

This photo is taken in the churchyard of St Swithun's Church.

Headbourne Worthy and Kings Barton Village News

Spring 2023

News and Information from your local Parish Council

Village Spring Clean Saturday 25th March



Come to Silverstream on Bedfield Lane near the junction with Springvale Road from 10am to noon and collect your litter pick sticks and bags for our village spring clean. Please come equipped with long trousers, suitable footwear and sturdy garden gloves.

David and Trish Spurling have generously agreed to allow us to gather at their lovely historic cottage once again and will welcome you with a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit before sending you out to clear an allocated area. Many thanks to David and Trish for hosting this event after a break of some years and

providing the comestibles! Children are very welcome, but must be accompanied - and supervised - by a responsible adult.

The **Kings Barton Residents' Association** will be organising their own litter pick later in the spring using the same Parish Council equipment, so it's important the two events don't clash. Keep an eye out for the date on the Kings Barton Residents' Association Facebook Page, and we'll also be putting information on the Parish Council website (see details below).

M3/J9 New Junction Progress

The major re-development of M3 jct 9 is now into the final discussion phase and information is available from <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/m3-junction-9-information-portal/> Although the construction does not run through Headbourne Worthy Parish land it is likely that the roads in and around the Parish will be affected by the new traffic flows and it is possible noise levels will be raised.

It is also very likely that the Parish will be impacted during the construction phase. The Parish Council has therefore been invited to consult on those areas of the plan that will affect Headbourne Worthy. These formal consultations are likely to take place in the Autumn. The Council will be forming a Working Group to formulate the Council's response to these plans in preparation for the meetings. If you have any comments that you feel the consultation should be aware of please email the clerk (clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk) and she will forward it to the Working Group.



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

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

Edited and Produced by Cllr Jane Rutter, tel: 07766 431244

Kings Barton Working Group meets at new School



Pictured (l - r): Cllr Rob Watters, Cllr Mel Iredale, Nigel Palmer and Antonio de Stefano representing the Kings Barton Residents' Association, Cllr Jane Rutter and also from the KBRA, Eliza Barber and Kim Le Geyt.

Under the Chairmanship of Parish Councillor Rob Watters, the Parish Council's formal committee which deals with all matters pertaining to Kings Barton now meets every month at the Barton Farm Academy. These meetings are open to the public, and include a time for public questions at the start of every meeting, so you are very welcome to join us. The next KBWG meeting is on Monday 20 March from 7.30pm, and they are held every third Monday of the month except bank holidays. The full list of dates and forthcoming agenda is published in advance on the Parish Council's website, as are the minutes of previous meetings.



Cllr Watters writes: "After a lengthy consultation with residents around issues with their houses, we have managed to get some input from the housing associations, Vivid and Homegroup, and the house builders CALA who have now started to listen to residents' concerns regarding draughty windows and doors, damp and mould and inadequate fixtures and fittings. Cllr Melanie Iredale has worked tirelessly to collate these problems and this has been passed on to the relevant departments, KBRA and City Councillors. Heiron Choudary at Homegroup should now be speaking to residents, and Hardeep Kaur at Cala will be dealing with homeowners. **If you have any issues with your property**, please contact them directly via email and this will then be logged and dealt with accordingly.

The path between 1a and 1b has been improved and the deep ridges filled in to make this a better surface. The path is temporary and as such, will not be a permanent solution, but at least it provides a route between 1a and Barton Farm Academy.



CALA have started to plant around the walkway at the back of Grenadier's Road with trees and bushes to brighten up the area. There seems to be a wide variety of fauna and flora to enhance the aesthetics of the path, and hopefully, when the new play park is complete, this will be a lovely place for residents to relax with their families.

The designs for the new play area in 1a are now complete and we are expecting CALA to start work on this in the very near future. Residents have been asked to comment on the design and we now hope that CALA will implement recommendations from the local residents, KBRA and the Parish Council to ensure that the area is fit for purpose.

HWPC is negotiating with CALA via WCC to take over the maintenance of the play area in 1b and some of the open spaces on the estate. We are awaiting final inspections of the play equipment and a commuted sum agreement to ensure we can provide a quality service, and help make Kings Barton an excellent place to live. We have asked children from the primary school to think of a name for the play area.

If you have any comments or concerns please get in touch with your Parish Councillors and we will endeavour to find solutions."



VOTER ID - COMING OUR WAY THIS MAY!

On 4th May there will be elections for Winchester City Council. Everyone needs to be aware that the rules for voting in these elections have now changed and **ALL** voters will need to produce photo ID at the polling station in order to vote.

If you do not have photo ID then a Voter Authority certificate is available Free of Charge online. Apply for photo ID to vote (called a 'Voter Authority Certificate') - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) and in person from WCC see [Voter Identification Requirements - Winchester City Council](#) before Tuesday 25th April.

