



# cliddesden

## Village Newsletter

### URGENT REQUEST REGARDING THE PETITION TO BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE

Although we have 6500 signatures to the petition not all come from Basingstoke and the council are querying whether we meet the required number of people who live and work in Basingstoke. Their conditions are that this number need to be at least 4000.



Looking at the numbers it is clear that in many households, only one person has signed.

**Everyone is entitled to sign including children.**

If you can add to the number of signatures please go to [www.STaNH.com](http://www.STaNH.com) and sign the petition.

If we fail to get the number required, we will not be able to speak to the council and get a debate on the proposal.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

**STaNH Stand up for the North Hampshire Downs**

### Cliddesden Chat

As the Cliddesden Chat Facebook group approaches its 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, it is great to reflect on what a success it has been. It was set up as we went into the first lockdown for the benefit of all residents of Cliddesden, past and present, to act as a village focus and to help people remain connected, share news and help us all feel a bit less lonely, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, at a time when it is difficult to socialise.

And it has achieved all this and a lot more besides. We now see several posts a day and 220 members who have posted over 600 posts, nearly 1,700 comments and had almost 4,500

“reactions” in the first year.

We have covered all manner of topics – from calls for help to offers of assistance, from lost animals to free produce, questions asked and answered, loads of memories and inevitably lots on planning and the impact on Cliddesden. And we have posted a huge range of photos – from fantastic views to cute ducks, from flooded roads to pictures of bygone ages.

So come on, join Cliddesden’s on-line community, ‘Cliddesden Chat’, at [facebook.com/groups/cliddesdenchat](https://facebook.com/groups/cliddesdenchat).



# Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop & Ellisfield Horticultural Society

The three villages Gardening Club

Hello from Claire!

With biting wind whistling outside, the threat of snow (oh no, PLEASE not snow!) and still no news on when we can start out meetings again, it would be easy to think that things are all doom and gloom.



Not in the slightest!

With the approach of spring we can look forward to longer days, more sunshine, lambs in the fields, and the glorious plethora of spring flowers to brighten

our gardens and gladden our hearts.

So, it will be no surprise that Daffodils are the flower for March!

As anyone who has agonised over which class to enter their trumpet/wide cup/narcissus/jonquil in the Spring Show will know, there are so many varieties to choose from you could plant a different one every year and never have them all!

Daffodils may have been brought to Britain by the Romans, who believed the sap could heal wounds.

In fact, the sap contains sharp crystals of calcium oxalate, which acts as an irritant and discourages animals from eating them.

It also causes other flowers to wilt if they are in the same vase!

The origins of the names Daffodil, Narcissus, and Jonquil are quite interesting.

Daffodil - us Brits in ages past preferred the imported Asphodel to our native Daffs, calling them 'bastard 'affodil'

Jonquil - comes from the Spanish '*jonquillo*' (rush) referring to the rush-like leaves.

Narcissus - the very handsome Greek man, who won the heart of Echo and then rejected her, causing her to hide in a cave until she wasted away leaving only her voice. He looked upon his reflection in a river and was so entranced he fell in and drowned and was turned into a flower.

Shakespeare also makes reference to this most beautiful, historic bloom in '*The Winter's Tale*'



'When daffodils begin to peer,  
With heigh, the doxy o'er the dale,  
Why then comes in the sweet o' the year  
For the red blood reigns in the winter's pale'

Who would have thought that gardening could lead to a lesson in Greek mythology and Elizabethan literature!

Stay safe, and we all look forward to when we can get together again.

Happy gardening!

Claire

## Village Hall News

A very quiet start to the year for the Hall as a result of it being closed shortly after the last article was written due to the current lockdown. And some of the news below failed to get in the February Newsletter due to a mix up with email addresses!

The Hall traditionally holds its AGM in March and whilst we delayed last year due to the first lockdown, this year we are planning to hold it on time via Zoom - so the **Hall AGM will be held 7:30pm, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.** As always, this is open to the public - if you wish to attend this year then please email [agm@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:agm@cliddesdenhall.org.uk) and we will send out Zoom joining instructions nearer the time.

