax/paying-your-council-tax>. Contact the City Council direct if you are concerned about managing the cost of Council tax on 01962 840222.

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Nun's Walk Footpath Improvements

Headbourne Worthy PC is very pleased to announce that it has been awarded £8,000 by the South Downs National Park for improvement work to the Nun's Walk path. The Winchester end of this popular path runs along the border of the national park (where the Nature Reserve is situated) and this part of the path has been narrowed and is suffering from erosion due to heavy use. The Parish Council has paid for the vegetation that has grown up close to the fencing, to be cut back to the ground in order to allow pedestrians to use the path's full width, but the grant from the SDNP will be used to install revetments at the water's edge protecting the river and stabilising the path.

The PC has also paid for the hedging to be cut back hard along the Headbourne Worthy route, to let the light in onto the ground to help reduce the puddling, widen the path and make it more user friendly.

HWPC will be working with HCC regarding more improvements to this popular and important walking route into Winchester. HCC is keen to bring the path up to a standard that encourages its use as a viable alternative to the car as it is a lovely gentle walk into Winchester.