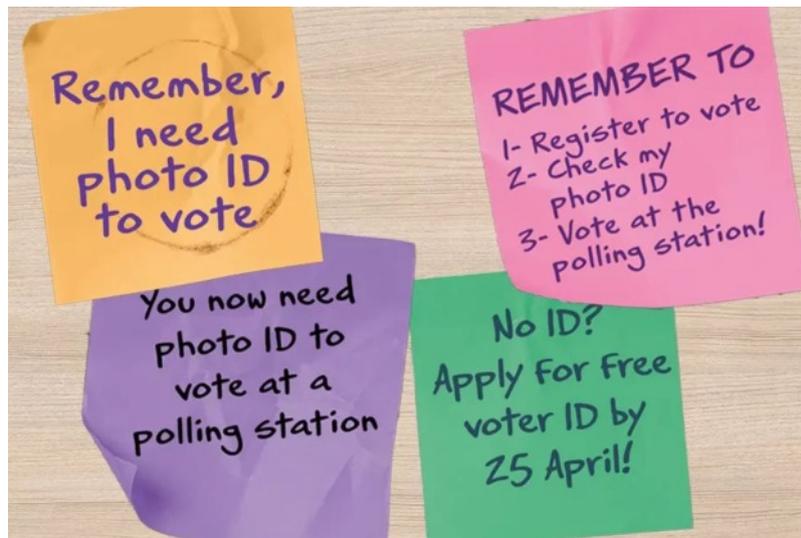
The acceptable forms of photographic ID are:

- Passport
- Driving licence
- Immigration document
- PASS Card.

A recently out of date form of this ID will be acceptable provided the photograph is still a good likeness.

Other commonly used forms of photo ID are **NOT** acceptable eg: work or student pass. Photographs of the ID will also not be accepted.

The Presiding Officer must refuse an elector a ballot paper if they have reasonable doubt that the photo on your ID does not look like you or suspects that the documents are forged.



The absent voting rules are also changing but from August 2023. Postal voters will need to make a fresh application every three years and the applications will require identity verification.

Also from August 2023 the 15 year rule for overseas electors will be removed and they will be entitled to vote so long as they are registered at a UK address (this will be the last one they were registered to vote at or the last one they lived at).

Please remember to bring your voter or photo ID to the polling station as you will not be allowed to vote without it.

Worthy Lane Cycle Path

Cycling & walking path - London Road/Worthy Lane into Winchester



Many of you will have attended the consultation event at the Jubilee Hall at the end of February, which included several new suggested crossings over London Road/Worthy Lane. We await the response to the consultation but are hopeful that this significant investment in local active travel will have strong local support and that we will be able to see great improvements in our local walking and cycling infrastructure in due course.

County and City councillors are looking at possible Community Infrastructure Levy (money from developers) funding to ensure the whole project is undertaken instead of it happening in phases, or, if it has to happen in phases, for the initial phase to be at the Worthy end and not the City end.

LITTLETON & WEST HILL
CRICKET CLUB

NEW PLAYERS NEEDED

New players needed for our 1st and 2nd team.

All player abilities welcome from ages +16.

Season runs May-August.

Home matches played at Littleton Rec (SO22 6QL).

Join us for net sessions at Thornden School on April 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th @7pm.

Contact us today:
info@littletoncricket.com

www.LittletonCricket.com



Jackie's County Corner - March 2023



It was a delight to wish the Kauras well after over 20 years at Kings Worthy Post Office.

Like everyone in our Post offices across the division, they have given sterling service, started early every morning, working seven days a week - so they deserve a break! Our thanks must go to Liz Kavanagh (and all of you) who raised funds through crowdfunder towards their post-retirement holiday! Thank you to all their newspaper deliverers too.

I hear from residents who have concerns about paying for a services that aren't up to scratch. This ranges from a Warmer Homes scheme to a Newspaper Delivery service.

HCC's Trading Standards have a contract with Citizens Advice to enable residents to register consumer queries and complaints. Below is the website link, but you can search 'Citizens Advice' and choose the 'consumer' tab. You can phone too: 0808 223 1133

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards/>

Lent came quickly after Dry January this year!

HCC's Public Health Director, Simon Bryant recently briefed County Councillors on the County's renewed Drug and Alcohol strategy. Over ¼ million people in Hampshire are drinking more than 14 units a week. Most of us don't know exactly what this means for our own drinking habits. If you'd like to know more about the units and calories in alcohol with information, advice and a 'help' button please use this link to the website, or I can post information through your door on request.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/publichealth/alcoholawareness>

HCC's Revenue Budget was finalised in February so that you receive your Council Tax demand in time for

the new financial year 23/24. HCC is budgeting turnover of around £2.6 billion. There is an expected £58m budget to fund, even after using some reserves to plug the spending gap. HCC proposed 4.99% increase (ie: £1460.25 for Band D, an increase of £1.34 a week or £69.68 a year). **Capital Funding** over the next three years is expected to be £645.3m- much of this is generated by funds from developers for schools etc.

Waste sites take many forms, but the County's Minerals and Waste plan has to cover them all. This includes mineral extraction, and incineration as well as the disposal of domestic and commercial waste.

I made a full response to the County's Minerals and Waste draft plan including :-

- objection to the principle of extraction of oil and gas.
- objection to the principle of waste sites remaining forever as waste sites: a policy which would render the county littered with waste sites.
- objection to the principle of waste sites in rural areas using smaller roads. I proposed that sites should only be serviced by main trunk roads.
- safeguarding for inland rail depots: sites must link direct to trunk roads: uses should not include waste treatment or processing.

I hope that these measures could protect residents' environment in the division (litter, noise, smell, light etc) whilst ensuring we have well run minerals and waste sites to accommodate the range of recyclable materials as opportunities increase.

Cart and Horses junction: our campaign hasn't stopped: but we are still awaiting the (very slow) Accident Investigation report. I will update you, hopefully very soon.

Meanwhile the **National Highways M3 junction 9** application is now with the Planning Inspectorate. For the timeline and more information, please see information on www.nationalhighways.co.uk

Contact Jackie : Jackie.Porter@hants.gov.uk, tel: 01962 791054 (ansaphone) 07973696085, (text)