Working to facilitate active community engagement...

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Community Clear Up Day WE NEED YOU!

Join your neighbours & love your community! Meet in the Play Area at 10am on Saturday 21st March – everyone welcome, including friendly dogs on leads. Litter pickers and bags provided – come along and do your bit!

For more info contact: Jaime Bridges West of Waterlooville Community Officer jaime.bridges@havant.gov.uk



Old Park Farm – YOUR Community, GET INVOLVED!

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Since 2012 many community events and meetings have been held to give residents of Old Park Farm the chance to meet each other, have some fun and to help build a friendly place to live – so far these have been really successful! These events also help local people to get involved and have given residents a voice in helping to make Old Park Farm a better place to live.

As the development grows we are looking at new ways to ensure residents can have their say on what goes on in their community. We know not everyone wants to join a committee, but we are interested to know what people think is important and how people want their voices to be heard in future. We have a number of events planned for this year, and we would really like you to get involved.

To get us started, we are inviting ALL residents to a short "Community Voice" Meeting, 10 – 12pm on Saturday 28th March at the Cornerstone Community Centre, Denmead

This is a chance to share what is important to you, what needs to change and how you want it to see it happen. The meeting will be informal, relaxed and **everyone** is welcome. For more information, please call Jaime Bridges (see left) or just turn up on the day. **Refreshments & activities for the children provided!**

If you can't make the meeting you can also find a Community Survey link on the **"Old Park Farm Group" Facebook Page** (hard copies available in the Sales Office). This Community Facebook Page is a great place to ask for help, to share ideas and to get to know people. However, it is not the place to report incidents; it is an open, public group so please bare this in mind when posting!



West of Waterlooville Advisory Group – Working towards a New Parish Council

Meetings of the West of Waterlooville Advisory Group are now held in the evenings so more residents can attend. With Councillors from Denmead and Southwick & Widley Parish Councils, the group discusses various matters relating to the West of Waterlooville Development. You can find more information on the Denmead Parish Council Website, along with minutes of previous meetings. The next meeting is **Thursday 26th March**, **7pm** at Berewood Primary School – everyone welcome! For more information please contact Tony Daniells, the Clerk on 023 9225 1484 or clerk@denmeadparishcouncil.co.uk

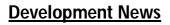
Trouble Shooting & Problem Solving – Who to talk to...

Living on a new development can be frustrating, and it can be difficult to know who to contact if there's a problem. Many issues can usually be quickly resolved by residents themselves - parking, dog mess and litter are the most commonly mentioned problems. In the first instance try speaking to your neighbours, but if that doesn't work there are people who can help.

At the moment, with the exception of the Play Area, all roads, verges, pavements and open spaces are maintained by Taylor Wimpey, Trinity or Radian and any issues should be reported directly to them. If you need to report a problem to the police, you can call 101 at anytime. Reporting problems properly mean we can get a picture of key issues affecting the development and take appropriate action. Below is a list of useful telephone numbers which may be helpful, If you aren't sure who is the right agency you need the Community Officer will be able to help.

Please:

- * Do NOT block access to parking areas, junctions or driveways. Cars and walls are being damaged as cars struggle to pass.
- * Do NOT Park in Homezones or on shared surfaces. These are designated no parking areas and access is being restricted.
- * Ensure your visitors are parking considerately.



Link Road and Bridge Update - You may have heard about the new bridge coming to Waterlooville, the largest 'FlexiArch' bridge in the world! It is one of two bridges which need to be installed over the River Wallington as part of the works to link Old Park Farm with the Berewood Development. Unfortunately a number of technical problems have delayed the opening of this road - the Councils are working closely with the developers to help overcome these issues and we anticipate the road will be opened by the end of the year.



<u>Western Open Space</u> - Work is due to start on the landscaping and to address the drainage issues on the area under the pylons, known as the Western Open Space. Planning Permission was granted last November for the Nursing Home opposite Auger Row, and also

for the Extra Care Facility at the main entrance to the development; developers are currently working on the legal agreements before this work starts. There are persistent rumours that additional housing will be going on the Western Open Space and that the pylons will be removed or sunken – **these are not true**.

Phase 5 - It is expected a planning application will be received later this year for the infrastructure (roads, drainage etc.) for Phase 5 – no work on Phase 5 will begin until planning permission is granted.



Play Area - Following the recent repairs to the Play Area in Sickle Way, the long awaited adoption has now taken place – this means Havant Borough Council have taken over responsibility for maintenance of the area from (but not including) the stream. Havant Borough Council carry out regular inspections of the area but if you notice anything out of place please report it to Customer Service on 023 9244 6019.

