



# WHITEHILL TOWN COUNCIL



# Newsletter

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Dear Resident,  
I hope you will find this publication interesting and informative. Whitehill Town Council is made up of 15 Councillors covering the communities of Whitehill & Bordon: 11 Liberal Democrats including myself, 3 Conservatives and 1 Independent. Full details are on the backpage.

Cllr Chris Wherrell was elected as Town Mayor in May 2014 and his role is to represent us at official events and be Chairman of the Council.

Being Leader and political spokesman for Whitehill Town Council for the past 21 months has been real eye-opener! It is a difficult juggling act in terms of working with East Hampshire District Council in a proactive way to achieve results through cooperation, whilst knowing when to robustly challenge and oppose as they need to deliver on expectations. With housing development must come infrastructure and facilities too!

In terms of Whitehill & Bordon's development, the Town Council is now part of a consultative group in the new governance structure that I requested and won two extra seats on. I am determined that the views of the Council – the views of residents – shall be heard, especially when there is not a single Councillor from Whitehill or Bordon on the main strategy board, which is the body which oversees the entire project!

Whitehill Town Council is and will continue to make a difference and achieve results. All feedback is welcome, and please do use the contact details on the back page to get in touch with me or any councillor.

Cllr Andy Tree,  
Leader of Whitehill Town Council

## FINANCIAL POSITION

Due to the Town Council's effective financial probity, the Council has moved to a very healthy financial position. Over the last 2 years 50% has been added to the Councils bank balances. This includes additional income of £160k which is 99% of the funds the former Clerk was convicted of stealing. This will enable the Council to develop its services in future years.

The budget for 2015/16 has been agreed and is summarised as follows:

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Precept	355,097	Recreation	87,900
Other	8,060	Office & Admin	213,257
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>363,157</b>	Grants	54,000
		Town development	
		Projects	8,000
		<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>363,157</b>

## TOWN'S DEVELOPMENT

The Town Council has been at the fore front of being involved in the development of the Town. It has significant representation on 'Our Voice' (part of the governance structure of the development of the town) which gives the Town Council an opportunity to influence key decisions about the regeneration of Whitehill & Bordon. In addition Town Council members have attended many meetings with owners/developers of the sites to be developed, as well as the District Council in the planning applications that have come forward. The Town Council has also agreed a list of principles & priorities it wishes to champion. Early successes include the lobbying of a new six lane swimming pool in the town which the District Council has recently agreed to proceed with and the Town bus now stopping at Tesco.



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## WHITEHILL & BORDON REGENERATION



This is the year that Whitehill & Bordon will start its transformation into Hampshire's green town. The regeneration of the town will see

3,350 new homes, 5,500 new jobs, a thriving new town centre, new facilities and new schools.

A huge amount of work has happened behind the scenes to get to this stage and now work will start happening on the ground. A brief summary is below but if you would like more information please visit [www.whitehillbordon.com](http://www.whitehillbordon.com)

There are three former military sites in the town which will be redeveloped, these are:

**Quebec Park (formally Quebec Barracks):** This site has planning approval and work is expected to start in spring this year to create 100 new homes and 100 new jobs.

**Louisburg Barracks:** This site has planning approval and work is also expected to start in spring this year (and some of the demolition work has already started) to create 500 new homes and 500 new jobs – as well as the first section of a new relief road which will enable access to the development and reduce congestion on the A325

**Prince Philip Barracks:** This is the main site and a planning application has been submitted for 2,400 homes, a new town centre with new shops, offices, cafes, restaurants, a swimming pool in a new leisure centre, new schools and sports pitches. If planning permission is given then work on site is expected to start in early 2016.

For more information please visit

[www.whitehillbordon.com](http://www.whitehillbordon.com)

or email [whitehillbordon@easthants.gov.uk](mailto:whitehillbordon@easthants.gov.uk)

## BORDON INCLOSURE

As part of the town's development, Bordon Inclosure (60 acres) is being redeveloped into a high quality Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace. Its aim is to encourage residents to visit this space rather than the sensitive heathland areas that surround the town. It is likely to be completed at the end of this year and the Town Council is planning to manage this site using financial contributions from the developers of the Quebec Park & Louisburg Barracks schemes.

## OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT



The Council manages a number of open spaces in the town and a 2014 review identified areas where facilities and working practices could be improved. As a result, the Council is actively working on a number of projects to improve facilities for residents and the Council's financial reserves are being used to contribute towards costs.



A kickwall was installed in December at the Mill Chase Recreation Ground. This provides a new facility for informal play which caters for different sports.

Councillors are working on projects to upgrade the Firgrove and Sutton Fields Playgrounds. Plans have been received for several different options for each site and residents are invited to view and comment on these plans at Whitehill Village Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> February from 10 to 12.

Other improvements already taken place include; new fencing at the Mill Chase Allotment site, improvements to the drainage system at Mill Chase Recreation Ground, the appointment of a new grounds contractor and the adoption of a new Tree Risk Management Strategy.

Future projects include; improvements to Hollybrook Pond, improvements to Jubilee Park BMX track and a review of all benches, fencing and signage. The Council welcomes suggestions from residents, please forward your comments to the Council office.



