

Village News

Broadview /Hinton Park revitalisation

As per our Spring newsletter, the first couple of sections, one on Upper and one on Lower Broadview, were tackled in March this year. Although there were a few weeks of this all looking a little bare, within a couple of months things started to grow with abundance. By July, we have counted over 40 different species growing in the section of Lower

Broadview alone. There are the expected Nettles and Bindweed, though at least 2 varieties of this, but also small Hawthorns developing as well as Hazel, Maple and Dogwood. There are also Poppies, Dog Rose, Common Fumitory, fruiting shrubs such as Bramble, Buckthorn and Ivy, as well as less common species such as Toadflax, Thyme Leaved

Speedwell and White Ramping Fumitory. We will watch with anticipation as these areas develop and will be planning the next couple of sections in the autumn. We expect this project to take 7 to 10 years, by which time the current newly cut sections will be fully developed and requiring further, but hopefully less extensive attention.



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Looking after drains

Sewerage drains in the village cope with most of what we put down our sinks and toilets but we can help by ensuring that everything we dispose of is bio-degradable. "Wet wipes" and similar products are generally not and should not be disposed of in toilets. There is also some doubt as to whether our drains can cope with "flushable" varieties.



Flooding Emergency Plan

In the Spring edition of the Village News there was a short article about the Flood Action Plan. This year we were fortunate that there was no repeat of last year's heavy and continuous rainfall. However we would welcome parishioners who would like to be on a list of volunteers on the Plan. This would not involve clearing drains and gullies as this is the prime responsibility of Hampshire County Council. Volunteers would however be very useful in providing ancillary skills and resources, for example access to a 4x4 vehicle or acting as a phone co-ordinator. In times such as this there are vulnerable people who may be comforted by a visit from a volunteer, along with the offer of assistance to pick up essential groceries or medication.

If you would like to be put on a 'non public' contact list as a volunteer then please email you details to kwpc@btconnect.com. Alternatively call 884150 or pop into the Parish Council Office at Tubbs Hall with your details.



Church Green Play Area

As many of you will have noticed, Church Green has a new Play Area for young children. It has been designed sensitively to blend in with the surrounding area and we hope you agree that this has been successful. There was a definite lack of such facilities at this end of the village. We will be organising an 'official' opening and the date for this will be publicised on our website and on the village noticeboards. Please do come along and, more importantly, bring your children



Cycle Paths Through the Worthys?

The Parish Plan consultation in 2012 voiced a need for improving cycle accessibility through our Parish.

Currently the nearest cycle path is up Worthy Lane from Winchester and stops at Bedfield Lane.

A new official cycle/footpath needs to be 3 m wide in order to cater well for all, but this would be tricky and destructive of lovely verges in certain places.

We are considering the idea of “permissive cycle routes”, ie cyclists are allowed, but need to give way to pedestrians. This is being considered for the footpaths to and through Eversley Park and also for the continuation from Worthy Lane, along London Road and then across the road and round the Cart & Horse junction to Hinton House Lane

We would be keen to hear all views on these suggestions. So far we have had a few in favour and one strongly opposed opinion.

Calling all cyclists, parents of cyclists and pedestrians.....

Would this be a useful idea?

Please let us know your thoughts to kwpc@btconnect.com or in writing to the Parish Office, Fraser Road, SO23 7PJ

And in the meantime, could we remind parishioners that currently cycling on footpaths is illegal and to be discouraged.

Any children who cycle, skoot or skate along paths need to be very aware of pedestrians who most definitely have the right of way on foot-paths/pavements. We have heard of a number of near misses. If any new permissive paths are to work, very careful, controlled



cycling, being very much aware of others, needs to be the norm. If cyclists want priority, they need to use specific cycle paths, of which there are currently none in the parish, or share the road with motorists, but for their own safety obeying normal traffic laws. Many school children continue to be taught how to cycle safely on roads, but these lessons learnt, need to continue lifelong. For advice on the highway code see - <https://www.gov.uk/rules-for-cyclists-59-to-82> or get paper copy from motoring or bookshops.

Scooters

Scooters should not be used where they will cause danger, fear or inconvenience to other people, or danger to the scooter user. Riders should be particularly careful on hills as scooters can pick up speed quickly. And scooter users should avoid using them in the dark as they do not have lights or reflectors and are difficult to see.

