

# Community magazine



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# COMMUNITY LINKS

Are you struggling with the cost of living or worried about paying your debts now everything costs so much? Not sure who to turn to make sure you are receiving all the support you can with paying for energy or other essential items?

**Citizens Advice East Hampshire** can advise and help you with problems you are facing. The Bordon office based in the Forest Community Centre, Pinehill Road is open 4 days per week, 9.30 - 4pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for drop ins. You can also call on their local number **080 827 7901** for initial advice and support or contact initially via an online form at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/east-hampshire/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/east-hampshire/).

Their friendly team of volunteers and staff are waiting to talk things through with you. Give them a call or pop in. You can also find advice on how you can get help with the cost of living on the national website:

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living/).

The Town Council have supported Citizen's Advice East Hampshire with grant aid. (Page 7)



## HOW TO REPORT CRIME



## Report **ALL** crimes

Phone: 101 (unless it is for **999**)

Online: [www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/)

CrimeStoppers: Call anonymously on  
0800 555 111

Which council looks after you in Whitehill & Bordon?

Do you know who empties your bins, manages the two allotment sites, repairs broken street lights, runs the skatepark? We know it can be confusing and it's not always easy to find out who is responsible for what. We will always try to help you with your initial queries and put you on the right path, even if Whitehill Town Council office can't help directly.

## WHICH COUNCIL DOES WHAT?



- Births, deaths & ceremonies (closest Register Office in Alton)
- Bordon Household Waste Recycling Centre
- Community Transport
- Countryside Services – including Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Shortheath Common, Broxhead Commons & Rights of Way
- Education & Learning – including Homes to School Transport and school meals
- Library
- Maintenance of Roads, Cycleways, Footpaths & Highway Verges
- Public Health
- Road Safety
- Social Care – including adults and children's services
- Traffic Management
- Trading Standards

The Castle  
Winchester,  
SO23 8UJ  
Telephone: 0300 555 1375  
[www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk)



- Animal welfare
- Benefits
- Bin collection
- Building control
- Community & Living
- Council Tax
- Elections
- Environmental health
- Housing
- Licensing
- Parks & Playgrounds: Conniston Road Play Area, Hollybrook Park Playground
- Planning Services
- Planning Policy
- Parking – including on-street parking control and enforcement
- Recycling & Waste

Penns Place, Petersfield,  
Hampshire,  
GU31 4EX  
Telephone: 01730 266551  
[www.easthants.gov.uk](http://www.easthants.gov.uk)



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- Allotments
- Benches, Grit Bins and Planters
- Bordon Inclosure
- Bus Shelters
- Community Grants
- Consultee on local planning applications
- Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve
- Hollybrook Pond
- Lindford Road open space
- Local Council Office
- Parks & Playgrounds: Cypress Road, Fernlea, Firgrove, Grafton Close, Jubilee Park, Mill Chase Recreation Ground, Malmesbury Road, Sutton Field
- Skatepark
- St Lucia Lodge Open Space
- War Memorial

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Bordon, Hampshire,  
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**Dear resident,**

Welcome to our magazine! It has been a privilege to be Leader of the Town Council for the fourth consecutive year since the Whitehill & Bordon Community Party won the Town Council elections in May 2019, with all our members on the back page. It is working all year round for our community at grassroots level that I enjoy the most. Our term of office is nearing an end, as we move towards the May 2023 local elections and it is important to note the requirement for photo ID or to apply for free voter ID, if you wish to vote on 4 May 2023 (see page 22 for details.)

At Town Council-level we have little power, but strive to punch above our weight in pushing forward the views of residents with higher-tier councils and decision-makers. During our four year term, I believe the Town Council has become an important force for good in terms of representing residents with those in power. We have hosted public Q&A sessions with NHS representatives, local police and Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company. During the pandemic we had to become creative in terms of how we continued to communicate with residents and so I recorded one-on-one interviews which were posted online and with information included in previous magazines.

Health Provision is a number one priority for us to lobby for and both this and a regeneration update can be found on page 23.

We have undertaken many projects locally (page 6) and supported local events (page 8) and were very proud that we helped fund the late Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee Festival (page 19), which was much enjoyed by the community! I am so happy to see the Soap Box race return to Chalet Hill (page 10) and we have enjoyed supporting it from concept to now a reality!

We have issued a magazine each year since 2020, updated notice boards across the town (see back page for where these are located) and posts on social media have increased from a small number monthly to multiple posts weekly.

For the second year running we have frozen our small share of council tax, demonstrating our financial astuteness in terms of 'balancing the books yet still maintaining our overall Grant Aid/Community Fund budget at £54,000. (see pages 7 and 16.)

Crime remains a concern, which is why we invited Police Chief Inspector Habib Rahman to our public Annual Parish Assembly on Thursday 16th March, with the theme of 'making our community safer.'

There is much concern over loss of Greenspace due to development. I am very proud to see we have vowed to protect Greenspace under our control, including Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve and Bordon Inclosure. We feel it was a mistake for the Town Council not to express an interest in managing Hogmoor Inclosure on behalf of the residents and have therefore expressed an interest to do this in the future. As a Town Council, we feel local people should have oversight through our channels of communication rather than the Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company. (see pages 12-15.)

Unlike County and District Cllrs who receive an allowance, being a town councillor is a totally unpaid role and I thank all my colleagues for the time they give. I also thank our Town Council staff who are the backbone of what we do, in particular thanking those councillors who have contributed on our Executive Committee (that make most town council decisions) and those who have served as Town Mayor, including my friend and colleague Leeroy Scott for 2022-23.



*Cllr Andy Tree  
Leader of the Council*



# THE TOWN MAYOR

The Town Mayor for 2022-2023 is Cllr Leeroy Scott and the Mayoress is Lisa Scott. The Deputy Town Mayor for 2022-2023 is Cllr Roger Russell.

The Town Mayor is the Chairman of the Council who acts as the Town Council's ceremonial representative at official events. The position of Town Mayor is a non-political, civic role and confers no additional advantages or authority other than the honour of representing the town of Whitehill & Bordon and acting as its first citizen.



The Town Mayor & Mayoress Lisa Scott

## MAYOR'S CHARITIES

**Bordon Food Bank** is operated under the Whitehill & Bordon Community Trust operating within the GU35 area of Hampshire. The foodbank is run by volunteers and several supermarkets help by having collection boxes. This support from the local companies enables them to support many families, couples and individuals in the need of temporary help. Our allotment tenants also donate some of their fresh produce which they have grown on their allotment plots.



**Chloe's and Sophie's Special Ears Fund** aims to raise deaf awareness, enhance the sound acoustics in classrooms and school halls, for deaf children in mainstream schools through specialist equipment and materials and provide resources and equipment to deaf children to support their emotional wellbeing.



## MAYOR'S CADET

The Town Mayor may nominate a cadet to become their cadet for the term of office. The cadet's formal duties will be to attend with the Mayor as and when appropriate in the course of their official duties.

Maddie was welcomed in March 2022 by the previous Town Mayor, Cllr Bisi Kennard.



## LEEROY'S VALENTINES GALA - 16 FEBRUARY 2023

At the time when this magazine went to print, the Mayor's Charity Dinner on Thursday 16 February was fast approaching. As you are reading this, we are hoping that it was a hugely successful event, raising much needed funds for the Mayor's chosen charities: Bordon Food Bank and Chloe's & Sophie's Special Ears Fund. As part of the fundraising effort, Cllr Leeroy Scott and Cllr Mike Steevens were busy approaching local companies for raffle prizes and were overwhelmed with the generosity of local businesses and individuals.