For more information or the latest development updates visit the **"West of Waterlooville Development News"** page on Facebook, or the **West of Waterlooville Blog** – www.westofwaterlooville.wordpress.com.

Useful Contacts

RADIAN

Winchester

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

Havant Borough Council

023 9244 6019 www.havant.gov.uk

Community Officer

jaime.bridges@havant.gov.uk 0772 007 6272

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

Countdown to exciting new facilities at Waterlooville Leisure Centre!



Computer generated images of how the new Play Area & Gym will look...



Developments being carried out by the sporting charity Horizon Leisure Centres at their Waterlooville Leisure Centre are in full flow and a new Gym, Indoor Play Centre and Cafe are programmed to open this summer.

Partially funded by a developer contribution from Taylor Wimpey, the improvements include a unique three-storey gym which will contain a large studio for group fitness classes & support over 100 work stations for cardio and weight resistance training. The new gym will be equally as impressive as the new gym at Horizon's sister Leisure Centre in Havant, which was shortlisted for 'Gym of the Year 2014' at the National Fitness Awards.

The Indoor Play Centre will be of the latest design and provide children with a fun and exciting place to visit whilst also providing a learning experience and the new Cafe will benefit the increased number of members and customers expected to use the enlarged Centre as well as parents and participants who attend the swimming programme and galas.

Horizon's Chief Executive Howard Broad said "The extension work is going well and we are excited to see the long-awaited Phase 1 plans begin to take shape. When open, the Centre will be over 50% larger and will provide much-needed new leisure facilities accessible by the local community including the new residents of Wellington Park and Berewood."

Horizon Leisure Centres is a charitable leisure trust established in 1997 to operate Havant and Waterlooville Leisure Centres in partnership with Havant Borough Council. As a not-for-profit organisation, all surplus income generated is re-invested back into the running of the organisation and the facilities.

For more updates visit www.horizonlc.com or follow Horizon on Facebook and Twitter.

Go Explore the Great Outdoors!

On your Doorstep... Park Wood, Waterlooville

Park Wood is beautiful woodland just off the London Road in the centre of Waterlooville, opposite Queens Inclosure. It is managed by the Woodland Trust, assisted by the Friends of Park Wood, and is perfect for walking the dog or exploring with the family, there is so much to see and enjoy for everybody. You might need welly boots at this time of year but the paths make it push chair friendly and to best of all IT'S FREE!

Why not take part in the Annual Sunday Easter Egg Hunt (see back page), its a great way to explore the Woods, follow the trail and win an Easter Egg! Or, if you want to get more involved the Friends of Park Wood hold monthly Working Days – held on the last Sunday of each month, there are jobs for everyone and all help is appreciated. Starting at 10am, just turn up and get stuck in! Dogs and children welcome, with cake and refreshments to keep you warm.



You will find Park Wood between Wallis Road and Queens Road, opposite The Queen's Enclosure. There is plenty of on road parking (please park considerately) For more information please visit www.park-wood.org.



EXCITING NEWS FOR WATERLOOVILLE The Waterloo to Waterlooville 200 years project WINS Heritage Lottery Fund support.

The Waterlooville Community Forum, in partnership with The Spring Arts & Heritage Centre, has received £44,400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting project, Waterloo to Waterlooville 200 years in Waterlooville.

Led by volunteers from the local community and supported by staff from The Spring Arts & Heritage Centre, Hampshire Libraries and Havant Borough Council, the project focuses on researching and recording the heritage of Waterlooville over the last 200 years, sharing and celebrating it with the wider community.

There will be plenty of opportunity for local people to get involved with the project, volunteering to help with researching and recording the history, creating artwork for the timeline and trail, promoting and publicising events, manning information points, helping with administrative tasks and supporting others at workshops and activities.

Saturday 20th June will be a day of celebration in the town with a whole host of events and activities celebrating Waterlooville and commemorating Waterloo, including costumed volunteer soldiers recreating the return from Waterloo and a specially commissioned open air theatre production based on the history of Waterlooville. During the two weeks leading up to this, there will be a series of talks and events at Waterlooville Library and The Spring Arts & Heritage Centre, commemorating Waterloo and celebrating Waterlooville, culminating on **Sunday 21st June** with Waterlooville churches coming together for In Praise of Waterlooville, a songs of praise style event, open to all.

People can keep up to date with events, join the mailing list or register to be a volunteer by visiting the project website www.waterlooville200.org

For further information, please contact Kate Saunders at The Spring Arts and Heritage Centre 023 92249063 or Julia Nelson-Tomsen, Library Manager at Waterlooville Library on 023 92261751 or email waterlooville200@mail.com



One resident has taken time to share their best of Old Park Farm...