To avoid collisions with innocent people, scooter riders need to keep away from areas where they are likely to come into conflict with pedestrians. A shopper walking out of a store will not expect to be confronted by someone speeding past on a scooter. A collision, particularly with an elderly person, could have serious consequences.



Lovedon Lane Burial Ground

Due to the students who worked on the design being very busy towards the end of term, the revamp of the Burial Ground on Lovedon Lane is now going to be carried out by a new group of students who will also be incorporating this into their coursework.

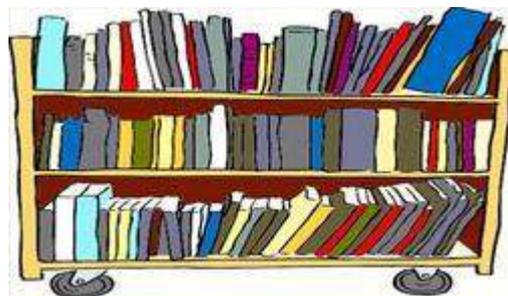


Councillors Hallisey and Hudson who have worked alongside the students over the past year to come up with a final design, were very proud to be told, when they last met up with them and their tutor Chris Bird, that they had won a gold at the Chelsea Flower show. Some of these plants will be used in the final design of the Burial Ground which will hopefully commence in Sept.

Mobile Library

Hampshire County Council provide a mobile library service and there has recently been some publicity over whether parts of the service may be reduced. As always services that are well used are less likely to be cut and parishioners may find it useful to know when the service visits Kings Worthy. Listed below are date for the rest of the year.

Fraser Road on Fridays from 10.35am to 11am on 7 Aug, 4 Sep, 2 Oct, 30 Oct, 27 Nov



Love Where You Live

As always we strive to achieve keeping Kings Worthy a Village to be proud of.

In a previous Newsletter we asked that people refrain from parking on the grass verges around the village.

This has not always been observed which is very disheartening when attempts are being made to keep the village looking nice.

If this continues during the winter with heavy rains then these areas are going to turn into mud baths.

Once again we politely ask that car owners stop this careless parking and consider what this is doing to the overall look of your village.



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Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

We would like to thank Michael Short for his hard working contributions but as he is now leaving the area, he has resigned from the council.

There is therefore a vacancy for a councillors which will be advertised shortly on the village noticeboards and our website.

KINGS WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Full Parish Council meetings 3rd Monday of each month
(except August and December) 7.30pm.

Sub - Committees :

Recreation and Amenities (**R&A**) - 1st Thursday (except
August and December) 7.30p.m.

Planning and Highways (**P&H**) - Last Tuesday 7.30p.m.

Finance (**F**) - 2nd Wednesday at 9.30am.

All meetings in Tubbs Hall – Public welcome

Speak to the clerk first if you have a specific interest, so you
can be directed to the most appropriate meeting.

OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10.30-3.30

(Please phone before visiting the office, to check the clerks

New Dog Laws

Due to recent changes in the dog laws in England, Councillor Hallisey has recently attended a seminar on the new dog laws. She is currently working on making this information available on the KWPC website for all dog owners to read.

In the meantime here are a couple of important changes that we would like to make you aware of in advance of the information being put on the website.

1. As from April 6th 2016 it will be compulsory for all dogs to be microchipped and registered and all details kept up to date. Failure to comply with the new regulations will result in a fine of up to £500.
2. The 1991 dangerous dog act has been changed quite considerably whereas previously owners of dogs on public land could be prosecuted if their dogs were to injure/attack someone. This has now been extended to private land, including your own home, front and back gardens. As from now, dog owners need to ensure that any visitor to their home can safely access your front door without encountering your dog.



Clean It Up!!

Recently the Parish Councillors have carried out a 2 week exercise going out twice a day around the village spraying dog deposits with bright but bio-degradable chalk paint. Sadly they found that there are still a lot of dog owners who are not picking up these deposits.

Please be considerate and scoop it up!

If anyone should witness these owners ignoring the law then please help us by contacting the Dog Warden on **01962 848350** to report it right away.

It is only when these owners realise the consequences of their behaviour that we will begin to see an improvement in the look of our village.