### THANKS TO:

Howdens | In Car Technology | Motorwerx | Motor Parts Direct | Altis Industries | AJL Cars | Blackmoor Golf Club | Tesco | Any Time Fitness | Hogmoor Distillery | Ryan Brudenell | Whitehill & Bordon Town Partnership | Experience Days | Muime Massage | The Ball and Wicket Pub | Boots | Headcase at The Shed | The Crafty Shed | The Oak Tree and Acorn Company at The Shed | Little Acorns Sweets and Treats at The Shed | Owton's Butchers at Country Market | The Outdoor Cinema at Parade Square | Café 1759 | Chocolate Frog Tea Rooms | Tap @ The Shed | Bordon Service Station | The Spar in Lindford | Telfair Construction | Strudwick Property Services | Station Beauty | Waitrose | Keep Attacking | Flamin Tucker | Woolmer Service Station | Hair at The Conifers | Silent Pool Gin Distillery | Blackmoor Nurseries | Baby Spice Bakes | Pets Corner Bordon | Waitrose Petersfield | Siam Oishi | Cycle Sphere at the Shed | Pizzeria Campana | Liphook Auto Services | Specialist Auto Care Group Ltd | Mrs Hayes Brownies |



# Q & A WITH THE TOWN MAYOR



## Q What made you want to be Town Mayor?

I wanted to give a service to the community in a different way from my regular Town Councillor duties. I had been Deputy Mayor several years ago and enjoyed this role so was delighted when my fellow councillors voted me to be your Town Mayor.

## Q. What does being Mayor involve?

I am invited to a variety of events and activities mostly in our Town with some others in local areas. The range has been amazing including opening new business enterprises, visiting local schools and community groups. I may be asked to give a speech to open an event like the Jubilee Celebrations, present prizes or take part in events.

## Q: Who accompanies the Mayor to events?

My partner, Lisa accompanies me to events that are on evenings and weekends when she is available and not working. Sometimes the Deputy Mayor, Leader or Deputy Leader accompany me and I am always pleased when Helen, my PA, can come along.

## Q: What has been your favourite event as Mayor?

I have so many highlights so far in my Mayoral year that I genuinely cannot pick a favourite. Queen's Jubilee Events, celebrations with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and visiting schools have all been memorable and enjoyable. It's been wonderful to meet young and new members of the community as well as learn more about our area's history from our elders and long-standing residents.



Visiting Ashley House Residents



Oakmoor School



Unveiling of the Bee Mural at Hogmoor Inclosure



Whitehill and Bordon FC Man of the match



Presenting Bordon Garrison Nursery with their award for Town in Bloom



Team GB Roller Hockey European Champions!

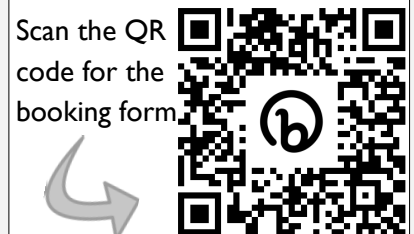


Hollywater School Summer Fair 2022

## INVITE THE TOWN MAYOR TO ATTEND OR OPEN AN EVENT

If you would like the Town Mayor to attend or open an event, for example a fete, concert, play, open a new building etc, please contact our office on 01420 473123 or via email at: [admin-pa@whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin-pa@whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk)

You can also use our online booking form: [www.bit.ly/townmayorbookingform](http://www.bit.ly/townmayorbookingform)



Scan the QR code for the booking form

# PROJECTS

AN UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CLERK ON THE PROJECTS AND WORK THAT HAS/OR ARE DUE TO BE COMPLETED FROM THE STRATEGIC PLAN OVER 2020/23

- ✔ Christmas lights switch on to include: Chalet Hill, the trees in East Hampshire District Council's car opposite the kebab van, our large illuminated stag down Camp Road, Christmas trees at both Station Road and outside Whitehill Village Hall were provided by The Town Council in 2021 & 2022 and were switched on by our Town Mayors in reign during this period of time. We aim to increase the illuminations in 2023.
- ✔ Two water drinking fountains have been installed, one at the skate park and one at Mill Chase Recreation Ground.
- ✔ More irrigation work has been done to Mill Chase Recreation Ground to help with the flooding issues with new water pumps installed in 2021 which are serviced on an annual basis however, we believe that the main cause of the flooding issues lies with the tree roots that have grown through the underground water pipe restricting the volume of waterflow which then backs up onto the field. Therefore, The Town Council is working with the local authorities and Thames Water to try to rectify this problem.
- ✔ Town in Bloom event started in the town for the first time in 2021 and continues to grow every year with more residents taking part.
- ✔ A ditch & a bridge was installed at the Laundry Pitch to deter people off the Heathland and encourage them to use the footpath in 2021/22.
- ✔ A Cherry tree has been planted under the Queen's Canopy in Jubilee Park together with a bench specifically commissioned for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A candle lit vigil was held there where the public were invited to attend and leave messages of condolence and flowers during the days of mourning when Queen Elizabeth II died.
- ✔ Three new litter and dog waste bins have been installed in Jubilee Park to help with the litter and dog fouling situation.
- ✔ Four accessible raised beds have been installed at Mill Chase allotment site and in spring 2023, four more will be installed at Savile Crescent allotment site allowing everyone to participate.
- ✔ Speed indicator devices (SID's) have been purchased and have been deployed around the town in identified speeding areas since April 2022.
- ✔ An effective budget and precept have been set for the town with no increase to residents to pay from last year's request. Allowing The Town Council to maintain our greenspace areas, protect from unlawful encampments, repair, add or replace amenity items. It fully encumbers everything that is required to continue to provide a great service to Whitehill & Bordon residents.
- ✔ The drone project was completed in 2022 showcasing the Green Loop & other Town Council greenspace areas.
- ✔ The Town Council launched its new website in 2022 showcasing the town with our drone footage, has more functions, is faster and is more user friendly.
- ✔ The Town Council presented Freedom of the Town to Brian Wood MC at our Annual Town Assembly in 2022 and helped to support the launch of his new mural "Woody's Walk" at the underpass in 2022.
- ✔ A Q&A meeting was held with the NHS Representatives in June 2022 as part of our ongoing mission to improve communication between residents and the decision makers regarding the new health hub where the public were invited to attend.
- ✔ In 2023 we hope to install outside exercise equipment at Mill Chase as part of the Healthy New Town initiative.
- ✔ To help reduce the energy used at Town Council offices, we replaced the old fluorescent lighting with LED's which is a more efficient & effective way of saving on energy. We are hoping to do this in the Council Chamber and Pavilion during 2023.
- ✔ The polytunnel that was installed in 2021 continues to be a community hub with produce provided to The Bordon Food Bank.



# SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

## COMMUNITY GRANT AID



From left to right Cllrs: Steevens, Shah, Clark, Kennard, Mitchell, Tree, Scott, Delve and Russell

The Executive Committee, who make most town council decisions, approved grant aid for the major grants in February 2023 and for minor grant aid in 2022, to the following organisations for the fantastic work they contribute to Whitehill & Bordon.

### MAJOR GRANTS

**£11,625** to **Citizens Advice East Hampshire** to support and provide advice to the most vulnerable and deprived residents in Whitehill & Bordon.

**£4,125** to **Home-Start Hampshire** for local family support.

**£18,625** to **The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre** to support the core activities.

**£6,625** to **Whitehill & Bordon Community Association (Whitehill & Bordon Town Partnership)** for ongoing running costs at the Forest Community Centre.

### MINOR GRANTS

**£2,000** to **Oakmoor School** for set up costs for D of E expedition equipment.

**£1,500** to **Whitehill & Bordon Town Partnership** to support the 2022 annual Christmas Fair.

**£200** to **Victim Support** to provide security items, including personal alarms, window and door alarms, helping residents to feel safer in their homes as well as out in the community.

At the February 2023 Executive Committee meeting, £10,000 was set aside to contribute to **Whitehill Village Hall** roof repairs from earmarked reserves for 'town regeneration'.

