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#### **Phase 5 Planning Update**

At the Joint West of Waterlooville Planning Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Winchester and Havant Councillors APPROVED planning application 13/02843/FUL for an additional 103



dwellings as part of Phase 5 of the Taylor Wimpey Development.

At the same meeting the following permissions were also granted:

14/00068/REM Phase 2 Berewood: APPROVED. 14/00092/REM Town Park, Phase A: APPROVED.

For more information on the progress of the development and on future applications visit www.westofwaterlooville.wordpress.com.

#### YOUR NEWS, YOUR CHOICE!

We still hear people say "I didn't know about that!" This newsletter goes to every household on the development and is our main way of keeping residents up to date and informed – PLEASE take a minute to read it!!

#### **Old Park Farm Residents Association**



Working together to build a great community!

# **SUMMER BBQ**

4.00pm to 7.00 pm

BBQ &

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July On the Coulter

Road open space









Dog owners are welcome to bring their pets, but we ask that they be kept on the lead during this event

# Play Safe, Stay Safe

Earlier this month there was an accident where a little girl was knocked down by a car. The car was travelling very slowly and able to stop quickly but the child unfortunately suffered a broken leg.



With lighter evenings and school holidays approaching, please take care to drive slowly on the development and be mindful that children are playing nearby. Parents, please talk with your children and help them to learn and use the Green Cross Code. The play area has been repaired and there is more open space on the development now – encourage your children to play safe and stay safe.

We will be running some activities for the children at the OPFRA Summer BBQ on July 6<sup>th</sup>, and there will be people on hand to talk to anyone who has concerns or would like more information.

#### **Parking**

The Community Survey confirmed that parking is a concern for many residents. We have seen an increase in reported damage to cars and in people having difficulty accessing parking areas. Parking can be a problem but please be considerate as to where you and your visitors park: please DO NOT block driveways, bollards or entrances, be careful when parking on pavements and please do not park in Home Zones.



The Green Cross Code



If you want to be safe follow the GREEN CROSS CODE

And make sure you STOP before you cross the road

Take a LOOK AROUND, any dangers you can see

any dangers you can see?

Taking the time to check will help you cross safely

LISTEN for traffic before you step off the kerb

Don't be distracted by other noises you may have heard



Check again then walk quickly, and **DO NOT RUN!** 

# Pride in Old Park Farm - Your Community, Your Say

Thank you to everyone who returned their Community Survey, 60 households took

the time to share their views from all phases of the development, which is
a good return for this type of survey. Overall, residents are proud of where they
live and agree there is a sense of community growing, but there is still more that needs to be done.

We are creating an action plan to respond to your concerns which will be shared in the next newsletter. In the meantime many concerns raised by the Community can also be improved by the Community with a little thought and time.

Top Priorities: Bad parking; groups of young people hanging around; rubbish & litter

Top three actions to make people feel safer:

- 1. **More uniformed presence on foot** there are a number of different people who make regular visits to the development and in future editions of the Newsletter we will be introducing the people working to make your area a better, safer place to be. This time, we introduce PC Sarah Newman & PCSO Rebecca Williams.
- 2. **More info on what Police/Council is doing in my area** this newsletter is our main way of keeping you informed on what we are doing, along with the Noticeboards and OPFRA Facebook Page. The West of Waterlooville Blog is a useful site for planning application information, along with the Councils websites. Details are on the back page of this newsletter. We are also holding an Information Surgery on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 12-2pm under the Oak Trees off Sickle Way for anyone who has concerns or questions for the Council, Police or Radian.
- 3. **Cleaner Streets** OPFRA hold monthly litter picks which are open to anyone living in the Community. We are working with Taylor Wimpey to address the problems with the bins and to discuss general site issues. We will keep you informed, but this is one thing residents can help to improve themselves!









Many of you also wanted more information on your local Residents Association and Neighbourhood Watch so this has been included in this Newsletter.

