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

Computer Equipment To Help Children's Education

Covid-19 and its restrictions have only exaggerated disadvantage in educational opportunity. Assignments are increasingly being undertaken and submitted remotely, and children without regular access to technology are seriously disadvantaged compared to their peers.

An initiative has been established in North East Hampshire and the Surrey borders, led by six local Lions Clubs (Aldershot, Fleet, Farnham, Farnborough, Hook & Odiham, Yateley, and Basingstoke – through Basingstoke Voluntary Action) to collect, refurbish and donate computers and expensive peripherals like monitors, webcams, speakers and printers to families whose children do not have access to them. Every year, millions of still-usable surplus PCs are sent to landfills or put into storage. Getting maximum use out of existing equipment is an environmentally responsible choice.

These refurbished PCs help make technology accessible to people and organisations which cannot afford new computers. All donated kit is professionally refurbished, confidentially wiped securely of all data and upgraded to a new operating system, and then makes a real difference to a child's educational chances.

The initiative has gone from strength to strength, and to date over 400 computers (desktops, laptops and notebooks) have been refurbished and donated, plus over 200 monitors, printers, speakers and other peripherals. However, there is always a need for more, so it will be greatly appreciated if you can check lofts, sheds, garages and other storage areas for technology that you have replaced but not yet recycled.

If you feel able to donate any old technology equipment to help children achieve their potential, please email Sarah Williams at swilliams@bvaction.org.uk - who will arrange collection - or email it@fleetlions.org.uk for more information.

**CONFUSED BY YOUR COMPUTER?
TROUBLED BY YOUR TELEVISION SET?**

NO INTERNET

BLUE SCREEN

On site visits include
Desktop, Laptop, Ipad, Printers

Repair, Service & Support
Virus / Spyware removal
Problems with Email, Printer, Internet access (fixed)

Regular maintenance keeps your computer clean and fast

On site visits for
TV, Audio & Video Repair

TV Tuning and Setup
Supply and Install Freeview receivers
Advice and Support.

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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 AGM The committee will hold its AGM on Monday 23rd November at 7.30pm. If the stricter rules are still in place this may be done via Zoom, please inform Liz Preece by email if you wish to partake, liz.preece.1@btinternet.com



TENNIS Use of the courts is free of charge to Mapledurwell & Up Nately residents. Please contact hugocubitt@gmail.com for the combination code.

UP NATELY NEWS We have had complaints of dog fouling in residents' drives and on verges, left there by the dog owner, this is unacceptable! Please make sure you take a poo bag with you when exercising your dog and clear the mess up.

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 16th September

Allotment renovation project restoration, new plot and new fencing.

The old allotment plots have been strimmed back for new tenants. But the plots are refusing to give up easily a legacy neglect, one in particular with a tree taking up much of the space.

Old plots need to be worked over, one new plot needs to be created, overshadowing trees need to be cut back, and all the plots need re-fencing. The Parish Council agreed to allocate £1k 'project' budget to the allotments and seek grant funding.

Tennis courts The Parish Council has received 15 requests from parishioners for the code to use the courts. Also three requests from Old Basing residents. Agreed that the courts are underused and, while this is the case, it makes sense to offer a subscription to residents of neighbouring parishes on first come first served basis. (Noted that moss isn't growing at present and the more use the courts have the better.)

The Chineham Tigers lost their playing season from March to June due to COVID. However, with fewer families away, they helped make up with additional tournaments and friendlies over the summer.



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The 'Mapledurwell Treasure' now in the British Museum

This hoard of 345 silver coins hidden in the early years of the Civil War includes coins of Edward VI, Elizabeth I, James I and Charles I.

A HAMPSHIRE HOARD

From the *British Museum Magazine* Autumn 2020

More than 350 coin hoards from the English Civil War (1642-49) have been recovered in modern times, a unique concentration in English history. Until now, however the British Museum did not hold a complete hoard to represent this period of extraordinary chaos and turmoil, an absence that has long-seemed and anomaly.

An opportunity to remedy this came with the discovery of the Mapledurwell hoard in August 2018. It was found by a metal detectorist who behaved in exemplary fashion, and the hoard was able to be lifted within the surrounding earth and systematically excavated by British Museum conservators.

It consists of 345 silver coins in three denominations – half crown, shilling and sixpence – of English Monarchs from Edward VI to Charles I, with remnants of the stoneware jug in which they were hidden.