Delayed news from last month - sadly, there was no end-of-year Pantomime due to the restrictions last year. However, that didn't stop the **Cliddesden Players** donning their costumes and make-up, as if they need an excuse 😊, and producing a socially distanced version of their annual rendition of 'If I were not in Pantomime' and making it available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMXWXCyLuY> with a request for a donation to the Hall in lieu of the usual panto tickets.

And what an amazing amount that this has raised - £1,760 with a further £377 due through Gift Aid at the time of writing. The Hall is overwhelmed by the generosity of the Village and the Players supporters further afield - huge thanks to everyone who has donated and to the Players for making this possible.

If you haven't watched the video yet, then go to the link above and if you want to show your appreciation for their effort to 'do something', then the Players would



love it if you donate to the Hall via its donation page at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cliddesden-players-xmas-fundraiser>.

The **100 Club** membership is due for renewal by the end of March. The 100 Club provides the Hall with a small but steady income to cover maintenance and this is especially valued in the current climate. With this in mind, now is a very good time to **join** or **increase** your membership. It is only £12 per ticket per year with the monthly first prize currently being £37. No limit on the number of tickets you can hold. Contact Rose Beevers on 01256 475944 or [100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk) for further details.

As always, remember to visit the Hall's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall](https://www.facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall) and website at [www.cliddesdenhall.org.uk](http://www.cliddesdenhall.org.uk) for the latest news.

Keep safe and well and we look forward to seeing you all again when we re-open.



Greg Mendelsohn  
Village Hall Management  
Committee  
[chair@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:chair@cliddesdenhall.org.uk)

# Cliddesden Primary School

It has been a very different half of the term at Cliddesden Primary School over the past six weeks. The school has remained open to children of critical workers and those deemed vulnerable. We have had between twenty and thirty percent of the children in school on a daily basis.

All the teachers and learning support assistants have continued to provide a safe and stimulating environment for the children of critical workers who have continued to attend school and also provided quality learning for the children at home. I cannot stress how demanding it has been for the teachers to manage and deliver 'blended learning' with children in the class and at home at the same time.

Using Google Classroom, the teachers have been able to provide high quality lessons and arrange daily 'meets' their

classes online. We have also been using technology to have fortnightly individual 'catch-ups' with every child at home and weekly assemblies and story time sessions.

We look forward to when all our children can return safely and know that there are many more challenges ahead. We will ensure that we support our children, as they return to a sense of 'normality', not just with 'quick fixes' but by supporting them socially and emotionally, as well as academically. Children are natural learners, and they are resilient. We have already seen how they can adapt well to changes and will continue to make good progress whether it is slower than normally expected or not. We know they will catch up quickly if they haven't already.

*Kenneth Davies, Headteacher*

## Here's a puzzling question – 'How do you avoid going stir-crazy in lockdown?'

Lockdown boredom is a very real problem, as these completely fictitious headlines demonstrate;

People fight like unruly ferrets-in-a-sack to get the last jigsaw puzzle in Asda!

Restless villagers start riot, demanding to know when they can buy the next souvenir featuring a map of Cliddesden!

Highly respected villager Darren Capehorn requires a face-transplant after repeatedly falling asleep onto his PC's keyboard

So what is happening stop headlines like these from becoming a reality?

Turn to page 6 (after you've digested page 5!) to see how one man is fighting back

# 100 Club Winners and Membership Renewal

Due to present circumstances the draw was called at my house on 20th February 2021 monitored by Zoom video with the Hudson and Palmer households. Here are the lucky winners. Congratulations to:

1<sup>st</sup>: 23 Val Gofton-Salmond

2<sup>nd</sup>: 7 Carol Hawkins

3<sup>rd</sup>: 36 Ben Maunder

We are now approaching the start of the 2021/22 membership for the 100 Club and are looking for new members to join and the renewal of existing membership.

There is no easier way to help with fundraising than joining the 100 Club, or increasing your "holding". More tickets sold mean more funds for the Hall and more prize money.

For people who are new to Cliddesden the 100 Club is a way to have a little flutter and help look after our lovely Millennium Village Hall. Each month half of

proceeds are paid out as prize money; 1st prize 30% (currently £37), 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 5%. The remaining 50% goes to the Hall fund.

