

### **December 2017**

### **Berewood & Old Park Farm**

## Future Parish Councillors Needed!

As always there was a great turn out for the last Residents' meeting on 1st November. The main focus was a progress update on the proposed new Parish Council and a discussion on what happens next as we begin moving towards this exciting opportunity.

The West of Waterlooville Advisory Group, also called WoWAG, who arranged and presented the petition to Winchester City Council, are determined to ensure residents are involved at every stage of the process and help to shape the new Parish Council. In the New Year we will be running some training open to all those who are considering becoming a Parish Councillor. No qualifications, experience or specific skills are required, just an interest in the local community and a passion for making it a great place to live.

If you would like to know more, or have any questions on becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk of the WoWAG on committeeclerk@denmeadparishcouncil.co.uk or call 023 9224 7947.

Residents are also encouraged to join us at the next West of Waterlooville Advisory Group at 7pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at Berewood Primary School Everyone is welcome!

Community Consultation: New parish council arrangements for the new housing estate to the west of London and Hambledon Road.

In response to a petition from local councillors and residents, Winchester City Council is planning to consult people in the Denmead and Southwick & Widley area on parish council arrangement options for the new development that lies to the west of London and Hambledon Road.

The area being developed overlaps both parish councils as well as sitting partly in Havant, so options might include either extending the two parish councils (Denmead and Southwick & Widley) to incorporate the new area, or forming a new parish council solely for the new housing estate.

The various options will be publicised in January when local residents will be invited to contribute their thoughts. Further information will be shared in the New Year.

Any new arrangement will not directly impact new housing areas in Havant Borough Council. However, residents in the Havant area are very welcome to contribute their views during the consultation process.



### WISHING ALL OUR RESIDENTS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

It's been busy year and there are lots more exciting things to come over the next 12 months – we look forward to getting involved in all sorts of activities including:

- New open spaces and play areas for the community to enjoy
- A new community building offering a range of groups and activities
- Setting up new residents associations to give you a voice
- New Shadow Parish Council made up of local residents



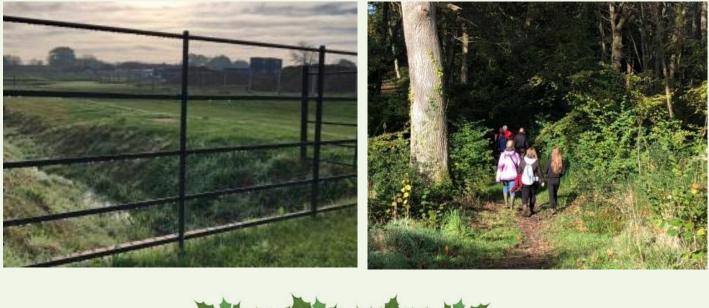
#### Join us at our CHRISTMAS MINGLE!

To celebrate the end of a great year all residents are invited to join us for a Christmas Mingle with complementary mulled wine & mince pies on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm at Berewood Primary School

**Everyone Welcome!** 

## **Berewood Community Walks**

On Saturday 28th October a group of residents donned their boots and explored the local area. Ian Backhouse from the Ramblers Association led the group from the school and the local community along farm tracks and through some beautiful mixed woodland, on a route that was agreed with Grainger to make the most of what the area has to offer while avoiding the ever changing areas of works. This was just a taster of what is on the doorstep, with lots of existing footpaths not far from the development. People are encouraged to get out and enjoy our beautiful community but are reminded to stick to the footpaths and to be aware of ongoing building works that are taking place. We hope to set up more of these guided walks in 2018 and would love to get even more people involved. More information will follow soon!





#### Vandalism on site ...

Over the past few months there has been a high number of reported incidents of vandalism across the developments. Not only is this causing delays to building works and costing a significant sum of money, it is starting to have a direct impact on the local community.

Most recently residents have been able to help by taking photographs of the people causing the incidents and providing them to the authorities. Grainger, the Councils and the police are keen to ensure action is taken and are working together to do whatever possible to reduce the problem.

We thought this might be a useful time to remind residents what they can do to help:

- Be vigilant if you see something suspicious please report it to 101.
- Speak to your children remind them of the consequences of vandalism, and encourage them to respect and be proud of where they live.
- If you see an incident, photos can be extremely useful but please **do not** post onto social media.
- Always report any incidents to 101, or call 999 in an emergency.

In the New Year we will be looking to set up some Neighbourhood Watch Schemes across the developments, if this is something you might be interested in please contact Jayne Lake, Community Officer for the area, email jayne.lake@havant.gov.uk or call 023 9244 6123.