Cllr Tree said: "We feel it is so important to be supporting this valuable community asset, especially when East Hampshire District Council closed Pinewood Village Hall."



# GRANT AID



## WHO CAN APPLY FOR A GRANT?

Our grants are offered to local charities, voluntary groups and organisations which benefit our town. Whitehill Town Council offer two categories of grants and these funds can really make a difference. We would love to support as many fantastic organisations as we can.

If you, or someone you know could benefit from one of our grants, our applications and deadlines for a minor grant is 31 March and 30 September 2023 and for a major grants it is 31 December 2023.

Please read our grants aid policy before applying to understand the eligibility criteria and supporting evidence required.

Application forms and grant aid policy can be downloaded from our website.

- ✓ MAJOR GRANT AID: For any amount of £3,001 or over in any one financial year. The closing date for applications is 31 December each year.
- ✓ MINOR GRANT AID: £3,000 or less in any one financial year. The closing date for applications is 31 March and 30 September each year.

[www.whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk/finance/grants](http://www.whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk/finance/grants)



Our **FLAG RAISING CEREMONY** in June 2022 honoured our Armed Forces for Armed Forces Week. The Town Crier, Stuart Morrison, introduced the Town Mayor who gave a welcoming speech in which he paid tribute to the Corps of the REME for the important role that they have played in our town for over a century. Cllr Scott was joined by Veterans, residents, representatives from local community groups, including the Royal British Legion and the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Association (REME) along with the 2412 Bordon squadron Air Cadets.

The **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** in November saw our Armed Forces, veterans, residents, schools and community groups coming together to commemorate Armistice Day at the town's War Memorial on Camp Road.



## COMMUNITY AWARDS 2022

At the Annual Town Meeting on 31st March 2022, the Community Awards were presented to the award winners in the three categories.

- ★ **Outstanding Young Person Award. Nikkita Gorham** - Nikkita is AMAZING!!! She finds time to volunteer and help her neighbours and community with dog walking, litter picking and volunteer for the Deadwater work parties. Passionate and proud of her community and will do anything to help anyone. A wonderful girl and we're so proud of everything she has done to help people and always puts others before herself. She's such an inspiration and we would love to nominate Nikkita for everything she has achieved in the community of Bordon and Whitehill.
- ★ **Outstanding Adult Award. Sandra Gray** - For setting up and running Bordon Buddies during the Covid pandemic/ lockdown. A free volunteer led service providing support to vulnerable members of the community. Supporting the Ukraine Crisis release effort in Bordon.
- ★ **Organisation Achievement Award. Bordon Food Bank** - Maureen and the team of volunteers at the Food Bank do an amazing job for vulnerable and less fortunate members of our community.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON



After the first successful year in 2021 the Christmas lights were switched on again in November 2022. Cllr Scott said: "Last year's lights display were a real success and so we wanted to mark the beginning of the Christmas period again, with our new town tradition of our Christmas lights switch on."

Leader of the Council, Cllr Andy Tree said: "We as a Town Council continue to keep the promise we made for Whitehill & Bordon to have Christmas lights. We started small in 2020 and put up more in 2021. Thank you to our officers for organising putting them up and the switch on event."







# HONOURING HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

As the nation mourned the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Whitehill & Bordon residents came together to pay their respects and remember the Monarch. Residents joined the Town Mayor, Cllr Leeroy Scott, and laid flowers at Jubilee Park on 9th September 2022 in memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Cllr Scott visited the Cherry tree which was planted for The Queen's Green Canopy during the Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllr Scott said: "Such a great loss to our Nation where you will be sadly missed. You have done so much for our Country, and the World, and you have achieved so much during your reign as our Queen, Bless".

The Book of Condolence was signed by residents in the town and Cllr Scott visited schools and care homes with the book so they had the opportunity to sign.

Cllr Tree also placed flowers at Buckingham Palace.



## NATIONAL MOMENT OF REFLECTION ON THE EVE OF THE FUNERAL OF HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

A one-minute silence was held on Sunday 18th September 2022, which was observed across the UK. Residents of Whitehill and Bordon gathered in Jubilee Park near the Cherry Tree for the National Moment of Reflection where residents poignantly held LED tealights. Cllr Leeroy Scott said a few short words before a minute's silence was held at 8.00pm.





# TOWN IN BLOOM

From wildlife gardens to best scarecrow, community garden to hanging baskets, there were a whole range of glorious gardens and displays in the 2022 Town in Bloom.

Residents and schools were awarded trophies and certificates at the Summer Fun day in August 2022 and they were presented by the Town Mayor Cllr Leeroy Scott. Those that entered presented an extremely high standard and had some fantastic entries.

Whitehill & Bordon Town in Bloom will be back this year and we would like to thank those who took part in 2022. Details of how to enter are available via our website or contact the council office. (Contact details on back page). We hope to see your entries this year! See all the photos of the 2022 entries on our website.



## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - SOAP BOX DERBY

On **Sunday 23rd July 2023** Whitehill & Bordon will transform part of the town into a community driven soapbox spectacle at the official Bordon Soapbox Derby.

[www.bordonsoapbox.co.uk](http://www.bordonsoapbox.co.uk) | [hello@bordonsoapbox.co.uk](mailto:hello@bordonsoapbox.co.uk)







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Whitehill Town Council invites residents and businesses to enter the **Town in Bloom** competition.

### Categories

- Allotment plot
- Bug hotel
- Best scarecrow
- Best wildlife garden
- Community garden
- Hanging basket, container & window box
- Kings Coronation creation/display
- Small or large floral garden display
- Unusual planter creation

**Closing date**  
**23 July 2023**

**For more details and to enter go to  
our website or call 01420 473123**

**[www.whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk/tib](http://www.whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk/tib)**



Whitehill Town Council manages approximately 136 acres of open space, including two allotments, a recreation ground, children's play areas, a sports pavilion, BMX track and the skatepark. In addition, the Council is the responsible for the the Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve and Bordon Inclosure which are both managed by the Deadwater Valley Trust on behalf of the Council through a service level agreement.

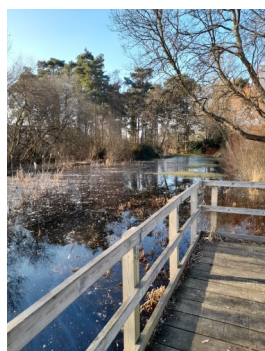
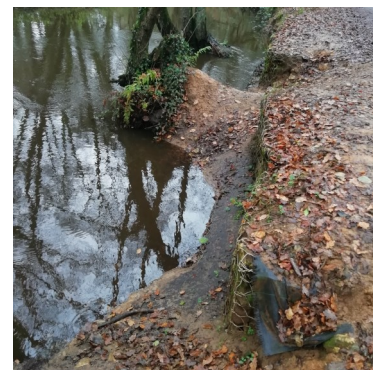
## FUTURE PROJECTS

The Town Council has several future projects to improve the local environment.

### Riverbank

In Bordon Inclosure due to a combination of river erosion and dogs entering and leaving the River Wey sections of the riverbank are disappearing, this is close to the Shipwrights Way.

Plans for reinforcing the bank and building a purpose made dog dip so dogs can safely leave the water are being investigated.



### Hollybrook Park Pond

Hollybrook Park Pond has difficulties in its management and it is at the point where it needs dredging and the reed beds need reducing in size. The pond has an invasive non-native weed known as Crassula or New Zealand Pygmy Weed which if left unchecked will overwhelm the pond and be harmful to wildlife. It needs to be removed from the water and banked up on the Island, covered and left to decay. It cannot be removed from site as it could contaminate other ponds or water courses.

This project needs to be undertaken sensitively and at the correct time of year, the reed beds are where waterbirds nest and there are key times of year when amphibians, dragon fly larvae need to be left undisturbed. This is also a project that requires a large amount of capital funding. It is anticipated that the Grounds staff will wade into the pond this spring to remove as much litter as possible.