*Membership is only £12.00 per year, per number, no limit per household.*

There are a variety of ways you can make payment - Electronic Funds Transfer, Standing Order, cash or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to 'Cliddesden Village Hall'. The easiest method is Electronic Funds Transfer or Standing Order and the Hall's

bank details are on the form below. You can hand cheques and cash, along with the form, to Angie Fewster at Ridgewood House, Farleigh Road, Julie James at Leaview House, 10 Hackwood Lane, or Rose Beevers, Church Farm Cottage, Church Lane.

If for any reason you are an existing member and do not wish to continue to support the Village Hall via the 100 Club could you let me know and I will withdraw your number, otherwise your number will continue to run for 2021/22.

Rose Beevers, 01256 475944, [100Club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:100Club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk)

**CLIDDESSEN VILLAGE HALL '100 CLUB'**

Registered by Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council for the purposes of Section 5 of the Lotteries and Amusements Act, 1976  
Promoter: Gregory Mendelsohn, 8 Southlea, Cliddesden, RG25 2JN. *Registered Charity No 257526*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No of memberships  Tick here if new membership  Amount £

Method of payment    Electronic Funds Transfer (preferred)     Cheque     Cash

I give permission for my name, address, telephone number and email address to be held by Cliddesden Village Hall 100 Club and used solely for the purpose of communicating with me with regards to the 100 Club

Your bank details for electronic payment of winnings (optional)

Account Number     Sort Code  -  -

Cliddesden Village Hall bank details for Electronic Funds Transfer or setting up a Standing Order on-line:

ACCOUNT:    THE CLIDDESSEN VILLAGE HALL  
BANK:        LLOYDS TSB, WINCHESTER ST, BASINGSTOKE  
SORT CODE: 30-90-53    ACCOUNT No.: 01452048  
REFERENCE: (your surname)

Please contact the 100 Club Secretary for a Standing Order Form if on-line set-up is not possible.

Please return the above form to    Rose Beevers, Church Farm Cottage, Church Lane, Cliddesden, RG25 2JQ

## Services at St Leonard's during March

With the ongoing pandemic and the uncertainty around lockdown, we are still not in a position to arrange live services in St Leonard's church. However weekly online services are available on the benefice website: <http://www.farleighcandoverandwiold.org.uk> and the church is still available for private prayer on Sundays



As soon as we are able, we will be looking to restart services, possibly held outdoors in the church grounds. We will publicised all service through Cliddesden Chat Facebook page, Church Notice Boards and on the benefice website.

**Answer to our puzzle... 'How do you avoid going stir-crazy in lockdown?'**  
**At last - a 1000-piece jigsaw featuring a map and pictures of Cliddesden Village – Available to order NOW!**

And to ensure that Darren has something to keep him occupied, he has agreed to ensure that each puzzle contains some unique personal elements (border photo's or sketches).

So when ordering feel free to include pictures of your house, car, pets... whatever you'd like included (within reason!) to make it a *yours!*

Given the bespoke nature of these high quality Ravensburger puzzles, they are usually cost £36. However, subject to us attracting sufficient interest to enable a (small-ish) bulk order, we will proceed if we able to sell these unique keepsakes for **£25 each**.

Any and all surplus funds will be donated to Cliddesden Village Hall.

If you would like to place an order then please email [TheCapehorns@Me.Com](mailto:TheCapehorns@Me.Com) or phone 07747 627978



Plan approved
Referendum
Examination
Consult
Finalise plan
Write policies Further evidence
Community consultation
Develop evidence
Aims and Objectives
Questionnaire
Engagement
Community consultation
Neighbourhood area
Start

# Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan

## Update February 2021

Your Neighbourhood Planning Team has been assessing the results of the 2020 Issues and Options Consultation and has produced a full report which can be seen on the CNP website and at:

<https://cliddesdennp.wixsite.com/cliddesdennp/other-documents>



A big thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire, for without this input we would not have been able to move on to the next stage of the process. We received some 174 completed questionnaires which equates to approximately 39% of the residents of Cliddesden. This is an excellent result as many plans we have looked at only manage 20-25%.