Things I like about living on this Development:

- 1) I love my house.
- 2) I've met some lovely people & made some great friends.
- 3) Living next door to someone that makes the most amazing cakes.
- 4) Being able to walk into Waterlooville or Denmead.
- 5) Having some fantastic pubs close by.
- 6) Being close enough to walk to Creech Woods (if I'm feeling energetic)
- 7) Denmead beer festival.
- 8) Being close enough to the Recycling Centre I can get there before any queues.
- 9) That the parcel collection office is so close & doesn't have the queues that the one in Portsmouth has.





Denmead Community Centre - A place for quality activities for the very young



Did you know, for parents and carers with children below school age Denmead Community Centre offer a great variety of activities?

On a Tuesday mornings from 0930, Creative Play, a fantastic opportunity to meet with other parents and children while the children enjoy developing their creativity in a safe, friendly and enjoyable environment.

Wednesday afternoons sees Bibble Bubble Classes, a one hour session which includes baby massage and baby yoga as well as Kindermusik songs and activities to enhance your babies' fun and development.

Diddi Dance classes have commenced on a Monday and Thursday mornings and are designed to help your "diddi" ones enhance their co-ordination and rhythm and to nurture their natural love of movement in a structured yet relaxed 45 minute session.

Finally, on a Friday morning it's the popular Mumbaba. This well organised, live, sing-along of traditional songs and nursery rhymes is a time for play and chat, and helps to develop babies' and toddler's speech, concentration and listening skills.

For more information on all our activities held at the Centre visit our Website www.denmeadca.com or call us on 02392 256132.

Your County Councillor – Here to Help

If you are a WCC resident and have an issue or a concern, your local Councillor may be able to help: Please remember I am always willing to listen and help people when I can. You can attend my drop-in surgery which is held at All Saints Church, Denmead, in the Heath Room, at 10.00 am – 12 noon on the first Saturday of every month. No appointment needed, or you can contact me by email: pgstallard@aol.com

With best wishes, Patricia Stallard, County Councillor (Winchester Southern Parishes)

If you are a Havant Resident, your County Councillors are;

Cowplain & Hart Plain – Councillor David Keast david.keast@hants.gov.uk

Waterloo & Stakes North – Councillor Ann Briggs ann.briggs@hants.gov.uk

For more information, visit www.hants.gov.uk.

My name is Jaime Bridges and I am the Community Officer for the development; my role is to help residents and agencies shape Old Park Farm to become an area people are proud to be a part of.



For any questions about the development, or if you aren't sure who you need to contact, please get in touch and I will try to help!

Jaime Bridges, Email: jaime.bridges@havant.gov.uk Telephone: 0772 0076272



The Cornerstone (Formerly the Mead End Inn) 22 Mead End Road, Denmead, Waterlooville PO7 6PZ

The Cornerstone Community Centre, Denmead

The Cornerstone was happy to host the pre-Christmas family craft event, and it was good to see people tucking in to their ice cream sundaes or enjoying their latte! It's really good for us to hear about what you are doing and to share some of that with you. We also have welcomed some of you to Sundaes at lunchtime and in the evening.

The Cornerstone is one of the gathering spaces nearest to you – a comfortable lounge, the ice cream parlour/coffee shop, or a venue for events and celebrations. We run a host of activities for older people through the University of the Third Age, as well as a regular Quiz Night (bring a team or come and join one), and a drop in space for families and teens (pool table, table football, etc). If you would like to make more use of this community space, then please call us on 02393 078372– or just pop in to Sundaes. We'll be glad to see you.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Old Park Farm Community Voice Meeting @ The Cornerstone on 28th March , 10-12pm.





Friends of Park Wood invite you to their annual

EASTER EGG HUNT Sunday 5th April 2015 12 noon – 2pm

Park Wood, London Road, Waterlooville (opposite Queens inclosure) Parking available in Wallis & Queens Road and Highfield Avenue. TICKET ENTRANCE ONLY: TICKETS FROM KEYS NEWS AGENTS, HIGHFIELD AVENUE.



Organised by the Friends of Park Wood <u>www.park-wood.org</u> WHY NOT JOIN FRIENDS OF PARK WOOD - A MINIMUM DONATION OF \$5.00 PER HOUSEHOLD

BRING YOUR WELLIES IT MAY BE MUDDY !!!!!





Make new friends and inspire others to come walking in the beautiful Hampshire countryside

Tuesday 31 March 2015 10am–4pm EHDC Council Offices Penns Place, Petersfield, GU31 4EX Free lunch and refreshments provided

Reserve your place today! Contact Louise Christie louise.christie@easthants.gov.uk 01730 234067 An informal, fun and FREE training day (with lunch provided). No experience necessary, just enthusiasm and a friendly, approachable manner