The value of the hoard was £13 4s & 6d, easily a year's pay for a labourer at the time and several month's wages for a soldier in the Civil War. The latest coins present were issued in 1641-43, so it is one of the many hoards concealed right at the start of the war by an owner who never returned.

Barrie Cook, Curator: Medieval and Early Modern Coins

© British Museum

Village Hall grounds The Parish groundsmen has made particular comment about plastic bottles being left on the recreation ground. Checking the playground during lockdown, Parish Councillor Kevin Rafferty also removed plastic bottles and other rubbish, and emptied the bin.

Chineham Tigers noted that 'we do a sweep of the field after training and games for rubbish. The team bring reusable named bottles and our refreshments stall does not sell plastic bottled drinks. We have also noted an increase in litter and have on occasion had to remove bottle tops, glass, cans from the pitch when we walk it and fill in the rabbit holes pre-game, but it has not been a major issue.'

Noted that use of the Village Hall grounds as a casual meeting place has increased while many other venues have been restricted. It is hoped the litter will decrease as more 'normal' use of the grounds has resumed and the schools reopened.

'Upper Swallick' STaNHd flyer delivered with September *Villager*. STaNHd Petition 4,000 signatures are needed to prompt discussion at BDBC Full Council meeting of 15th October.

Footpaths wardens course Martin Carfrae (Parish Footpaths Warden) and Kevin Rafferty attended a free course

run by Gemma Clinch, Countryside Services Community Liaison Officer. Gemma is working hard to recruit a team of volunteers North-Hants wide to help maintain local public rights of way – which requires some measure of commitment. Kevin and Martin are both content to volunteer independently within our own Parish. A useful course with information on ROW responsibilities. Held at Basing House, well worth a visit with museum, grain store and ruins of the house.

The 'Hatch cycle path' is a section of the 'old Greywell Road'. Its length remains an adopted Highway – a 'U-road' (unclassified) and comes under the responsibility of Hampshire Highways. Regarding maintenance it can be considered as any other 'road', other than it's been blocked off to motor vehicles. Hedges bordering the 'road' remain the responsibility of the adjacent landowner and BDBC are responsible for removing fly-tipping.

Direction sign at Mapledurwell pond Permission received from Highways to restore the lettering (unlikely will be a HCC priority in near future). Plastic wrapping suggested.

Highways Dept Reorganisation Organisational restructuring will create just two Hants Highways areas (N & S) from 1st October.

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 of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council



The current Local Plan was adopted in 2016 to run to 2029. In line with Government's new legal requirements to review every five years, BDBC is now in the early stages of updating its Local Plan with a new end date of at least 2038.

Parish Planning applications

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

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

20/02126/OHL (granted 2 Sept) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Upgrade of existing pole gaining a height of over 10%.

20/01675/FUL (granted 9th Sept) Parrotts, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. One single storey dwelling to replace agricultural building [replaces previous application].

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

20/01350/LBC (pending 23 June) Andwell Mill. Internal wall reconfigurations.

20/01257/HSE and 20/01258/LBC (Granted 21st Aug) Mead House, Heather Row Lane. Two storey rear extension.

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 1 x five-bed detached dwelling with.

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

Parish Tree applications

T/00450/20/TCA (validated 9 September) Mapledurwell Barn, Tunworth Road. T1 to T6 Leylandii – remove.

T/00374/20/TCA (approved 27 Aug) The Willows, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. T2 Ash: fell. T3 Ash: Pollard to leave a finished height of 4m and crown spread (radius) of 1.4m.

T/00346/20/TCA (approved 8 Sept) Sakantha, Frog Lane. Willow re-pollard leaving an approx finished height of 6m with a crown spread of approx 5.5-6m.

T/00318/20/TCA (approved 24 Aug) Lanterns, Tunworth Rd. Willow (T1) crown reduction. Sycamore (T2) crown lifting.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

This is the first consultation for the Local Plan Update (LPU), live from 28th September to 4pm on Monday 9th November. Consultation documents are available at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/Issues-and-Options

Your response can be submitted either...

online at <https://basingstoke-consult.objective.co.uk/portal>

by e-mail to local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk

by post to: Planning Policy Team, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke RG21 4AH

The purpose of this early and non-statutory consultation is to identify key planning issues facing the borough over this next Local Plan period (to at least 2038) and consider suitable options to address them.