# Introducing your local Police Officers, PC Sarah Newman & PCSO Rebecca Williams

"I am PC Sarah Newman currently stationed at the Meon Valley Police Station. I am the beat officer for Denmead, Hambledon and Soberton which means I cover the Old Park Farm development. I have worked as a beat officer for several years now and have enjoyed tackling issues within the community. I am passionate about making the community that you live in a safe place. If you require to speak to me about any issue that you may have then please do not hesitate to contact me either by 101 or alternatively by e-mail on sarah.newman.22295@hampshire.pnn.police.uk



"I am PCSO Rebecca Williams currently stationed at Meon Valley Police Station. I am one of the beat officers for Old Park Farm working closely with PC Newman to combat crime and ASB in the area. I have recently transferred from Winchester so I look forward to meeting the community and working with you to making the estate an even safer place to live. If you wish to contact me for any non emergency issues please email me on rebecca.williams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk."

If you have a problem, a concern or wish to report a non emergency please call 101. In an emergency call 999.

# **Neighbourhood Watch News**



Two Neighbourhood Watch Schemes are now up and running, covering Coulter Road, Sickle Way, Darnel Crescent, Melick Way and Pimpernel Way and Violet Court but we need more...

# Co-ordinators are needed to help cover the rest of the development, would <u>you</u> be able to help us do this?

The key aspects of Neighbourhood Watch are communication, awareness and community. Being a coordinator is not demanding, but we do ask you to encourage others to:

- \* Read and pass on information and advice that comes in from the Police and other agencies.
- \* Take an interest in what goes on in your community and report speedily if anything you see is criminal, anti-social or suspicious.
- \* Look after the security of property, including marking of valuables.
- \* Keep an eye on any vulnerable neighbours.

If you can help or want to get involved, please email scheme co-ordinators Chris Caine or Alan Heightley - chris.caine8@btinternet.com or a.heightley@btinternet.com



**Old Park Farm Residents Association** is a group of resident volunteers who meet regularly to discuss issues concerning the community. Their aim is to positively influence the development; undertaking community projects, suggested by the community, for the community. Everyone living on the development is welcome and encouraged to get involved.

Most recently, OPFRA collated residents' views about the Taylor Wimpey Phase 5 application and presented these to Councillors at the Joint Planning Committee. OPFRA ensure residents views are heard by local groups such as the West of Waterlooville Forum and Advisory Group and also the Arts Panel. OPFRA organise community socials for residents, the next one being the Summer BBQ on July 6<sup>th</sup> and hold community litter picks on the first weekend of every month (see Noticeboards for information, everyone welcome!)

For more information visit the OPFRA & Civic Society Facebook Page, or pop along to the Summer BBQ. You can contact the Residents Association directly by emailing opfrasecretary@aol.com.

Our next Association Meeting is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm at The Falcon Pub. Everyone is welcome!

# **Your County Councillors – 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

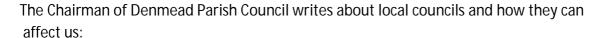
For more information, visit www.hants.gov.uk.







### How Local Is That?





- 1. Local (i.e. parish and town) councils are statutory bodies and are the first tier of local government in England. They serve electorates ranging from small rural communities to towns and small cities; all are independently elected and raise a precept a form of council tax from the local community. Together, they can be identified as among the nation's most influential grouping of grassroots opinion-formers. Over 15 million people live in communities served by local councils. That is around 35% of the population.
- 2. Local councils work towards improving community well-being and providing better services at a local level. Their activities fall into three main categories: representing the local community; delivering services to meet local needs; striving to improve quality of life and community well-being.
- 3. Through an extensive range of discretionary powers local councils provide and maintain a variety of important and visible local services including *allotments*, *bridleways*, *burial grounds*, *bus shelters*, *car parks*, *commons and open spaces*, *community transport schemes*, *community safety and crime reduction measures*, *events and festivals*, *footpaths*, *leisure and sports facilities*, *litter bins*, *public toilets*, *planning*, *street cleaning and lighting*, *tourism activities*, *traffic calming measures*, *village greens and youth projects*. These existing powers were recently strengthened by powers contained in the Localism Act.
- 4. 250 new local councils have been established in England in the last 13 years. Denmead and Southwick Parish Councils are working to establish a new Council to represent the people of this emerging community in what has up until now been known as the 'West of Waterlooville'. It is called the WoW Advisory Group.

Denmead Parish Council has a vacancy, you could become one of Denmead Parish Council's members. Why not join in and help your community grow? For more information contact Tony Daniells, Clerk to the Council by email clerk@denmeadparishcouncil.co.uk or by telephone on 02392 247947

#### Summer in the Garden - more hints and tips for a beautiful garden

"Walking around the development, we can see how well the gardens are taking shape, and the riot of colours that are bursting into bloom. Summer is arriving and looking good. Now of course is when we see the gardens at their best, and can enjoy the profusion of colour and the many different fragrances that the flowers give us.



