

Thank you for your brilliant support on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at our meeting in Deverell Hall. In spite of the snow flurries over 130 people attended to hear Dr Grahame Soffe and Andrew Perrin talk about local history. We thank them both for taking the time to prepare their presentations and for attending a very busy evening.

**Our next meeting is on Thursday. 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Deverell Hall.** The agenda for the meeting is:

1. A talk by **John Vigay**, our local representative from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. His talk will be about how to recognise ancient hedgerows and woods, how to survey them both and how to protect them both from Developers encroaching too close. His talk will be accompanied with slides showing examples of local protected sites. Phone 0148977446 for more information on Walks, Talks and Family Events organised by Hampshire Wildlife.
2. If the **Police and Community Officers** are able to attend they want to hear residents' concerns.
3. **Preliminary MDA Plans.** The architects, Feilden Clegg and Bradley have agreed to send a copy of the preliminary plan covering the Grainger part of the new development. Mrs Jackie Bachelor, a Planning Officer from Havant and perhaps Mr Steve Tillbury from Winchester City will attend so as to listen to your comments and queries.
4. **A.O.B. from the residents.**

**A West of Waterlooville Forum Meeting** was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at the Waterlooville Community Centre near Asda. Unfortunately some people could not squeeze into the small hall and have registered their frustration at not being able to see or hear anything. It was disappointing to see that no headway had been made in investigating the southern access road joining the A3 at the Ladybridge roundabout. The Church representative, Michael Jordan, said the church had no objection to their land being used as long as a sensible arrangement could be made. The church intends to have some kind of input into the new development. Dialogue did appear to be happening between the two parties at the close of the meeting. Landscaping on the A3 between Purbrook Gardens and Waterlooville was not evident on the plans. A presentation was given by Keith Bradley showing examples from other developments-some abroad- of pleasant street scenes and green areas. Hopefully these positive rather exciting ideas will materialise in the outline planning application which is due to be submitted to H.B.C. during June of this year. The number of houses agreed by H.B.C. for the two fields along the A3 is still unknown. Perhaps we will have some answers on the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**John Harvey** represented PAWARA and the Waterlooville Community Board at H.B. C's Planning Training Event on 27<sup>th</sup> February. The event was a first tentative step towards including Residents' Associations and Community Boards at an earlier stage in planning issues. Whether Residents' Associations will combine with Community Boards is being debated because often the same people are on both committees.

**Pam Cooper represented PAWARA and Waterlooville Community Board** on a fact-finding trip to a Travellers Transit Camp at Middlezoy in Somerset. The facts gleaned on the day were: (a) the site at Middlezoy is a disused airfield, 2 miles from Middlezoy village; (b) the 7.5 acres site has 19 pitches; (c) each pitch has a toilet, running water and electricity; (d) the rent per week is £3 5; (e) they are allowed to stay for 28 days in every 3 months; (f) Somerset has 6 sites for travellers who wish to stay permanently, thus catering for 400 families; (g) there appears to be no interaction between the residents and the travellers; (h) it has taken over 5 years to set up this transit camp; (i) the camp is run by an Irish Traveller who lives on the site with her extended family and is paid by the local council; (j) the County Council provides the sites but the local council leases the sites and manages them; (k) having a transit site means travellers can be moved on more quickly to a 'fit for purpose' site; (l) transit sites are more expensive to run than permanent sites. Examples of comments from members on the trip

were: "We can think of no comparable land in Havant for a transit site". "The fact that travellers do not pay council tax will cause aggressive responses from local residents". Cllr Barry Gardner, who organised the trip, said "The camps would have to be built in more rural areas, such as parts of East Hampshire". **'The issue of Travellers'** meeting held at Havant Civic Offices in January attracted 50 residents who voiced concern when the following statements were made. Mr George Summers, the Chief Officer in the government's travellers unit, said it was time to start including travellers in our society. Simon Co1e, the Assistant Chief Constable for Hampshire, backed transit camps, saying police and council workers had to consider the welfare needs of travellers before evicting them from public areas.

**A message from Myra to our 35 deliverers.** We don't want you to think we take you for granted because the 12 committee members could not deliver the 3,600 newsletters without you four times a year. Thank you.

**Sue Bancroft is representing PAWARA and Waterlooville C.B** on the Environmental Development Group at H.B. C. At the moment she is checking that the green area maps issued to her by the Borough are correct.

**The Local Community Board** meets on the last Wednesday in the month(except August and December) in Deverell Hall at 6.30pm. All are welcome. In the last year this board has voted money for 310ca1 projects:

(1) Purbrook Heath, 6 extra parking bays, and paths to the play areas; (2) Sandy Dell, 4 environmental boards will be erected; (3) Fielders Park, one practice basketball post and hard standing.

**Sandy Dell/Privett Road Copse.** The daffodils certainly brightened up the area and work clearing the under growth still continues at 9.30am on the last Sunday of each month. The volunteers are mindful not to disturb likely nesting areas. The four nature boards should be in place for the end of June. Letters from H.B.C. were delivered by Gwen Blackett and Pam to residents fronting and backing the above area asking people to be vigilant in reporting any 'fly-tipping' to 023 92446024. Havant B.C. will also help litter- picking groups by providing meta11itter-pickers, gloves, bags and help with insurance. Just phone Freda Devonshire on 02392446256.

**Rockville Drive.** Some residents have pointed out how dangerous the access into Waterlooville is where Rockville Drive meets theA3. First there is the uncertain forecourt entrance of the Shell garage to cross, followed by the Rockville Drive itself. PAW ARA is writing to Hampshire, Havant and the relevant Councillors about your concerns.

PAWARA has written to Havant B.C. requesting that parking times be increased to 45minutes in our area and Waterlooville so as to come into line with Emsworth.

**The Community Fire Safety Service.** We can thoroughly recommend this free check and installation of smoke alarms to you all. Just phone 02380626809 to make an appointment for them to inspect your home.

**Purbrook Park Playing Field in Stakes Road.** Planning permission must be due at Havant B.C. offices at any time now. Residents living adjacent to the playing field will be informed when the plans have been submitted but other interested residents should keep an eye on the media as to where and when to view the plans. There will be a period of time when comments can be sent to Havant B .C.

**Purbrook Chase.** There are 14 roads in the Chase but there are no deliverers. One person who does not live there delivers all 320. Some of the roads only have 10 houses, so please come forward and 'do' just your road.

**The Vodafone Appeal** to erect a transmitter opposite Claremont Gardens has been dismissed by the Inspector.

We hope to see many of you again at our meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Deverell Hall.

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