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## COUNCIL GRANTS

For many years, local organisations have benefited from Whitehill Town Council grants through a Minor Grant Aid Scheme (for applications up to £3,000) and a Major Grant Aid Scheme (for applications over £3,000). Grants are available to local groups and organisations who can demonstrate a clear benefit to local residents and meet certain criteria. Applications are evaluated by a Working Party and considered by The Policy & Resources Committee. Over £55,000 was awarded in 2014, with grants going to the following organisations:

- £15,500 to The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre
- £14,500 to W&B Community Association
- £12,000 to East Hampshire Citizen's Advice Bureau
- £3,900 to Whitehill & Bordon Town Partnership
- £3,000 to Whitehill Village Hall
- £1,500 to Dumbfest
- £1,000 to Community Solutions
- £1,000 to the Deadwater Valley Trust
- £510 to Vitalise
- £500 to Artscape
- £500 to the town fireworks
- £500 to BOSC
- £250 to All Saints Church
- £250 to Victim Support
- £195 to the Conde Link

Further details of both schemes are available on the website or by contacting the Council.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Firgrove and Sutton Fields Playgrounds –

Come and see the plans at Whitehill Village Hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 12pm.

### Annual Town Meeting 9 March at 7.00pm (Including Contribution to the Community Awards)

This annual meeting, which all residents of the Parish of Whitehill are invited to attend, includes talks by Col Mike Pendlington, Bordon Garrison on the preparation for their relocation to Lyneham; An overview on the town's development by Steve Pearce, East Hampshire District Council & Plans for the town's development by Robert Smith, Defence Infrastructure Organisation.



At this meeting an award ceremony will be held for entries to the WTC Contribution to the Community Awards 2015.

The Contribution to the Community Awards is an opportunity for the Council to recognise and thank those living and working in the Whitehill & Bordon community who dedicate their time to making a difference. The closing date for nominations is 20<sup>th</sup> February **THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE YOUR NOMINATION** contact the Council office for details.

## Local Council Elections 7<sup>th</sup> May

### Annual Town Council Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

This is the first meeting of the newly elected Council where the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Leader and Deputy Leader will be appointed to office for the ensuing year.

## FAREWELL *To The* GARRISON FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015**

### Farewell to the Garrison Festival 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Plans are well in hand to celebrate Bordon Garrison being in the Town for over 100 years as they are relocating to Lyneham in Wiltshire. There will be a parade in the morning with a flag raising ceremony at the town's War Memorial at 11am; followed by the freedom of the town being bestowed by the Town's Mayor on the Corps of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME). In the afternoon starting at Noon there will be a festival on the Budds Lane playing fields featuring events such as motor cycle/BMX/parachute displays, inflatables, dog show, bands, military tug of war competition, historical and community organisation stands, food & drink a fun-fair and it is hoped for a fly past by the Red Arrows and a Chinook display. The event is free entry for all.

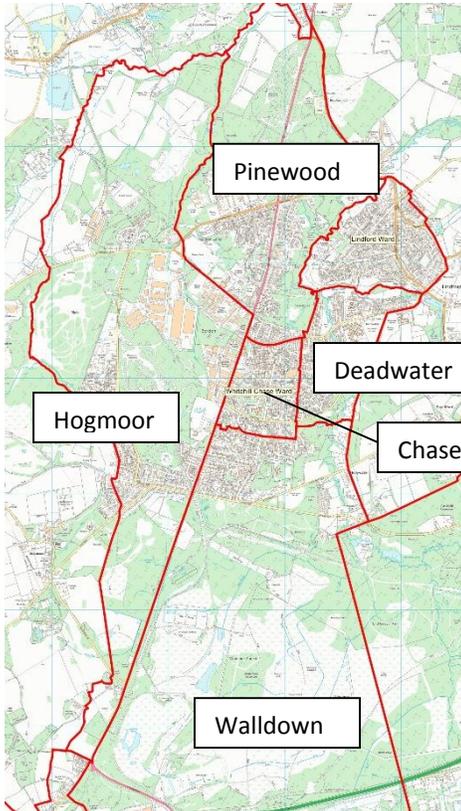
[www.farewelltobordongarrison.org.uk](http://www.farewelltobordongarrison.org.uk)



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## YOUR COUNCIL



Whitehill Town Council is made up of 15 Ward Councillors who represent 5 wards. You can get in touch with your Ward Councillor by contacting the Council office.

### Whitehill Hogmoor Ward



**Cllr Andy Tree**  
Leader  
*Liberal Democrat*



**Cllr David Cooper**  
*Conservative*



**Cllr Paul Wigman**  
*Liberal Democrat*

### Whitehill Pinewood Ward



**Cllr Malcolm Douglas**  
*Liberal Democrat*



**Cllr Alan Waterhouse**  
*Liberal Democrat*



**Cllr Chris Wherrell**  
Town Mayor  
*Liberal Democrat*

### Whitehill Walldown Ward



**Cllr Jane Maines**  
*Liberal Democrat*



**Cllr Justine Henson**  
Deputy Leader  
*Liberal Democrat*



**Cllr Tony Gray**  
*Liberal Democrat*

### Whitehill Chase Ward



**Cllr Zoya Faddy**  
*Liberal Democrat*



**Cllr David Williamson**  
*Conservative*



**Cllr Sally Pond**  
Deputy Town Mayor  
*Liberal Democrat*

### Whitehill Deadwater Ward



**Cllr Moira Watkinson**  
*Liberal Democrat*



**Cllr Tony Muldoon**  
*Conservative*



**Cllr Faith Thomas**  
*Independent*

## Whitehill Town Council Offices

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