### Jubilee Park

There have recently been improvements to the access in Jubilee Park with an upgraded path and exit/entrance for pedestrians and an alternative for cyclist and for people who use wheel chairs. This was funded by Hampshire County Council.



## THE FLOODING OF MILL CHASE RECREATION GROUND

The extreme rainfall we have recently experienced has highlighted that we have problems with the underground water pipe at the recreation ground which has now caused the flooding issues.

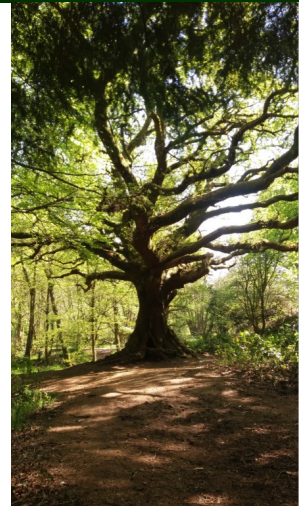
During the past few years, we have been doing the recommended work to the field and land ditches to help with the irrigation & drainage situation, however the tree roots have broken through the underground water outlet pipe in a few areas of the water pipe causing blockage and therefore not taking the volume of surface water from the field that it is designed to. The water pipe runs from our land under a car park, under Weyford School and down Washford Lane to the stream. Whitehill Town Council is working together with the local authorities concerned and we hope to get this situation resolved as soon as we can.



The Town is wrapped around by Bordon Inclosure and the Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve providing a habitat for wildlife and a green space for local people. It is managed sensitively for the Town Council by the Deadwater Valley Trust. The Town is the only place in the country where all 12 native amphibians and reptiles can be found so enjoy and respect this unique environment and leave only footprints.

## BORDON INCLOSURE & DEADWATER VALLEY LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

**BORDON INCLOSURE** was first recorded during the 17th century and has gone through many changes since. The Inclosure is now designated as a SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace) and has been created for the recreational use of everyone but particularly the residents of Whitehill and Bordon. This designation ensures that adjoining areas of environmental importance, including the Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve and Broxhead Common, can be managed to ensure that the diversity of flora and fauna are protected. The Shipwrights Way, connecting Alice Holt Forest to Portsmouth, also runs through the northern end of the Inclosure.



All the walks in the 24ha Inclosure are signed with a particular bird and the complete circular walk is approximately 2700m. The Inclosure contains many walks, sculptures and special features, such as the natural play area and the ever changing seasonal pond which is an ideal habitat for amphibian and reptile species. These have been created to stimulate and encourage interest in the local environment. The water in the ditches that feed it are coloured by the iron contained in the surrounding soil. The woodland hosts many bird species and in areas of particular interest you will see interpretation boards to tell you more about the specific features and wildlife in these areas, as well as highlighting special features such as the King Oak which is over 400 years old.

## DEADWATER VALLEY LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

The Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve is home to many species, some of which are rare and endangered. It has a 12 different habitats including polytrichum heath, ancient meadow, pond and river bank. The site occupies the space from Walldown Scheduled Ancient Monument along the river and through Jubilee Park abutting the Bordon Inclosure and includes the remains of Woolmer Ancient Hunting Forest in Alexandra Park.







**February**  
Half Term activities

**March/April**  
Easter craft and trails  
Secrets Of The Heath

**June**  
Half term activities

**July**  
World Ranger Day

**August**  
Summer holiday activities

**September**  
Batwalks  
Woodland Fayre

**October**  
Halloween Lights Trail  
Halloween Trails

**December**  
Tree Dressing  
Christmas Lights Trail  
Carols At The King

Please see our website for details of events.  
rangers@deadwatervalleytrust.co.uk 01420 479070





## DEADWATER VALLEY TRUST WEEKEND WORK PARTIES



JOIN US IN THE INCLOSURES FOR PRACTICAL, HANDS ON CONSERVATION. A GREAT WAY TO HELP THE TRUST AND GET SOME FRESH AIR AND EXERCISE.

**10AM - 12 NOON**  
**BORDON INCLOSURE - FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**HOGMOOR INCLOSURE- THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

MEETING POINTS MAY VARY AND SESSIONS ARE WEATHER DEPENDANT.  
**PLEASE CONTACT THE RANGER OFFICE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

Not Suitable for under 15's

Email rangers@deadwatervalleytrust.co.uk  
 or telephone the Ranger Office on 01420 479070

# GREENSPACES & AMENITIES

## DEADWATER VALLEY TRUST

The Deadwater Valley Trust (DVT) is a local charitable conservation and environmental organisation in Whitehill & Bordon, Hampshire, which has successfully provided over 30 years, either directly, or through its management of grants and funding, the conservation of the Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve (LNR).



In 2022 the DVT were awarded the contract to continue to manage the Bordon Inclosure and Deadwater Valley Local Nature Reserve on the Town Council's behalf through a service level agreement. Cllr Tree said: "We have vowed to protect greenspaces under town council control as we know how important it is to residents". On behalf of Whitehill Town Council, DVT manages 38 hectares of green space on the eastern edge of the town along the course of the River Deadwater. It is a living lung for the community, including 12 different habitat types and a network of maintained pathways. In 2016 the Trust took on management of Bordon Inclosure a SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace) enjoyed by local residents as a recreational site, and managed on behalf of Whitehill Town Council.

The DVT run regular work parties where local volunteers can engage in hands on conservation as well as a programme of events to inform and engage the local community. Strong links with local educators see many local children engaging with and gaining ownership of the land around them. As a well known presence in the area, the Ranger team has established links within the community and has developed relationships with other groups and services in order to provide the best of services to the residents of Whitehill and Bordon.

## COMMUNITY POLYTUNNEL

In April 2022, our previous Town Mayor, Cllr Bisi Kennard, opened the community polytunnel. Located next to Building 94 in the Enterprise Park in Prince Phillip Park, the community polytunnel is primarily for use by the youth, community groups and schools in the Whitehill & Bordon area. It will be used as a horticulture project hub to grow floral displays, plants and food which could be re-used within the town. This will also benefit people who require this type of outdoor learning and social environment facility



to obtain new skills.

**To book a time** in the community polytunnel contact Whitehill & Bordon Community Trust:

**Call: 07762 961849 | Email: [info@wb-ct.org](mailto:info@wb-ct.org)**

The footage of the opening of the polytunnel can be found on our website:

[www.whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk/community-and-events/community-polytunnel](http://www.whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk/community-and-events/community-polytunnel)

## ACCESSIBLE ALLOTMENT PLOTS

The accessible allotment plots located at Mill Chase allotments are now complete and ready for tenants to occupy. Further accessible allotment plots are currently being built at Savile Crescent Allotments and this will be offered to residents once complete during Spring 2023. (T&C's apply)



Savile Crescent accessible allotment plots



The Savile Crescent accessible allotment plots were funded by County Cllr Andy Tree and the plots at Mill Chase Allotments were funded by District Cllr Adam Carew.

If you would like to occupy an accessible allotment plot, please contact Whitehill Town Council via email on: [info@whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk) or phone the office on: 01420 473123.

