## Newlands community newsletter



Welcome to Newlands community newsletter! Find out what's going on locally as well as keeping you up-todate with news from the development and the wider Waterlooville area.

We have some exciting events and activities coming up soon so please do get involved!

You will find a postcard with this edition detailing all you need to know about our photo competition.

I look forward to seeing all your entries.

Katie Rane

### BEREWOOD UPDATE

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, work has started up again on site and we still have lots of people moving into their brand-new homes. There are now over 860 residents living at Berewood.

Should you have any questions regarding the site, please contact the team at <a href="mailto:berewood@graingerplc.co.uk">berewood@graingerplc.co.uk</a>

### **River Wallington**

The restoration of the River Wallington has been no small task but will be completed by the end of this year. What was previously just a concrete culvert is now an ecological haven for flora and fauna, including our new resident heron! (Name suggestions to the email address above).

### Western Nature Reserve

An application to create a community nature reserve at Berewood has been submitted to Winchester City Council's planning team.

Part of the 250 acres of green space across the site, the nature reserve will run along the western edge of the development and include children's play areas, a dog agility area, and many ecological improvements.



The application also includes the southern allotments, one of two allotment sites on the development, which will be for resident use and managed by Newlands Parish Council.

### Parking

With more people working from home right now, we understand tensions are high and parking is tight, which is why it's even more important to be kind to each other and park with consideration for your neighbours.

Please do not park on the pavements and footpaths, as they are not designed to take the weight of vehicles. This damage results in disruption and road closures when needing to be fixed. We do not wish to have a development covered in bollards and yellow lines, so please take care when parking on site.

### NEWLANDS FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Food banks have long been a source of support and are now more important than ever due to the current pandemic. With the furlough scheme ending this month, many more people may be in need of assistance. Therefore we are calling on all residents to help keep Waterlooville's Food Bank topped up with vital supplies.

Donations can be dropped off at Newlands Community Hall. To adhere to social distancing guidelines, a box will be located outside the main entrance for residents to donate without entering the building, any time, day or night.

Items needed include: Tinned goods such as, vegetables, soup and fruit. Noodles, pasta, rice and sauces. Tea, coffee, UHT milk, fruit juice.

Waterlooville Food Bank will be extremely grateful for your donations, thank you.

## LOOK, DON'T KNOCK!

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# NEWLANDS PUMPKIN TRAIL

- Decorate a pumpkin and put it outside your house or in your window
- (pumpkins can be real, drawn, painted get creative!)
- Hunt for other pumpkins around the Newlands Development.
- Parents can reward each pumpkin found with a sweet.
- Ensure government guidelines on social distancing are met.

# SPOOKY WINDOW COMPETITION

DECORATE YOUR WINDOW WITH YOUR SPOOKIEST DESIGNS TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING A £50 AMAZON VOUCHER!

To register your entry please send a photo of your window, your name and address to **katie.bone@havant.gov.uk** before midnight on **Sunday 1st November**. Submitted photos may be used in future publications, online and social media.

Berewood and Wellington Park will be judged separately meaning there are 2 x £50 Amazon vouchers (first prize) and 2 x £20 Amazon vouchers (second prize) to be won!

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START THE NEWLANDS PUMPKIN TRAIL BY DECORATING THE PUMPKIN BELOW BEFORE PLACING IT IN YOUR WINDOW. SEE HOW MANY YOU CAN FIND!





The Parish is now in its second year and is functioning well with meetings held online using Zoom. Anyone who is interested can join these meetings in future.

We have agreed to manage the open space in the Winchester part of Wellington Park from next year. The joint visit from the Mayors of Winchester and Havant was very successful and helped us to emphasise the shared responsibility of the development. The Mayors will attend further functions together, including the opening of the Wallington River Restoration project. A Parish Profile is available on the Community Plan page of the Parish website which can be viewed or downloaded. The profile will be updated as the development grows. Helen Dunning, Home Admissions Advisor of Wellington Vale care home and resident of the Berewood estate, has offered her help and support to anyone who has concerns about their, or an elderly loved one's, physical and mental health during this challenging time.

Helen is part of an experienced team of health care professionals who support the ladies and gentlemen at Wellington Vale. The team includes Breda (Activities Manager) who instils a sense of fun and life into each and every day.

Helen would love to show you all that they have to offer at Wellington Vale. You could even book a respite holiday! Call Helen on 02392 240486.



Cllr David Crichton (Chairman)

### **NEWLANDS COMMUNITY PLAN**

We are developing a community plan for Newlands **and the areas of the development which fall just outside the parish**. For a community plan to succeed it must put its residents at the very heart of the decision-making process. It is a process which is driven by the community for the benefit of the community and so we are looking for residents to join us in taking this idea forward. Are you up for the challenge?

### What is a Community Plan?

A community plan:

- Identifies local problems and opportunities.
- Sets out an achievable and long term vision for the future.
- Prepares a plan of action to achieve this vision.

To prepare a plan the views of all of the community must be gathered through survey, research and community participation. A plan can include everything that is relevant to the people who live and work in the community, from employment needs to playgrounds. They can include any social, environmental or economic issues. It is up to the community to decide what is important to them. No one else can set the agenda or determine priorities for action on behalf of the community.

### Why do a community plan?

A community plan:

- Provides detailed information on the issues of importance to the local community.
- Gives everyone the opportunity to have their say.
- Helps people to become more involved in what goes on around them.
- Gives the statutory authorities, including the Council, vital information about the needs and views of a community.
- Helps individuals and organisations be prepared for questions or issues which arise about changes or threats to local services and activities.
- Provides useful information when applying for funding for projects.
- Provides a vision of the community in the future, and a defined plan of action to show how this will be achieved.

### What do you want from me?

It's simple really, we want you to participate and engage in the process, whether that is completing surveys, responding to requests, playing a more active role as a volunteer or becoming a member of the Steering Group. But right now, the best way you can help us is to enter our Photo Competition.

Entering the competition will help us identify the things people love about their community as well as the things they do not like so much and would like to change. From that the Steering Group can build up a picture of the community and start to identify themes that we can focus on for the consultations that will follow.

### Want to know more?

If you would like to know more about the community plan or would like to get involved, then please contact Katie Bone (katie.bone@havant.gov.uk) or visit Newlands Parish Council website www.newlands-pc.gov.uk