Borough residents, residents groups, town & parish councils, technical consultees, and developers & agents, do have the opportunity to influence the Plan at an early stage.

In addition to the main Issues and Options consultation document, BDBC is inviting comment on the following documents.

PROMOTED SITES DOCUMENT Over 230 sites were submitted to BDBC for development through the 2019 'Call for Sites'.

See the *Strategic Housing & Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA)* at <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/SHELAA> published Dec 2019.

A small number of additional sites been put to the Council since then. The 'Promoted Sites Document' will list all the potential sites and provide maps for those not included in last December's published version.

At this early stage, BDBC (as Local Planning Authority) has not identified or made decisions on any preferred sites for housing or employment uses.

SETTLEMENT STUDY Part 1 of this Study considers the relative sustainability of the borough's towns and villages [ie with a view to their growth potential]. It allocates settlements to a category, taking account of size, range of local services and facilities, accessibility to larger settlements by sustainable transport, and employment opportunities.

THE SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT has been prepared in line with relevant Regulations. It identifies the Policies, Plans and Programmes which will impact on the Local Plan. It provides baseline information on the borough, identifies sustainability issues and problems, and sets out sustainability objectives for the Plan to be assessed against. The *Sustainability Appraisal* will continue to develop alongside the Local Plan Update.

SITE ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY BDBC will need to assess the relative suitability of different sites to accommodate future growth. **This document explains which sites will be assessed and sets out the detailed criteria to be used in the site assessment process.** It sets out the different stages of the process and how this will lead to the final selection of sites.

This is an important part of the LPU and the *Site Assessment Methodology* is being consulted upon at this stage in order to ensure a transparent process that is properly informed by the views of local communities and their representatives, site promoters, consultees and stakeholders. The outcomes of the *Assessment* will be subject to detailed consultation in the next stages of the LPU process.

WHAT INFRASTRUCTURE IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT GROWTH?

As part of the Issues & Options Consultation, the Borough Council will also engage directly with infrastructure providers to consider future infrastructure requirements. Relevant bodies will be receiving a questionnaire at the start of the Consultation.

Newnham & Nately Scures

Report from Parish Council meeting of 2nd September

A30 Speed limit reduction – Gateways & Signs – following July update from Hants Safer Roads:

'At present there is no scheduled date for implementing the speed limit change along the A30. Work is progressing to conclude this as quickly as possible... As part of the design of the speed limit signing along the A30, it is proposed to include the Nately Scures and Water End place names on the speed limit signs along with other measures to form "Gateway"-type features appropriate for the location. These designs will be shared with you when they are prepared.'

Traffic calming buildouts Driver failed to see the buildout by the Clubroom, knocking over the posts (9th August before 5pm). Posts intact, a reflector broken. Parish Lengthsman has righted; also strimmed around all traffic calming buildouts and added extra reflectors to all posts. Awaiting new signage outside the Clubroom.

Newnham Green Request submitted to Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for enhancement plan. Thanks to Manor Farm for mowing. Wayleave – Lord Malmesbury has agreed the telegraph pole by Manor Farm Cottage can be moved further onto the Green. Parish Council agreed no objection, but requested safeguarding nearby Horse Chestnut. To record thanks to Lord Malmesbury for arranging removal of the bulk of the fallen Willow.

Planning applications Parish Council responded to new-build applications for Land at Blackstocks Lane. Objections from BDBC Biodiversity and Landscape. If case officer minded to approve will automatically go to Development Control Committee due to number of objections.

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council submitted similar response to application for eight houses in Andwell Lane. Newnham Parish Council was consulted as neighbour and agreed its support for M&UN response.

BDBC Local Plan Major site applications
1. Manydown considered by DC 8th July. Approval subject to conditions. 17/00818/OUT Approximately 3,200 homes (up to a maximum of 3,520).
2. Basingstoke Golf Course considered by DC 22nd July. Approval subject to conditions. 19/00971/OUT Up to 1,000 homes plus traveller site.