The results of the consultation showed a very strong support for the options being put forward an example being:

*“Development proposals must show how they would conserve or enhance the character of the plan area in line with Design Codes, Conservation area appraisal and Heritage Supplementary Planning Document.” (Which received 98.3% approval.)*

We also asked for additional written comments, and here the themes were:

*The need to protect the environment, concerns over the volume of houses being built, traffic speed and volume, with particular references to traffic and parking on Farleigh Road. Concerns over the proposal for the “Swallick Garden Village”, off street parking, flooding, and suggestions for adjustments to the proposed Local Green Spaces.*

Managing expectations will be important as we move forward, a Neighbourhood Plan is mainly concerned with land use. Some of the comments received indicate that wishes may exceed what it is possible to deliver via a Neighbourhood Plan.

**Next steps:** The results overall show very strong support for most of the options presented. Consultation was an important step, and we will use this information to assist the formulation of policies that reflect the wishes of the majority of the village.

### We desperately need more Help from you if we are to complete our task.

Do you have a skill in publishing or report writing? As we will need your help in finalising the plan.

**Neighbourhood Plan Team:** Brian Karley, Mark Gifford, David Brown, Alison Mosson, Alan Tyler.

Dear Residents

I am pleased to report a reduction in reported crime in the area of this magazine, but wish to make you aware of some in a neighbouring parish. We had an attempt to break into a car parked in Bagmore Lane, Herriard between 4:30 pm January 28<sup>th</sup> and 12:00 on the 29<sup>th</sup>. We have also had a number plate stolen from two cars parked in Winslade lay-by whilst people out walking.

I also wish to reiterate yet again the requirements for dog owners to keep their dogs on leads when near farm livestock. I am currently dealing with three dog attacks on sheep resulting in seven ewes being killed, three others have aborted their lambs and one other which was severally bitten and is undergoing treatment. In one case a dog literally ran over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile to get at a flock of sheep. Please be aware that farmers do have the right to shoot any dog found in the act of worrying livestock on agricultural land, it is vital that EVERY dog owner, and it can be any dog despite what most people say, that will chase sheep given the chance. Please keep your dog under proper control when in the countryside, most people will not even be aware that a flock of sheep could be in the next field out of sight.

Whilst I am pleased to report a lack of reported crime within the parishes of this magazine, one large problem we are experiencing nationwide is various scams. One recently was a resident in Ellisfield having a man stating he was from the Oxfordshire Police. Usual story - had a person in custody for fraud of the resident's bank card, can you confirm the details, etc. In this case ask for a contact number and say you will call 101 later today to be put back to them. DO NOT call anyone back at that time as they will keep their phone line open and you will end up speaking to the same group. If you can get a telephone number put it through Google as frequently it is known for scams.

Nearly a third of all fraud is committed over the telephone, Criminals can impersonate your bank, the police, tax office, investment or software companies and other trusted organisations. They will try to convince you to

part with your money. Hang up on cold calls from any business/ authority, then 'Take Five' to check it out as genuine via a trusted source.



The three most common scams are: 1. Your computer has a problem - 2. A fraud investigation - 3. An investment opportunity.

Fraudster's tactics - Criminals can disguise their phone number to make it look like it's from a bank, the tax office, the police... or anyone. They can call you with what looks like a genuine phone number. They will keep your landline open by not hanging up and even play a dialling tone over the phone. They can text messages requesting you call them, or click on a link. These messages usually appear in the same text thread as genuine messages. And send website links which can steal your data and money when you click on them. Never trust the caller ID.

A computer problem - Criminals may call and claim that there are problems with your computer or internet. They claim to be your computer manufacturer, telephone or internet service provider and suggest they can help you. They instruct you to download a program which gives the criminal remote access to your computer. They can then access your bank. If you receive a call like this hang up. 'Take Five' and verify via a trusted method, not via numbers given in the call. Never allow anyone to remotely access your computer. Do not download software on the request of a phone caller. A genuine service provider will never call you out of the blue regarding issues with your computer. If you are having issues with your computer, contact the retailer you purchased it from. If you are having problems with your internet connection, contact your internet provider.