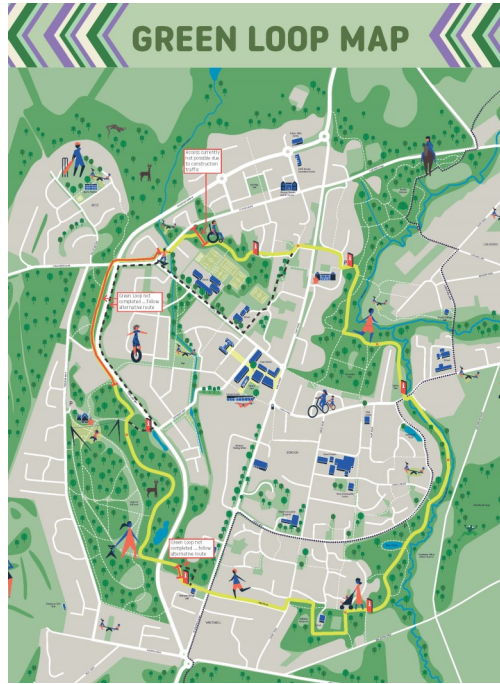


## QUEBEC TERRACE

Quebec Terrace located within Bordon Inclosure was completed in July 2022. This beauty spot gives unparalleled views over Bordon Inclosure whilst also offering visitors to Bordon Inclosure a chance to rest or eat a spot of lunch.

The timber used in the gabions is local to Bordon and construction of the project awarded to a local company.

Delivered in partnership by East Hampshire District Council, Whitehill Town Council and designed by Urban Place labs this is another facility that the residents of Whitehill and Bordon can enjoy.



## GREEN LOOP DRONE PROJECT

A video of Whitehill & Bordon's Green Loop has been created to encourage residents and visitors to make use of the award-winning network of paths and showcasing our town. Filmed using drone technology, the video shows off the wooded glades, natural landscapes and way-finding features that make the loop such an attraction. The film is a joint initiative led by Whitehill Town Council in partnership with Hampshire County Council, East Hampshire District Council, Defence Infrastructure Organisation and Whitehill and Bordon Regeneration Company.

Whitehill & Bordon's Green Loop is 7km long encircling the town connecting the existing and new areas of the town together. Promoting health by enabling active travel such as walking, cycling and accessible access is also a key factor of the Green Loop and the drone footage will further enhance this whilst showcasing the natural beauty of the town's greenspaces. The inter-connectivity of the Loop reduces car dependency

in the area with links to local businesses and schools enabling people to walk rather than drive. The Green Loop was funded from S106 Developer contributions and Local Enterprise Partnership funding.

The Green Loop drone video is available to view via our website:

[www.whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk/community-and-events/green-loop](http://www.whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk/community-and-events/green-loop)

## HOGMOOR INCLOSURE



We believe it was a mistake for the former 2015-19 Town Council to not express an interest in leasing Hogmoor Inclosure from the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), which we stated in our 2020 Strategic Plan. At the moment Hogmoor Inclosure overseen by Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company (WBRC), who outsource to a national organisation called the Land Trust and Deadwater Valley Trust (DVT) locally. Subject to contact and fine details of agreement, we would want to take over from WBRC and oversee it on behalf of our community with proper **democratic accountability**, retaining valued local experts already in contract with WBRC to manage it, such as DVT. We have also

previously made it town council policy to be considered for taking on any land that the DIO wish to dispose of, as they withdraw from Whitehill & Bordon.

## PLEASE REMEMBER THAT DOG FOULING IS AN OFFENCE!

Please remember to pick up your dog's waste and use the bins provided. Help to keep our green space areas clean & safe and be respectful to non-dog owners and children using these areas.



# YOUR COUNCIL

At the 15 December 2022 Full Council meeting, the budget and precept was agreed for 2023/2024.

Leader of the Council, Cllr Andy Tree said: "Firstly, thank you to our officers particularly Lorraine as Town Clerk, General Manager and RFO, for their work on the budget. Our share of council tax is very small compared to others on council tax bill, such as East Hampshire District Council (EHDC), police, Hampshire County Council (HCC) etc."

"Times are tough. Costs are rising for families across Whitehill & Bordon. We are fortunate that the additional houses paying council tax for this year mean we can cover this proposed budget without raising our share of council tax per household. This is despite having to provision for inflation and rising costs. We continue to honour the pledge in our Strategic Plan adopted in 2020 to keep the grant aid fund at same level £54,000 (which includes major grant aid, minor grant aid and direct community fund.) This means we can continue to support important local organisations who provide for our residents. A full list of what the town council does and is responsible for can be found on our website and magazines we have sent out annually."

"I believe that since 2019 we as a council have demonstrated financial astuteness and smart planning. We balanced the books in 2019, made a modest rise to cost per household in 2020 and froze the share each household pays in 2021. Therefore, this will be the second year running that we propose a budget that does not increase the cost per household (aside from possible very small plus or minus due to rounding.) We should note that our share of council tax is only a small part and so freezing our share does not affect the larger share that EHDC and HCC etc take, so they may still raise theirs, raising council tax overall."

"This gives a band D of figure of £98.42 per annum, which is generally used as the official figure reported. However, most dwellings in Whitehill & Bordon are bands A, B and C, meaning most households will be paying the Band C figure or less, which is £87.48 per annum and thus a more accurate figure to use as the example."

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Have you ever wondered what happens at Town Council meetings?

As a member of the public, you can attend any Council meeting, except during discussions of confidential business. As well as Full Council, we also have committees that can make decisions which look after specific areas or services. When the Council has a meeting an agenda is produced to let residents know what the meeting is for and what will be discussed.

Please come along and join us at our next meeting our meetings calendar can be found on our noticeboards around the town (locations on the back) or via our website:

[www.whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk/events](http://www.whitehilltowncouncil.gov.uk/events)



## ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY

The Annual Town Assembly will be held at the Forest Community Centre at 6pm on Thursday 16th March 2023. All Parish and Town Councils' throughout England are required by law to hold an Annual Parish Assembly between the dates of 1st March and 1st June (inclusive). This is not a Council meeting but a meeting for registered electors.

Our guest speaker at our Annual Parish Assembly - at time of going to print - is Chief Inspector Habib Rahman on the theme 'Making Our Community Safer'. Cllr Andy Tree regularly meets with the

Police regarding public concerns. We strive to improve communication and have hosted meetings with police including a Q&A with local officers and an online Q&A with the Police & Crime Commissioner on 10th February 2022.

All residents are welcome to join us at our Annual Town Assembly on Thursday 16th March 2023 at 6pm at the Forest Community Centre, where light refreshments and drinks will be provided at the end.



## COUNCIL WEBSITE

In August 2022, we launched our new website which is easier to navigate for residents.

Where you can find, contact information for our councillors/ information for which council does what/ who to report an issue to/ agendas and minutes are accessible via our website too.

You can now also sign up to news updates from Whitehill Town Council by subscribing for instant email notification of any news added to our site.



## COUNCIL CO-OPTION

Linda Delve, Yee Gan Ong, Kirsty Mitchell and Adeel Shah were co-opted onto Whitehill Town Council on 12th January 2023. Co-option involves the councillors voting to fill the vacancies. We have six months to go before the next ordinary local elections, so therefore no by-elections are called. We thank the former Cllrs for their service, Cllrs: Josh Chandler, Duncan Sanders, Tina Strickland and Jason Toovey.



### Cllr Yee-Gan Ong

"My wife and I have lived in Whitehill since 2016. I would like to be involved in helping our town to improve and grow. I believe it has great potential with the planned regeneration. I am an NHS hospital doctor and I helped Andy Tree with some of the health

messaging over the covid period. With my background in healthcare, I can help with health matters that might arise in the town council and other local health issues"



### Cllr Adeel Shah

"I am a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and have been involved in charitable efforts across the UK and the world. In Whitehill & Bordon, we have assisted the local RBL branch and collected for the Poppy Appeal.

We held a street cleaning session on New Year's Day which was covered in the Bordon Herald. Our community members also held a charity walk in Whitehill & Bordon and fundraised for 16 charities. I look forward to using my experience across Whitehill & Bordon to conduct many more charitable works and to be an active voice for the residents."



### Cllr Linda Delve

"I'm already working in the local community on various projects with other groups and we have more in the pipeline. I'm a self-employed Foot Health Practitioner and Cognitive Behaviour Therapist. My background is Finance/HR/PA and trained with ACAS.