Local Plan Update – Issues & Options consultation for 28th September. (See previous page)

CLUBROOM REPORT

Chris Alliston

Newnham Clubroom has cautiously and safely opened its doors to our regular group sessions since the beginning of July. The groups currently operating at restricted numbers include three variants per week of Keep-fit, Dance class, two sessions of Pilates, our 'Dancercise' group and the newest group, a weekly Yoga class on Sunday mornings. Obviously we will review all relevant Gov CV19 announcements and respond accordingly.

Early in September we successfully had the solar energy system (panels and battery) installed and implemented in the Clubroom. The actual implementation work only took one day and has been working since 8th September. At the moment we are looking to change electricity supplier (we have to remain connected to the grid) to obtain a better price per unit for the spare electricity we generate and then sell back to the grid.

FOR QUERIES OR BOOKING REQUESTS please contact Chris Alliston on 07435 782 122 or bookings@newnhamclubroom.org.uk

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 on 01256 861 055 / 07703 345 033 or by email at pbrown129@btinternet.com.



NEWNHAM POND

Job done! For now...

From reports by Pete West and Peter Gillatt



Volunteers from HIWARG (Hants & Isle of Wight Amphibian & Reptile Group) spent the last Sunday of summer working at the pond. A 'rule of six, no-mingling work party'.

'The pressure was on to get this done while the pond is dry and before the rains arrive. Under licence due to the Great Crested Newts, we managed to clear about 35+ bags of the invasive *Crassula Helmsii* (New Zealand Pigmyweed) which if left unchecked will cover the pond in a thick blanket.

'The substrate of the pond being pretty stony, sections of the *Crassula* could be rolled back like carpet. This helped to clear areas without creating too many broken fragments which will cause new growth.

'The activity by its nature will have created some "propagules", but the

risk is lessened when conditions are dry, and all the better if they can continue to dry out. The intension was to dramatically reduce *Crassula*

coverage, elimination not being achievable at this stage.'

The intention for HIWARG was improvement of the pond environment for the upcoming breeding season.

'We made a huge difference and every resident that came past – many *en route* to the local pub – was suitably appreciative. Fantastic community engagement...

'Memorably, we stopped off at the Old House at Home for a quick drink afterwards, and they served the drinks to us free of charge as a thank you. It was such a kind gesture.'

For anyone interested in membership for HIWARG, it costs £6 per year, see <https://groups.arguk.org/hiwarg>.

The Facebook page has a report and photos of the day's work.



PHOTO: Peter Gillatt

NEWNHAM GREEN



Deborah Whitfield, Consultancy Manager for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, visited the Green in September. Deborah is compiling a wildlife enhancement plan and planting schedule, for sections of the Green, the verges, and pond margins. Also for the pond including 'sensitive planting of native species in the hope the *Crassula* is managed sufficiently to increase the plant diversity'.

BDBC Local Plan Update *see pg 3*

Planning White Paper *see also pg 6*

The PWP is proposing three categories of 'Land Zoning': Growth Areas, Renewal Areas and Protected Areas. Housing figures will be assessed using the Government's evolving 'standard methodology' for calculating housing need.

A briefing from 'Locality' suggested impacts on Planning responsibilities:

1. Local Plans may no longer allocate specific sites for development, nor (largely) include development management policies, but may include more design detail.
2. Neighbourhood Plans may no longer allocate specific sites for development but may continue to use detailed design guides and codes.
3. Public consultation will remain at the Local / Neighbourhood Plan stage, but NOT at planning application stage.

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 (pending, 05 Aug) 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, Newnham. One new dwelling; new driveway following demolition of car port attached to stables at Tithe Barn Cottage.

20/01666/FUL (pending 25 June) Land at Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. One new dwelling and detached garage.

20/01597/FUL (pending 24 June) Land at Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Two dwellings and associated parking.

19/03224/LDEU (pending - 29th Nov 2019) Manor Farm, Newnham. Certificate

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Newnham and Nately Scures



You are very welcome to join us as we celebrate the traditional festival of Harvest. Although our service will need to look and feel a little different this year we would still love for you to join us.

Place: St Nicholas Church, Newnham.

Time: Sunday 4th October, 3pm

Please bring along Harvest gifts to donate

We currently ask people to wear masks in our services inside our buildings but understand that this is not possible for everyone. All are welcome.

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

TCA Emergency five-day notice (28th September) to fell Oak at Plum Tree Cottage, Newnham Road. Oak diseased and posing imminent danger.