# **Get involved!**

#### Giving all Radian residents the chance to get involved

#### and make their voice heard!

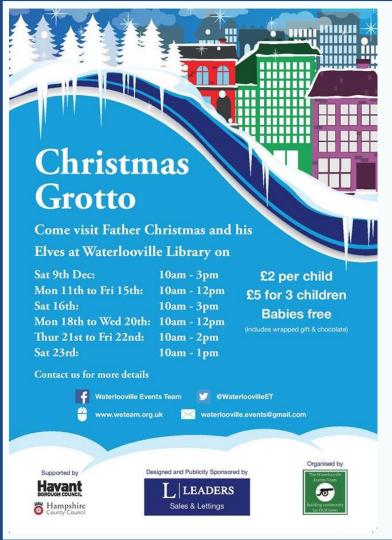
Do you want to make a difference in your community? Have you got a problem you need help solving? Do you want to help improve the services you receive from Radian? Do you want to meet other Radian residents and have a good time?

We want your involvement to help make a difference to the services you and the people in your neighbourhood receive. Whether you're inspired to help run activities in your community, want to get involved in reviewing the way Radian delivers services, or just want to speak up about an issue that you're passionate about, we have lots of ways for you to have your say.

From general groups like our new Your Voice group, to specialist forums looking at particular topics like Health and Wellbeing, we need you to tell us what you think. You can choose how much time to give and there will always be someone available to support you. There are also plenty of opportunities to give your feedback from the comfort of your own home, either online, by post, phone or text.

#### Want to know more?

#### Email getinvolved@radian.co.uk or call 0300 123 1567



## Christmas comes to Waterlooville...

The Waterlooville Events team believe every child deserves a magical Santa experience that does not cost the earth. We aim to provide the best value Grotto in the area (£2 a child or £5 for 3 with babies free). Each child receives a wrapped present and chocolate. We could not do this without the tremendous support from the community. We would like to thank

- \* Leaders Waterlooville for sponsoring our advertising
- \* The ASDA Foundation for their donation
- \* HBC for their grant to refurbish some of our stock
- Waterlooville Men's shed for building our beautiful Cabin
- \* Waterlooville Library for creating our magical wonderland
- \* Richard Wort for PAT testing our electrics

And most of all our wonderful volunteers who give up their time at this busy time of year to man the Grotto.

For more information look them up on Facebook, or pop along at see them – opening times on the left!



#### **HELP WANTED!**

#### Berewood Primary School is looking for Governors and Volunteers

Berewood Primary School is delighted to have received a GOOD judgement following their first visit by OFSTED at the end of the summer term. Sue Patrick, the headteacher, and the Governing Body are now working with children and parents to look to the future as the school continues to grow. To help in this they are keen to recruit new Governors to their board and are particularly looking for someone with HR, health or legal knowledge. Is this you, or someone you know?

Volunteers are also needed in other areas of the school – are you a keen gardener? Or would you have an hour or two a week to help listen to children read?

Being a volunteer, whether in school or as a Governor, is a rewarding and valuable role – there is support available and we would love people from the local community to get involved.

If you would like more information on becoming a Governor, or volunteering in the school, please contact the School Office on 023 9224 4010 or email head@berewoodprimaryschool.co.uk



As the darker evenings draw in it's the ideal time to encourage residents and their children to stay safe when out and about. Please ensure that when playing out, children stick to well lit areas which are away from busy roads and building sites. There have been reports of near misses when children have been playing in the road so please talk with your children and remind them of the importance of playing and staying safe.

Please ensure bikes have working lights and wear reflective or light clothing when walking on unlit or dark areas of the development and stay away from the building site areas.

# **Useful Contacts**

Winchester City Council 01962 840 222 www.winchester.gov.uk

Havant Borough Council 023 9244 6019 www.havant.gov.uk

Denmead Parish Council: 023 9224 7947

www.denmeadparishcouncil.co.uk

Southwick & Widley Parish Council: 023 8046 3228

www.southwick-widley-pc.gov.uk

Community Officer – Jaime Bridges jaime.bridges@havant.gov.uk 0772 007 6272

Guinness Hermitage - General Enquiries 0300 303 8034 Out of Hours Emergencies 0300 200 0015

> Grainger Trust – General enquires 0207 940 9500 Out of Hours Emergencies 0345 300 5824

> > Radian - General Enquiries 0300 123 1 567 Out of Hours Emergencies 0800 783 8937

> > > Trinity - 0845 345 1584

Police (Emergency): 999 Police (NON Emergency): 101 NHS Direct (NON Emergency): 111

www.westofwaterlooville.wordpress.com