I've implemented Investors in People. I'm a good team player, but, also happy to work alone. I've helped to organise monthly Foot Health sessions with Forest Community Centre. My work ethic is Listen, Review, Take Action!"



### Cllr Kirsty Mitchell

"My son, dog and I have been residents of Whitehill and Bordon for the past four years. As a single parent with a young son, the environment in which my family live has become increasingly important to me and I am keen to in some way play a part in developing that environment.

From clean, safe and open spaces to transportation, employment, medical facilities and sustainability – I have an interest in everything, not just for myself and my family, but for everyone in the community. I would very much like the opportunity to serve the residents of Hogmoor and the greater town as a whole and contribute to the excellent work of Whitehill Town Council."

# WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

## AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY

In 2022 the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has contributed to Whitehill & Bordon by supporting charities and volunteering. The charity walk for peace that took place May 2022 in Hogmoor Inclosure raised over £40,000 and donated to local groups around Whitehill & Bordon and other areas. They supported the collection for RBL in November - which raised £15,000 in Whitehill and Bordon. The community helped rid some of our streets of litter.



Community litter pick



Cllr Adeel Shah and a member of the RBL

Women from Whitehill & Bordon have been actively planting trees at various locations in support of The Queen's Green Canopy programme, each one adding towards the 100,000 trees pledged to mark 100 years since the establishment of Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association (AMWA). A similar programme was done in January in Bordon where more than 50 volunteers got together and planted more than 300 trees.



## VANDALISM

Over the past few months, areas within Town Council sites have been vandalised and required repairing or cleaning. This has cost the Town Council money to restore. The regular bouts of vandalism at Mill Chase Recreation Ground/Pavilion and the children's play area have amounted to around £5,000. These repairs will come out of our share of council tax that all residents pay for. Where council staff would be dealing with other matters of a more pleasant nature for the residents of the town, their attention is drawn away by clearing up & making areas safe for public use.



### MILL CHASE RECREATION GROUND

In January 2023 the Town Council spent £700 to get the control box of the automatic gate repaired after someone accessed the control box and removed/destroyed components from the control panel thus rendering the barrier inoperable. In August 2022 there was more vandalism to the roof where the



boiler gas flue was pulled off taking roof tiles with it to the floor and this cost around £2,500 to repair. In the summer of 2022, the play park at Mill Chase had pink graffiti spray painted over all the children's play equipment costing £400 to remove. Removing graffiti from the skate park and our amenity areas is a constant battle, some, we can remove using special liquids and some we cannot, therefore requiring us to outsource to a specialised cleaning company to do this work on our behalf costing more money.



### JUBILEE PARK

The Queen's Jubilee plaque for the 'plant a tree for the Queen campaign' was broken off and found on the bench next to the tree. The tree wooden box which houses the tree whilst it is growing was vandalised in 2 different places. The bench which was commissioned to honour The Queen's 60 years in reign was vandalised with blue paint which seeped into the wood grain making it difficult to remove with lots of attempts using a sander.

### BORDON INCLOSURE/ALEXANDRA PARK/LOCAL NATURE RESERVE



The Deadwater Valley Trust who manage all these areas on the Town Council's behalf, have had to clear up broken noticeboards, repair a damaged gate latch, clean off graffiti, clear rubbish and trolleys and deal with fires in the summer period all of which have taken valuable work hours away from their day-to-day responsibilities within these wonderful, beautiful nature areas which they maintain for residents to enjoy. During March 2022 someone used a chainsaw on lots of the Wayfinding signage, benches and bridges in the Bordon Inclosure and Local Nature Reserve. This has all taken time and money to restore leaving a lasting marking in the wood showing where someone cut through with the chain saw.







# PLATINUM JUBILEE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Platinum Jubilee Music Festival, held on 3rd June 2022 at Mill Chase Recreation Ground, was a great success. The event was organised and funded by Whitehill & Bordon Town Partnership. The Town Council helped to fund and it was also sponsored by Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company and a grant from Cllr Andy Tree, in his other role as our County Councillor.

Cllr Andy Tree said: "I very much enjoyed it. We thank all the volunteers for helping, in particular the Whitehill & Bordon Town Partnership."



Cllr Andy Tree, Leader, & Cllr Cathy Clark, Deputy Leader



Cllr Leeroy Scott opening the music festival

There were free children's activities including giant inflatables, other entertainment and various food and drink stalls to buy from. The free music festival then followed, opened by our Town Mayor Cllr Leeroy Scott.



Woodlea school and Cllr Bisi Kennard

## THE TOWN CRIER - STUART MORRISON

### OH YAY! OH YAY!

Being the Whitehill & Bordon Town Council, Jubilee Town Crier has given me a fabulous insight into civic life of our town and allowed me to meet lots of people! It's a great privilege to be asked to fulfil the role of Town Crier, which has been "vacant" since Whitehill & Bordon last had one back in the 80s.

Then, a chap called Steve White had the role, and from first hand accounts I've been told he was quite the character! Well, fast forward 40 years and I had a vision to reintroduce the Town Crier to Whitehill & Bordon, with a competition to revive the role and give the town a little bit of civic fun over the Jubilee celebrations. It was the perfect time for a Town Crier to be involved, with an Official "cry" as provided by the *Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers* to mark the occasion.

Due to time constraints I was appointed Jubilee Town Crier and have fulfilled the role since, pending a competition to elect a successor. To be honest it has been a fantastically rewarding and is such an honour to fulfil the role.



Anyone who knows me has seen me in a loud suit, so I am familiar with attracting attention in public! But to be given the opportunity to ring a bell and shout loudly too? I'm very happy to help out! One aspect of the role that you may be interested to learn is the historical role of the Town Crier was to make the King's proclamations and spread news but also to keep order and put people in the stocks. I have enquired if WBRC are to provide town centre stocks for miscreants but at the date of publication I have yet to have a reply.

The best part of the job though is meeting the lovely locals, and getting to put a smile on their faces and just having some fun with the whole thing. We have a fantastic town, which is evolving, growing and being updated but somethings should remain, and the role of Town Crier is, for now at least, a fun reminder of days gone by and roots us to our past.

So, here ye! Here ye! If you wish to book the Town Crier visit:

<http://whitehillandbordontowncrier.co.uk> or call the council offices - 01420 473123.

Rates to book the Town Crier are as follows:

- £20 per hour to attend a charity or local group event
- £50 per hour to attend a business event or party





# WOODY'S WALK MURAL

In Autumn 2021, Cllr Mike Steevens was approached by a local resident Karsten Waller who came up with an idea to commission a mural in honour of Brian Wood MC. Local artist Ryan Brudenell was consulted and a design was drawn up.

Brian was awarded Freedom of the Town in 2022 following his efforts in 2021 where he ran 25 marathons in 25 days, raising over £168,000 for charity. He was awarded the Military Cross in 2005 for gallantry in the battle of Danny Boy in Iraq during his time as a soldier in the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment.



The administration to get all the necessary permissions for the mural was overseen by Whitehill Town Council's Town Clerk Lorraine Jeffs and took several months to secure. Once the relevant paperwork was in place for the mural to be started, Ryan began painting!

On Wednesday 28 September 2022, "Woody's Walk" was unveiled in front of Brian and his friends and family. Pupils from Woodlea School walked him towards the mural which is located in the underpass near Café 1759. TV personality Ben Sheppard was in attendance, having interviewed Brian several times over the past few years on Good Morning Britain, as well as the Town Mayor, Cllr Leeroy Scott and they both said a few words before the official ribbon cutting.