T/00403/20/TCA (pending 09 Aug) Land At OS Ref 470609 154268 Tylney Lane, Newnham RG27 9AJ. 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/00364/20/TCA (approved 11 Sept) Wildmoor, Newnham Road. T1 Birch: fell. T2 Honey Locust fell (dead). T3/T4/T5/T6 Hawthorns fell, T7/T8/T9 Sycamore fell, T10/T11 Pear fell. T12/T13 Sycamore fell. T14 Chestnut fell.

T/00274/20/TCA (approved 11 Sept) The Pink House, Newnham Lane. T5: remove. T6 Beech crown reduce. T8 Silver birch: reduce height. T11 Black Alder reduce height. T13/T14/T21 remove.

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

Hook application

20/01486/FUL (Refused 16 September) Fairfields, Newnham Road, Hook. Demolition of outbuildings, erection of two dwellings with integral garages.

Case officer reason for refusal – summary: 'The site is not allocated for development within the Local Plan and there is no material planning justification for a departure from the Local Plan. The proposal would... have a detrimental effect on the character and setting of the countryside and have a harmful impact on the designated Hook to Newnham Gap.'

Solar farm proposal at Bunkers Hill, Rotherwick CONSULTATION *see*

www.bunkershillsolarfarm.co.uk/ JBM Solar have extended their on-line public consultation to 23rd October.

For background documents see Hart website for 20/00752/PREAPP (pending, 30 Mar) Bunkers Hill Farm, Reading Road, Rotherwick. Solar array and battery storage facility.

PLANNING WHITE PAPER



From the Wildlife Trusts' website
<https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/>

'We're pleased to see some ambitious ideas in the Planning White Paper, but key concerns are:

1. *New Zones will not reverse nature's decline nor integrate it into people's lives.* Nature will be built over in the Growth area, overwhelmed in the Renewal area, and not actively helped in Protected areas – where wildlife is already struggling.
2. *Inadequate nature data means poor decisions about zones leading to potentially catastrophic impacts for wildlife sites.*
3. *The bias will be towards permitting new developments in principle, and allowing much more of it.* Government's 25-year Plan for the Environment committed to put the environment at the heart of planning and development. These proposals are failing that ambition, driven by economic growth and building (at speed) rather than considered Place-making.
4. *Simplifying Environmental Impact Assessments designed to save nature, where it still exists, will weaken protections and threaten nature's ability to survive and recover.* The reforms allow less opportunity to influence individual development proposals.
5. *Failure to address the climate, ecological and health emergencies together.* Restoring and creating wild places across all Zones would ensure carbon-storing habitats that help tackle climate change and provide access to nature to improve people's lives.

The Wildlife Trust website has a form to respond directly to the PWP Consultation. <https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/66900/action/1#action>

'Nature's recovery should be part of planning changes' Our vision for a planning system for a wilder future, is guided by the following principles:

1. Wildlife recovery and people's easy access to nature must be put at the heart of planning reform by mapping a Nature Recovery Network
2. Nature protection policies and standards must not be weakened, and assessment of environmental impact must take place before development is permitted
3. Address the ecological and climate crises by protecting new land put into recovery by creating a new designation – 'Wildbelt'.
4. People and local stakeholders must be able to engage with the planning system.
5. Decisions must be based on up-to-date and accurate nature data.'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>



Open consultation
Planning for the future

Published 6 August 2020

From: Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.

Summary: Consultation on proposals for reform of the planning system in England.

This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 29 October 2020

LETTER TO ALL HAMPSHIRE MPS FROM CPRE HAMPSHIRE



Dear [Hampshire MP]

We wanted to get in touch early in the consultations for the Planning White Paper (PWP) (deadline 29th October) and the accompanying Changes to the Planning System (C2PS) (deadline earlier 1st October), so that we could let you know of our concerns and those of our many members.

CPRE Hampshire was recently party to a meeting with Robert Jenrick MP and he confirmed that he was listening to CPRE's long experience of planning and our wisdom and views were much appreciated.

There are many aspects of the PWP that we would support. The ambition to bridge the generational divide; the emphasis on strict design codes; the commitment to streamlining the Local Plan process and the determination to involve many more local people and their communities into the Planning process are all welcomed.