Now is also the time to plan to take cuttings from the early summer plants. Also ensure long term weed problems such as creeping buttercup and bindweed are dealt with now, in order to prevent them from getting to the point of seeding and thus giving greater problems later in this year and next.

If you are a keen gardener, but you have neighbours who are not so sure about their plants and how to tackle any weed problems, why not lend them a hand with advice and practical assistance? Children often like the chance to dig in the garden and have a good reason for getting a bit dirty, especially if they are planting the sunflowers they have grown from seed in the spring.

If you are coming to the Residents Association BBQ on 06 July 2014 on the open area in Coulter Road, look out for the plant stall, where you will be able to purchase cuttings for the garden.

# **West of Waterlooville Update**

We are aware there are a number of rumours circulating regarding the West of Waterlooville development. More specifically we are hearing that residents are concerned there will be large groups of people moved into the area from other cities (Birmingham/Newcastle/Manchester) and also that there are plans for a mosque/other faith buildings. Most recently we have been approached by people concerned that the school is behind schedule.

We would appreciate your help in trying to reassure people of the facts which are stated below.

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#### Affordable Housing

Of the 3000 new homes planned for both the Taylor Wimpey and Berewood development areas a total of 40% will be affordable housing. Of this 40%, half will be affordable/socially rented and the remaining will be mix of shared ownership and discounted market rent. All affordable housing is managed by a registered housing provider, such as Radian, Grainger Trust of Guinness Hermitage.

Anyone in need of affordable housing and wanting to live in the Havant or Winchester area has to register on Hampshire Homechoice (this is the 'waiting list'). Each week, all properties available in the area are advertised and people can express an interest. There is a very clear criteria for allocation and priority – cases are reviewed on an individual basis. A key criteria for someone to be allocated a property is an existing connection to the local area, this may be work, family or someone who is already living in the area. There are similar criteria for people wanting shared ownership or discounted market rent properties. This means it is most likely that the affordable properties on the development will go to people who already have a local connection. For more information on this process, please visit www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk.

There are NO plans to house large groups of people from other parts of the country in the affordable properties on the development.

60% of the development is open market – we have no control over who is able to buy properties privately.

#### **Faith Buildings**

We can confirm that throughout the extensive consultation during the planning phases of the Development there were no requests for any faith building. *No faith buildings are included in the final approved plans.* 

#### **Berewood Primary School**

We can confirm that the new school is still due to open in September. It is not behind schedule and children enrolled to start in September will not need to find places at to other local schools.

Everything's looking great at the school site and Architect Allister Lewis reports that the building works are coming along well. The main school building is due for completion in mid-August and the rest of the school site works will be finished at the beginning of September, in advance of the opening date of the school.

In the meantime, arrangements are forging ahead for furniture and equipment of all kinds to be installed in readiness for an exciting start after the summer holidays. For the latest updates, read Mrs Patrick's regular Head's Blog on the school website at www.berewoodprimary.co.uk

For updates and news on the Development area, please visit www.westofwaterlooville.wordpress.com.







# The Placemarker Project Needs You!

The Placemarker Project is a new and exciting project created and managed by the Hampshire Museums and Galleries Trust with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

As part of the Placemarker Project young people will get to explore, identify and record the heritage of the West of Waterlooville and then work to create a mobile phone App – we are looking for young people to get involved!

Project Worker Erica Smith explains, "We are starting to of recruit the young people and are keen to hear from those living on the development. We are hoping to be working with Cowplain School students as well as members of Denmead Youth Club. Young people from the club tried their hand at logo design at a recent session, club members choose this great design created by Rebekah Stevens. As part of the project young people will get to visit heritage sites, to look at the history of the area and to see how the development site has changed. They will also get to research GPS activated Apps as well as QR codes before learning how to create their own."

Local residents will also have the opportunity to get involved in the project by sharing stories and thoughts or photographs of the development site, past and present, which can be used in the development of the final App.

The finished App will be tested by other young people and residents of the development before the final version is launched at an event and made available for all to access. The content will also be available for schools and libraries as a useful resource.

ARE YOU ARE A YOUNG PERSON LIVING ON THE DEVELOPMENT? DO YOU HAVE SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE AREA? IF SO WE WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR FROM YOU.