Fraud Investigation - Your bank account has been compromised. Criminals may call and claim to be from your bank, the tax office or police and claim there is a problem with your

bank account. They often state there are corrupt staff at your bank, or criminals have cloned your bank cards and request your assistance with the investigation. If you receive a call like this hang up. 'Take Five' and verify via a trusted method, not via numbers given in the call. Your bank, the tax office or the police will never ask you to transfer or withdraw money or buy items on their behalf. Your bank, the tax office or the police will never attend your home to collect your cash, bank cards or ask for your pin. Speak to friends or family if you are unsure. Never share your PIN with anyone. Not even by tapping it into the keypad on your phone -

If you receive a call like this hang up. 'Take Five' and verify via a trusted method, not via numbers given in the call. Never allow anyone to remotely access your computer.

Do not download software on the request of a phone caller. A genuine service provider will never call you out of the blue regarding issues with your computer. If you are having issues with your computer, contact the retailer you purchased it from. If you are having problems with your internet connection, contact your internet provider. Genuine investment companies will not cold call you. Don't be pressured into making a quick decision and seek impartial financial advice before committing to any investment. There are no 'get rich quick' schemes. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. When investing with genuine companies research what you have been offered and the investment company. Speak to the Financial Conduct Authority if you have concerns. Call 0800 111 6768 or visit [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk). They will call you to persuade you to invest in all kinds of products, including diamonds, wine or art. They offer low risk and high rates of return, claiming it's a once in a lifetime opportunity and you'll have to act quickly. If you do invest, the criminals will often request further 'transport' and 'storage' costs. These investments do not exist.

Always report scams and fraud to Action Fraud, either online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by telephone on 0300 123 2040. Every report; Assists police investigations, provides intelligence, informs national alerts that protect all communities, disrupts criminals and reduces harm.

Contact police directly on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Forward any scam text messages to Ofcom on 7726 (free of charge). All major phone companies provide a call blocker service. This should help screen out most phone scams.

#### 5 THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR ON A SCAM PHONE CALL

1. The caller doesn't give you time to think, tries to stop you speaking to a family member or friend or is insistent and makes you feel uncomfortable. 2. The caller asks you to transfer money to a new account. 3. They phone to ask for your 4-digit card PIN or your online banking password. Even if they ask you to give it to them by tapping into the telephone keypad rather than saying the numbers out loud, this is a scam. 4. They ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping.

5. They may say that you are a victim of fraud and offer to send a courier to your home to collect your cash, PIN, payment card or cheque book. For more information please visit <https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/advice/>

This is just a brief guide on what to / not to do when someone calls you.

May I also thank the many residents who have called in reporting suspicious vehicles in our area, it really helps and allows me to update our intelligence unit with such sightings.

Many thanks.

Andrew REID  
Local Constable



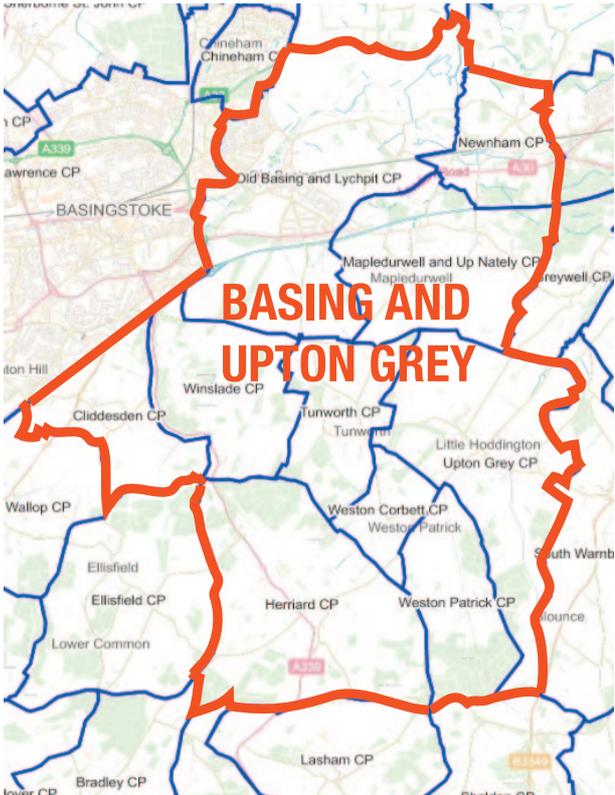
**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** Tuesday  
 2nd March 7.30pm Remote meeting via Skype.  
 Meetings continue to be open to the public, please email [alanbtyler19@btinternet.com](mailto:alanbtyler19@btinternet.com) for a link to join.