However, we also have substantial concerns about the proposals and many of them stem from the consequences of the algorithms used in the various calculations which may be unintended. These algorithms produce a number of distortions which fundamentally undermine the stated intentions of the Govt's proposals. These proposals would:

1. Transfer development from urban to rural areas.

The proposed new standard method (para 30 of the C2PS) would shift housing numbers from the cities to the rural districts. In Hampshire, there would be increases in Winchester by 58%, East Hants by 50%, Test Valley by 40%; and decreases in Southampton by 17%, Portsmouth by 14%.

This cannot be consistent with the stated aims of achieving sustainable development and maximising re-use of brownfield land. It also does not account for any constraints in terms of National Parks, other designations, nor water resources, or access to public transport hubs. In Hampshire, these are critical.

2. Make housing in Hampshire even less affordable

The algorithm used to calculate the adjustment/affordability factor (para 32 of the C2PS) creates a built in incentive for developers to continue to build more houses at a price above the median price because this would ensure that the LPA is then required to allocate even more land for even more homes. The effect will be to make the average house even less affordable for the younger generation.

3. Deprive the most disadvantaged regions of investment

The algorithm used to calculate the Infrastructure Levy will distort the geographic distribution of investment. The way it is currently structured, the vast majority of the investment will accrue to the richest areas of the country. The more deprived areas of the country will yet again be disadvantaged.

But the overwhelming flaw that our members see in the proposals is that the changes proposed are not necessary to meet the Govt's stated target.

According to the PWP, the Govt is committed to meeting 'the national housebuilding target of 300,000 new homes annually, and one million homes by the end of the Parliament'. But this can be achieved without these reforms. At present, there are one million homes that already have planning permission that have not been built. In order to meet the target that Govt has set and to address, with urgency, the major issue of the generational divide, we believe that the focus of Govt action should be to ensure that these existing planning permissions are built out immediately. The low absorption rates identified in the Letwin report should no longer be tolerated.

We would welcome an opportunity to discuss these points further with you...

Yours sincerely, Dee Haas, Chairman

Church Notices

'Journeying together, we worship God and serve the community'
www.united-parish.org.uk

From the Parish Registers:

Funeral

8 September
Raymond Tapp
at St Mary's Greywell
May he rest in peace

Harvest Festival - Sunday 4th October 2020

We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Festivals on 4th October. As well as giving thanks for the work of our farmers and the safe gathering in of the harvest we will be collecting tinned and packaged goods to donate to several local charities and will also be collecting donations towards the ongoing work of the local churches in our villages.

Work on our Churches

We currently have works in progress or planned in several of our churches.

St Mary's Mapledurwell: work is in progress on the bulge that had formed on the west wall by the door and should soon be complete.

St Nicholas Newnham: you may have noticed some external damage to the roof during lockdown, our architect has been out to advise on repairs and we are awaiting a decision from our insurers before we proceed with organising the work.

St Swithun's Nately Scures: Plans are underway for some work on trees and fixtures and fittings in the churchyard in the near future.

Diary dates in October:

Wednesday 7th October
United Parish APCM,
Newnham

(If necessary this will be held on Zoom and meeting details will be shared with those on the Electoral Roll)

Churches Open for Church Services

Along with the rest of country we have been tentatively opening up our churches for wor-ship on Sunday mornings, taking care that we are making them as safe as possible. As I am sure you can appreciate these services are dependant on the guidelines and restrictions put in place by the government. At the time of going to print these are the services we hope to run in October but the most up to date information will be available on our website www.moretolife.church

4th October		
11.00am	Harvest Festival (Up Nately, Greywell and Mapledurwell)	Up Nately
3.00pm	Harvest Festival (Newnham & Nately Scures)	Newnham
11th October		
9.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	Newnham
11.00am	Informal Service	Up Nately
18th October		
9.00am	Common Worship Holy Communion	Mapledurwell
11.00am	Informal Service with an act of Communion	Greywell
25th October		
9.00am	BCP Communion	Newnham
11.00am	Informal Service with an act of Communion	Up Nately

If you do not feel ready to return to the church building we would love for you to join our online service available from 9am every Sunday morning on our website. If you have any questions about our health and safety processes then please do contact Rev Helen on helen@moretolife.church.

Kidzone

Let's salt and light to make a salt dough tealight holder!

- 1 cup of flour
- 1 cup salt
- ½ cup warm water
- Sequins and glitter (optional)
- Cookie cutter (10 cm)
- tealight

BAKE FOR 3 HOURS!