PLEASE CONTACT ERICA BY E-MAILING
PLACEMARKERPROJECT@OUTLOOK.COM
OR CALLING US ON 07767404002







### **Denmead Youth Clubs**

Denmead Youth Partnership organises & runs clubs on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in termtime at **Ashling Pavilion** in the main Park at Denmead

The clubs cover a variety of different age groups & interests



Wednesday 7 - 9 pm Traditional Youth Club for the older age group (13 - 19 yrs) informal approach, snooker able tennis, advice, etc

> Monday 6 - 8 pm a more structured club for younger children - 8 yrs +

#### Tuesday



6 - 8 pm 8+ year olds
8-9 year olds Young leaders Hour
(Many of the 11 yr plus
prefer to attend this session &
move onto the young leader programme).

If you / your children would like to attend but have transport difficulties please talk to Jaime or contact felicity on 023 9226 1977. Otherwise just drop in and see us.







#### **Denmead and Waterlooville Events**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Denmead Summer Fete,

1-4pm, Denmead Junior School

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Denmead Horse Show

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Waterlooville Classic Motor

Show, 10am in the Town Centre

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Wecock Summer Festival,

Wecock, 12pm-4pm

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July – OPFRA Summer BBQ, 4-7pm under the Oak Trees off Sickle Way

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Proms in the Park, Denmead Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August – Access All Areas, 11-3pm, King George Playing Fields

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – OPFRA General Meeting, 7pm at The Falcon

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Police Beat Surgery, Denmead Community Centre, 7.30pm

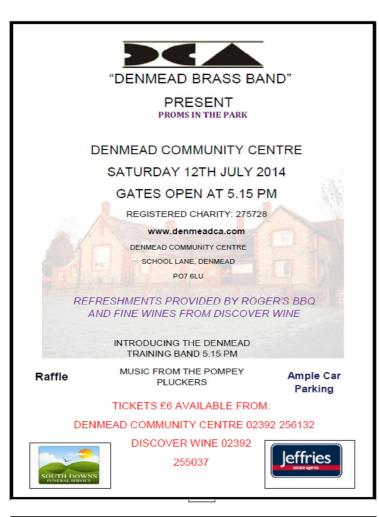
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Waterlooville Food & Drink Festival, Waterlooville Town Centre

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Access All Areas Finale, 5-9pm, Whiteley.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Waterlooville Summer Fair, 11.00-3.00pm, Jubilee Park.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August – Information Surgery, 12 – 2pm, under the Oak Trees off Sickle Way Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Billys Lake Open Day, off Hambledon Road, more info to follow. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Dinosaur Derby, Scout HQ Denmead.

Motiv8 and Denmead Youth Club have been working together to provide free transport to take young people from the development up to the Club on a Wednesday night. Over the past few weeks young people have taken part in free Music Sessions with local organisation Music Fusion, trying out DJ'ing, making their own radio show, writing a rap or making their own music using the latest music software. This partnership is funded by Radian and delivered in partnership with Denmead Youth Club and is running until July – everyone welcome!



#### Denmead Proms in the Parki

The 3rd annual *Proms in the Park*, with four hours of great music, will take place on Saturday July 12th - The *Denmead Training Band* will start the event at 5:15 pm and with the famous *Denmead Brass* taking over as the main band later in the evening. *Pompey Pluckers*, the popular Ukulele Band from Portsmouth, will also be at the Proms, playing a selection of pop, rock and folk numbers. Enthusiastic audience participation will be positively encouraged - it's going to be fun!

Food and drink will be on sale with a gourmet BBQ, fine wines and soft drinks, proms-goers are welcome to bring their own picnics too. There is ample free parking on site.

Proms in the Park is supported by two local businesses, Southdowns Funeral Services and Jeffries Estate Agents with proceeds supporting two local charities: the Denmead Community Association and Denmead Brass.



# **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

Community Officer – Jaime Bridges 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

NHS Direct (NON Emergency): 111

OPFRA – Residents Association Facebook: Opfra and Civic Society opfrasecretary@aol.com



#### **INFORMATION SURGERY**

Come and speak to staff from Radian, the Police and the local Councils.

We will be under the Oak Trees off Sickle way from 12-2pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August to speak to any residents who have concerns or worries or who would like more information on any aspect of the development.