**ELECTIONS 6TH MAY 2021**

- FOR
- THE HANTS POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER
  - ALL COUNTY COUNCILLORS
  - ALL BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Borough Council elections will be for the new Wards all of which provide for three councillors per Ward.

Cliddesden will be part of 'Basing and Upton Grey' and our present Candovers ward councillor will be standing for election for one of three councillor seats on this new Ward.



**DRAINAGE AND FLOOD MITIGATION** Thank you to the County Council and to Highways contractors who have cleared all the grips and gullies within the Parish and beyond – up to Northgate Lane and particularly the grips to soakaways on Farleigh Hill. Since the work has been completed there has not been prolonged heavy rain, but following what rain there has been, the drainage so far appears improved.



**Basing House Art and Poetry Competition**

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/english-civil-war-competition>

Competition from Basingstoke Mayor Cllr Diane Taylor for all school and sixth form students in the borough to produce a piece of artwork inspired by Basing House and / or the English Civil War. Submissions can be in any form, for example drawing, photography, sculpture, music, poetry.

Send entries – by Friday 12th March – to [MayoralCoordinator@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:MayoralCoordinator@basingstoke.gov.uk) or to Zoe McLaren, Mayoral Events Coordinator, BDBC, Civic Offices London Road, Basingstoke RG21 4AH.

Subject to Covid restrictions being lifted, the winner(s) will be invited to join the Mayor at a special opening of the English Civil War Art and Poetry Exhibition at Basing House. They will also receive a Mayor's plaque and an annual family pass to Basing House. The winners' schools will each receive a free educational visit to Basing House, potentially including a travel bursary.

**The Battle for Basing House 1645**



PHOTOS: Hampshire Cultural Trust

Basing House was the largest private house in Tudor England; now a nationally important historic site. During the Civil War, the house was the last Royalist stronghold in the south east and a key site in the battle between King and Parliament. It was besieged and destroyed by Oliver Cromwell in October 1645. Basing House is now managed by Hampshire Cultural Trust, a local heritage and arts charity.

## UPTON GREY WARNING TO DOG OWNERS

A dog walked in Upton Grey has died from Alabama Rot. The owner walked around The Hoddington Estate, The Dower House, field off Cemetery Lane and Weston Patrick.

It is important to act quickly with this disease, if you see any new lesions on your dog call your vet as soon as possible. It is thought to be picked up on paws and legs on muddy walks so always wash off the mud.

For more information please see [www.vets4pets.com/alabama-rot](http://www.vets4pets.com/alabama-rot)

## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/00119/HSE (validated 04 Feb)  
10 Station Road. Erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension following demolition of existing stores.

21/00246/HSE (validated 21 Jan ) The Mount, Farleigh Road. Rear extension.

20/03441/HSE (pending 19 December)  
4 Hackwood Lane. Single storey front and rear extensions and loft conversion to include raising of the roof with roof lights and juliet balcony to rear elevation.

20/03197/PIP (pending 19 November)  
Land adjacent to 14 Hackwood Lane. Permission in principle for two new dwellings. To be decided by Development Control Committee, meeting of Wed 10th March. Officer recommendation is for Approval.

## PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00063/21/TCA (validated 04 Feb )  
Yew Tree Cottage, Farleigh Road. T1: Lime: crown reduce by 3m, leaving an approx finished height 10m spread 7m. T2 bring adjacent Lime into line leaving finished height approx 10m, spread 5m.

T/00039/21/TCA (approved 23 Feb)  
Sussex House, Farleigh Road. Cypress located in rear garden. fell to ground level and stump grind roots. Low amenity value, blocking light and affecting beech hedging and plants. Re-plant with one standard Magnolia Stellata within 3m of Cypress position.