Brian said "I had the biggest surprise this morning. I was working in my office when Samuel Hawkins and the children from Woodley Primary School came in and asked me to come outside. I originally thought I was on a fastball school assembly appearance but then I saw so many people from the Whitehill & Bordon Community around the NEW mural of remembrance 'Woody's Walk'. As I walked out of the building everyone started cheering and then I saw Ben Sheppard smiling. I still didn't really know what was going on. Then I saw the artwork from the most talented Ryan Brudenell that reduced me to tears."

Cllr Mike Steevens said he wanted to unite the community and the mural project shows what can be achieved through perseverance both from what Brian has shown in his achievements and what a community can do. Cllr Steevens worked tirelessly on the project and secured sponsorship and donations by approaching successful local businesses and people he knows through working as a taxi driver for nearly 30 years.

THANKS TO: Motor Parts Direct - Sam Hawkins | Blackmoor Golf Club | Instal air con - Darren Cox | Brosley Roofing - Allan Keet | Tasty Buns & Passfield Stores - Jason Toovey | Strudwick Property Services - Nick Strudwick | Telfair Construction Danny Mc Garry & Russ Smith | Forest Motors - Tom and Kevan Shackleton | AJL cars - Mike Steevens, Alison & Ken | Boxhall Roofing - Bob Kingshott & Tim Harrington | 2020 scaffolding | Andy Pullen did the undercoat and glaze | Southdowns Signs - Hannah Caughey | County Councillor grant funding awarded by Cllr Andy Tree | Abri Café 1759 - provided the refreshments for the opening ceremony | Alliance facilities management Adrian and Hilary Hollis |

## 35 MARATHONS IN 35 DAYS

A week after the unveiling, Brian started his new challenge of 35 marathons in 35 days starting with the London marathon and finishing on 7 November at Hogmoor Inclosure. He raised over £193,000 for the British lives lost in the Falklands, Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

Cllr Andy Tree joined Brian on his first few miles on one of his runs and said "I am proud that Brian is a positive ambassador for our community."



Cllr Tree running and supporting Brian



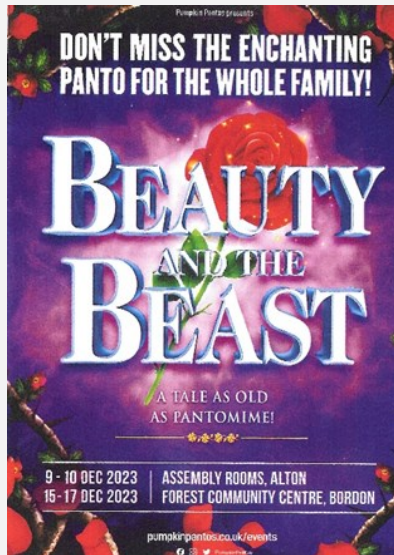
## WHITEHILL TOWN PARTNERSHIP GROUP

Over the past year the Whitehill Town Partnership Group has continued to serve the Community organising various events in the town.

A quiz, swing band, Abba Tribute, band nights and Summer Fun day are just a few of the events held at the Forest Community Centre. The Christmas Fair included arts and crafts stalls inside with the ever popular snow globe outside. Santa's Grotto, face painting and photo-booth were as popular as ever.

Last year's Christmas pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, excellently performed by Pumpkin Panto was a total sell out and we are pleased to say they will be back at the Community Centre this year with family favourite Beauty and the Beast.

## WORKING WITH COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL BUSINESS



2022 was a challenging year for most organisations nationally as we adjusted to the "New Normal", however, it was a successful year as we worked on, and collaborated with other local organisations to deliver projects and events within our community.

Some of the highlights included the opening of **Building 94**, our dedicated Youth Hub, which has become home to Whitehill & Blackmoor 1<sup>st</sup> Scout Group and Sport4Kids holiday camp for 11-16-year-olds. Then in October, Project 94 opened a Thursday evening Youth Club running from 2.45-5.30pm.

In October we engaged with local schools and groups to join forces and funded by HNT successfully planted several native bulbs to mark various points around the Towns



Green Loop.

We are really looking forward to 2023 which is already looking packed full of exciting events and projects to include in May, our dedicated Health Month where we promote all that is healthy here in town. We also have events planned around the Green Loop and the Charity Walk for Peace on 20<sup>th</sup> May whilst continuing to discuss and plan opportunities locally with all local organisations. **Call: 01420 558085 | Email: [info@wbcommunitytrust.co.uk](mailto:info@wbcommunitytrust.co.uk) |**

**Website: [www.wbcommunitytrust.co.uk](http://www.wbcommunitytrust.co.uk)**



**Café 1759** is a not for profit community Café located off Camp Road, parallel to Bordon Inclosure, offering a varied menu, free Wi-Fi and lovely atmosphere. We've been running a regular veterans breakfast on the first Tuesday and third Saturday of the month. Our Café manager runs a monthly cooking club for men 60+ and we support the school holiday Good Grub Club cooking sessions for vulnerable families run by local Project 94. This year we've held some new events in the Cafe like our first disco for adults with learning disabilities which was so well attended it will be a regular fixture this year. We started walking men's football with a pie and pint and offered an evening with a three course Christmas dinner. More recently we've delivered Kids £1 teas on Thursdays after school, helping with the cost-of-living crisis. They've been so popular we decided to continue them into February.



In October, we launched a **Community Pantry** open to anyone living within the GU postcode, with the aim of reducing landfill and providing good value food. The Pantry receives a weekly delivery from FareShare a charity network aimed at relieving food poverty and reducing food waste in the UK. Annual membership is £1, and a weekly shop is £3.50 for 10 items or £5 for 15 items. Memberships have been increasing steadily since opening and is currently 220!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the weekly delivery so please contact us if you'd like to be involved.

As well as the pantry, we also launched our new community room next to the Café called "The Room," where regular activities are on offer to the community. We've also held regular clothes swap events where we offer a repair, alterations or revamp thanks to the lovely Handmaidens, alongside a choice of clothes to swap your items for. We often work in partnership with Deadwater Valley offering walking events in the nearby Bordon Inclosure. The Room is also available to hire out so please contact us if you'd like further information on this or anything else in this article please contact [susi.drummond@abri.co.uk](mailto:susi.drummond@abri.co.uk) or [graham.bryant@abri.co.uk](mailto:graham.bryant@abri.co.uk).



# CLIMATE AWARENESS

## LINDA'S UPDATE

In our community we have people working hard to help in any way they can. Just a few things to keep you informed on what I have

been doing in the area: I've contacted people collecting plastic bottle tops, I've given out laundry sheets, I've spoken to other groups regarding composting and collected un-wanted bras from the community and took them to a recycle drop off point. Our local Tesco have also been contacted to try to speak with their recycling representative, which is ongoing. It might seem small now, but it's a big step forward.

Working with other community groups, we held a number of very successful Clothes Swap at Café 1759. One event included a repair morning as well and was very enjoyable for the attendees. Watch out for future Clothes Swap events this year and next.

The Forest Community Centre now have their 'Repair Shop' up and running and this not only saves money by repairing items but also stops needless waste of consumable items that only need a small repair to make them work again.

I believe the small changes we can make to our lifestyles will improve our demands on the Earth and safeguard for the future. Also, if you read something of interest regarding climate awareness, please circulate it, there might be a lot of questions we can ask and resolve together.

Communication is key to helping each other.

*Cllr Linda Delve*—Climate Awareness Group



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For the first time, you'll need to show photographic ID to vote at this year's district elections (on 4 May 2023). Please make sure you're ready to vote in May by checking that you have an accepted form of ID.

