



COUNCIL UPDATE

I'm delighted to say that despite the current restrictions the council were able to meet on the 11th May, albeit as a virtual meeting.

A COMMUNITY TO BE PROUD OF

The council were united in wishing to record their thanks to all the key workers and volunteers that have provided help to residents in the village despite the very challenging circumstances.

We were especially heartened by the volunteers that, from day one, stepped forward to identify people in need within the community and to make sure they had what was needed. The spirit of cooperation has continued with this newsletter being delivered by an army of volunteers, which we are very grateful for.

In addition, I think we all feel extremely proud of how the Hamble Village community has reacted to and embraced opportunities during the lockdown period.

From the widespread support for the rainbow trails, VE Day and Hamble Zoo, to the businesses which have managed to adapt

their service offering and the enterprising individuals who have discovered an entrepreneurial streak and set up micro-businesses from their own homes. Well done.

MOVING FORWARD

Myself, Cllr Jo Nesbitt-Bell (who led the volunteer effort alongside Tim Hughes) and Cllr Malcolm Cross have formed a new Working Group to identify how best we can help the village get back on its feet and recover from the lockdown, whether through signposting businesses to sources of advice, helping community groups re-establish or providing services to people that need help and advice.

We are also wanting to look at the positives that have come from the lockdown with a view to seeing how they can be sustained. Better air quality, less congestion, more neighbourliness and lots more wildlife are just a few of the obvious things. If you've got an idea, please do [get in touch](#).

- Cllr Simon Hand, Chair of Hamble Parish Council.

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SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN NEED

Staying Alert

It has been wonderful to see so many people out and about enjoying the lovely weather and beautiful coastline and parkland on our doorstep.

However, please do remember to do your bit to help us all follow social distancing guidelines, and to feel and stay safe.

There are a number of narrow single-track paths, alleyways or 'bottlenecks' where there may be limited passing places and it may be difficult to pass at a safe distance.

Be mindful of this when planning your route, and keep looking ahead to check if there is adequate passing space for anyone coming the other way. For this reason crabbing and fishing from the pontoon is not currently permitted (the quay wall is ok to use). And children may play in open spaces, but not in the playgrounds which remain closed.

Even if you are do not feel vulnerable or nervous, please remember that others may be carers or live with vulnerable people, so try to allow them a safe distance and together we can all enjoy the open spaces we are so fortunate to have.



Hound Basics Food Bank

The Hound Basics Food Bank can help those in crisis and unable to afford food. For help, contact Eastleigh Borough Council who will assess if you are eligible and refer you to your local food bank.

As Hound Basic Food Bank is currently supporting more families than usual, any donations of tinned or fresh food are gratefully received. The drop-off point is:

The Porch at St Andrews Church, Hamble -
Please donate between 9-5pm only.
Collected daily.

Additional drop-off locations are available in Netley.

If you would like to donate but can't get to one of these drop-off points, please contact us clerk@hamblepc.org.uk.

No Need To Struggle

There are a tremendous number of support groups available, so if you are struggling to cope in any way, please make use of the support services available.

The Government has provided support via 'One Community'. Our local service is run from Kings Community Church in Hedge End and may be contacted on 07535 171274 or email admin@kccsouthampton.org.

More services are listed under the Coronavirus Support section of the Parish Council website or please contact the Parish office for guidance.

Stay up to date with the latest Government advice and FAQs online at <https://bit.ly/gov-covid-19-advice>

Staying Entertained

The Point in Eastleigh are looking for short stories to send to vulnerable and isolating people to brighten their day. Open to adults and children, why not try your hand at creative writing! Full details: www.thepointeastleigh.co.uk/events/tell-us-a-story-may-2020/

Families Hampshire West is a magazine with helpful ideas for parents including home learning resources, family health, pre-school play, activities and much more. https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/hampshire_west

Emergency Dental Care

If you have an urgent or emergency dental condition you can contact a dental practice for a telephone assessment to assess your dental needs.

This could either be the dental practice you normally attend or one nearest to your home address. Where relevant, you may be referred to an NHS UDC (Urgent Dental Care) hub in Southampton, Fareham or Portsmouth for further treatment.

Medicine & Pharmacies

If you need medication, either a new or a repeat prescription, both pharmacies in Hamble are offering a delivery service.

Blackthorn Pharmacy 02380 453311.

They are not open to visitors but can be contacted by phone to arrange deliveries.

Hamble Pharmacy 02380 454996.

The shop is open, although only two visitors may enter at a time. They can also arrange deliveries three times a week.

Waste Disposal - Recycling Centres

Household Waste Recycling Centres have reopened. To maintain social distancing, the number of vehicles entering the sites will be restricted, only one person is allowed out of the vehicle and be aware that site staff will not be available to help you to carry large or heavy items.

Only certain types of waste are being accepted and there are reports of long queues, so please look online for more details before you travel. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/hwrcfinder/Netley> or call on 02380 403960.

COMMUNITY UPDATES



Welcome to the Zoo!

Over 200 households and 11 businesses on 36 streets took part in Hamble Zoo, with over 500 animals on display! There was such a wide range of creativity which definitely enlivened the daily walks for many parents and children alike.

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Poppy Trail

Villagers may have noticed a long and thin flower bed along the side of Hamble Lane on the approach to Aquila Way and carrying on from the silver spitfire behind the hedge. This wild-flower "Poppy Trail" has been prepared by our Grounds Team with a selection of poppy seeds, some of which were donated by local people.

The intention is to provide a poignant link between last years D-Day commemorations and the celebration of VE and VJ Days this year. On time, the first poppy bloomed just before VE Day and it is hoped that the remainder will flower in the coming weeks.

Keep an eye out as you pass by to see how many have emerged!

Tree Planting

The Council hopes that extensive tree planting schemes planned for the autumn on the Southern Quay and College Playing Fields will be linked to some form of community memorial event (yet to be fully determined) to mark this unusual and tragic year whilst also providing a lasting contribution to improving the environment. More details will follow as we develop the plans.

Improved Lighting

Richard, our head groundsman, has secured a £500 grant from the Hampshire Police Commissioner to help improve the lighting around Roy Underdown Pavillion.

Adopt Our Train Station

Jumping on a train may not be top of your list of things to do at the moment, but when people return to train travel, we would like to improve the experience by showing a little love to Hamble station.

Nationally, there are over 1,000 stations that have been adopted by local community groups. As well as engaging people in volunteering and creating pride in our station and community, these groups play a critical role in making stations welcoming, pleasant and attractive places.

Often work extends beyond basic upkeep, incorporating community gardening, local arts projects and workshops and visits with children and young people.

We would love to see what support there is out there for this initiative and hear from anyone willing to get involved.

This is an opportunity to turn our little under-loved station into something special for residents and visitors alike. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

Your Council Needs You

The full council will stand for re-election in 2021, postponed from May 2020. There is a vacancy on the Hamble Parish Council which will be advertised shortly. If any residents wish to see this vacancy filled by a by-election, please contact the Parish Office.

If you are interested in standing as a local councillor, there is more information on our website www.hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

What do you think of our newsheet format? Do you prefer this or the full magazine? What would you like to see next time? Please let us know! clerk@hamblepc.org.uk