## COUNTRY WATCH

**POACHERS** I will say again that we are incredibly fortunate to have PC Reid as a dedicated rural beat officer – and also to have the Portsmouth Estate security (Dave) – both of whom do their utmost to deter, disrupt and (in PC Reid's case) detain poachers. Other areas of the south do not have such support from the police and suffer nightly from these armed criminals.

On the evening of 22nd February (Monday) I heard three gun shots from the area to the south east of the village at approximately 7.30pm. A quick message to the estate security confirmed that there were no legitimate pest controllers due to be working on the estate land. PC Reid was called and along with the security patrol made their way to the area to investigate. A silver Subaru Forrester made off heading towards Alton on the A339. This vehicle is linked to poaching.



**RISKS OF USING POISON FOR RODENT CONTROL** PC Reid will be looking into a resident's reports that cats within the village may have been poisoned over recent weeks. One possible cause may be secondary poisoning. This can occur when poison is used to control rats and other rodents. If a rat (or other animal) is killed by the poison there can be sufficient residual poison in their body that if another animal (such as a cat, dog, fox, bird of prey etc) eats the carcass, the poison can affect them as well.

Please be very careful when using poisons or when employing professional pest controllers to do so, and consider alternative methods of control that reduce the risks to non-target species. I am happy to discuss these in detail with anyone considering using poison.

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR** I have been made aware of a potential issue of anti-social behaviour from small groups gathering in the village. PC Reid is now aware and will monitor the situation and will look to engage with any groups causing a nuisance. We regularly deal with similar issues around the school and Farleigh church and by doing so prevent them escalating into larger gathering points and attracting criminal activity.



**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP** This is my regular plea to report anything suspicious and any criminal acts, no matter how small they may appear. If the police are not made aware they cannot intervene and small issues can quickly escalate into bigger and more serious problems. While the police may not be able to immediately respond to every issue, if enough reports are received, PC Reid can use them to justify requesting additional support to deal with patterns of crime (such as anti-social behaviour or poaching).

- If a crime is being committed you should call 999.
- If you have witnessed suspicious activity or a crime has been committed please call 101 or use Hampshire Police's online reporting tool at: Report a crime | Hampshire Constabulary

Finally, PC Reid's contact details are in every copy of the Parish Newsletter and Hill & Dale as are mine.

Simon sibarksy@hotmail.com



## Cliddesden STaNHd Update March 2021

### Local Plan:

As we said last time, BDBC have received over 1600 responses, with a significant proportion relating to the Upper Swallick concept. They are now looking at each response in detail, so that a report can be prepared for the Councillors in March. We will let you know the results as soon as they are available.

### Petition:

The petition has done wonderfully well, but there is still time for you to sign up. We have over 6500 signatures, opposing the idea of an Upper Swallick development.

**Remember, everyone in your family can sign it.**

The result of your action is the largest petition Basingstoke has ever received and because of this we will be able to present it to the Council at their meeting on the 25th March. After our presentation the Council will debate a motion related to the petition.

### Valued Landscape:

Experts from CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) working with us, have prepared a report setting out why the area should be considered "Valued Landscape", and this has been sent to BDBC. You can read a copy at: <http://www.cliddesdenparishcouncil.info/community/cliddesden-parish-council-12590/upper-swallick-proposal/>

### Next Steps:

We are developing external, professional advice that will form our future responses to and further activity regarding the protection of the land south and east of Basingstoke

**We are looking to consult Planners, Traffic Consultants and Landscape Specialists, but professional advice costs money, and we urgently need to raise more funds.**

**Could you please consider making a donation to support the campaign, no matter how small, every amount counts! Bank account details are below:**

**Bank: NatWest**

**Account Name: Stand up for North Hampshire Downs**

**Sort Code: 60-02-49**

**Account No: 80179517**

### Other Planning Activity:

No major planning applications have been received, as it is likely that developers are awaiting the results of the Local Plan Consultation. If you have any questions about anything in this update, please contact Alan Tyler or Simon Barker.

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