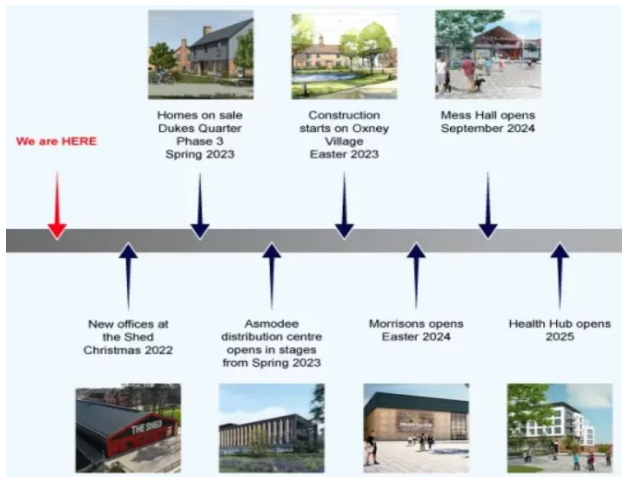
Accepted forms of ID include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK, EEA or Commonwealth photo drivers' licence\*; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online from next week. The full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission's website, along with more information about the new requirement and details of how to apply for the free ID, at [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID). Anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. It only takes five minutes to register online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

Voters wishing to apply for free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote and then make contact with East Hampshire District Council (EHDC). The requirement to show photo ID at the polling station, is a new requirement, introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act which was passed last year and comes into effect for the first time this May. \*Old-style UK paper driving licences without a photo cannot be accepted. For more information please go to the EHDC website: [www.easthants.gov.uk/elections/voter-id](http://www.easthants.gov.uk/elections/voter-id) or call on 01730 266551, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.







The Town Council has no direct control over developers and the regeneration of the town but seeks to be a community voice on behalf of residents. Cllr Andy Tree attends their Q&A sessions as our representative and we have hosted meetings and Cllr Tree interviewed the Project Lead and we have posted on Facebook in March 2021. Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company have confirmed that this timeline is correct as of December 2022 and may be subject to change in terms of what is yet to come and they will continue to make announcements and host Q&A sessions that they advertise.

# REGENERATION

## NHS PROVISION

We hosted a meeting with NHS representatives in June 2022, where the public could ask questions.

We understand that Health provision is a number one priority for residents. We do not control the NHS or developers planning to build the Health Hub, but await sight of the planning application so we can scrutinise it and compare the plans to the current Chase Community Hospital. We know residents are bewildered as to why the Hospital would be replaced and the decision-makers need to explain their rationale in the final plans. The position of the Town Council is to lobby for Health facilities locally for our residents and we will continue to monitor developments with Health Hub proposals.

The NHS Integrated Care Board (Part of NHS that pays for local services) confirmed in January 2023 that the following list that they provided us in June 2022 is still up-to-date in terms of what they plan to provide, but being subject to ongoing review.

### What will the health hub offer?

The Health Hub will bring together GP services and community services to provide a 'one stop shop' for local people's primary health and care needs:



GPs and an extended team....
Pharmacy Technicians
Clinical Pharmacists
Nursing team
Dietitians
First Contact Physiotherapists
Occupational Therapists
Paramedics
Podiatrists
Physician Associates
Care Co-ordinators
Health and Wellbeing Coaches
Social Prescribing Link Workers
Nursing Associates

Plus a range of community services...
Immunisations and vaccinations
Midwife and Health visitor and Children's services*
Physiotherapy and Musculoskeletal (MSK)
Occupational Therapy
Leg ulcer clinic
Oxygen Assessment clinics
Adult and older people's mental health services
I Talk - IAPT Talking therapies
Child and Adolescent Mental health service
Screening clinics (Aortic aneurisms and retinopathy)*
District nursing team base
Sexual health service*
Substance misuse service*



Left to right: Dr Zaif Hirmiz, Cllr Andy Tree, Sara Tiller and Heather Mitchell



### STARTING OR RUNNING A BUSINESS - SiGNAL COULD HELP?

The biggest challenge when growing a small business is the feeling of being alone. If you are a customer at SiGNAL, whether you rent a workspace, or subscribe to our business training or networking membership, we guarantee you will never feel alone with your business. All business owners will need support at some stage in their growth journey and SiGNAL aim to provide packages to suit all needs and wallets.

The SiGNAL year has begun with a huge bang with the opening of SiGNAL@The Shed.

We are so happy to welcome thirteen aspirational businesses to their new premises. Residents at the Shed enjoy all the benefits of belonging to the wider SiGNAL community as well as some pretty swish facilities!

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Emma Selby (MD) and Louise Eldridge, outside SiGNAL offices in The Shed



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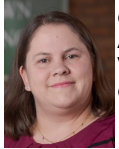
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## NOTICEBOARDS

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Bordon Inclosure Car Park

2 at The Forest Community Centre

Mill Chase Pavilion

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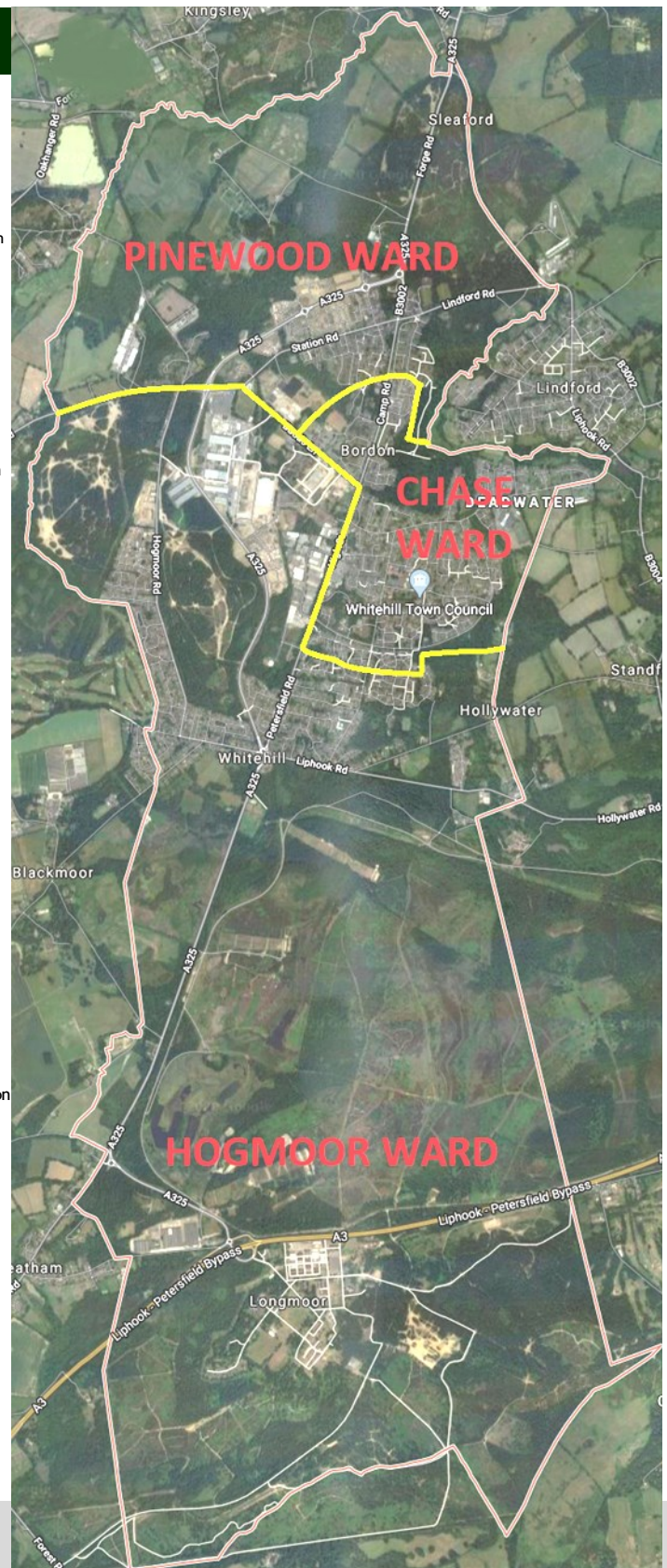
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