1. Pre-heat the oven to 125 C or gas mark ½.
2. Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl.
3. Slowly add the warm water, until it is like a dough.
4. Knead the dough for 5 minutes (or as long as it takes to sing 'my lighthouse'!
5. Separate into 3 pieces.
6. Press down one piece until it is slightly bigger than your cookie cutter and cut out the shape.
7. Wiggle the tealight to make a hole (not right through) in the shape.
8. Add sequins and glitter to decorate.

FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

The biggest backhanded compliment I was ever paid was one Sunday morning when I was standing at the door of St Michael's, Basingstoke, after the service and a gentleman who identified himself as a visitor told me I had preached an excellent sermon. Then, as I began to puff out my chest and my head began to swell he delivered the coup de grace, he added "For an amateur!" Would I, though, have produced a better sermon on that Sunday morning if I were being paid? I certainly hope not!

To my mind being professional is about an attitude of mind, a seriousness of approach rather than the receipt of payment. The life of our communities and our Churches depends on amateurs who are thoroughly professional in their approach to the service they render. These people may not depend on what they do for their living but the lives of our communities and Churches depend on them doing it.

Make no mistake, the Church in this Benefice needs its professionals but if it was all down to them either they or the Church would be heading for an early grave. In the book of Exodus Moses, the leader of the Israelites, has a visit from his Father in Law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Jethro sees that Moses is trying to do everything himself. Jethro says to Moses "What you are doing is not good, you will surely wear yourself out both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone." In short "You're not doing anybody any good." Father in Law's advice was to share the load, create areas of responsibility for others to look after. We are grateful in community and Church for those who share the load; take up areas of responsibility and deal with them in a thoroughly professional way.

Whilst being grateful to those who are giving so much of themselves to their areas of responsibility there is a constant need for others to be prepared to take on the mantle; In the second book of Kings the bible tells how when Elijah is taken up into heaven young Elisha is bereft; he calls out "My Father, My Father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" he sees the departure of a driving force but then the mantle of Elijah falls to the ground, Elisha picks it up and the story goes on. I remember at the funeral of a respected Churchwarden someone saying that during an interregnum this person "Was the Church in our Parish" yet someone picked up the mantle and the story went on. I was once told that "When what was a joy becomes a chore it's time to hand on to someone else" and that remains good advice and no one should have to feel stuck in a job for lack of someone to take on the mantle.

At this time of delayed Annual Parochial Church meeting I just want to say 'Thank you' to those who have shared and continue to share the load and encourage anyone who sees a mantle waiting to be picked up to be an Elisha. In the Gospel of John Jesus promises the disciples that he will not leave them "Comfortless" (on their own to do the heavy lifting) but that he will provide them with a 'Helper' the Holy Spirit. Two thousand years on 'The Helper' is still helping us to be helpers and because the Holy Spirit is God's free gift I guess that really we are all amateurs.

Alan Hoar

Dear Residents

I am pleased to report a reduction in reported crime for the past month, we did however have a water bowser stolen from a field near Water End over the 1st and 2nd of September 2020, being used to supply water to a flock of sheep.

In other parts of my area we have experienced a couple of thefts from gardens, at Chilton Candover we had the theft of two lead planters whilst at Upton Grey we had the theft of York stone, so please remain vigilant, photograph and mark valuable items.

For the eight months of the year we had no reported house burglaries across the whole of the 75sq miles of the twenty-two parishes of my initial area, however in late September a home was broken into in Axford where property was stolen whilst the owners were away, two days later a second home was broken into, this time in Chilton Candover where a substantial amount of fine art and paintings were stolen, whilst this is a rare occurrence it does highlight that criminals continue to travel into our area and commit crime.

As the evenings draw in please consider your home security, leave lights on and use timers, consider an alarm and CCTV, leave a radio/television on, please make the appearance that someone is at home, consider 'Beware of the Dog' signs on the front gate, again it all helps to prevent burglary.

On a local note I have been made aware of residents allowing their dogs to foul the verges and private driveways in and around Up Nately, I ask if you are taking your dog/s out for a walk and they foul a verge or driveway please do the decent thing, take a poo bag with you and pick it up and take home for disposal, please do not tie it to a branch or the similar or leave it for someone else to have to clean up.

Thank you once again for your continued support

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