



NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019

It has been a busy few weeks in Hambledon, with fundraising events for the Pre-School and Community Tennis Court, and a very successful litter-pick (see photo below). Thank you to everyone who helped to organise these events, and to those who supported them.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HAMBLEDON ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Thurs 23rd May 2019; Hambledon Village Hall

Full details to follow in due course.

LENT SOUP LUNCHESES – ALL PROCEEDS TO *HEADS TOGETHER*

Thurs 21st March; Thurs 28th March; Thurs 4th April; and Thurs 11th April

12-1.30pm in Church

Soup-makers are desperately needed (four per lunch). Please sign up to help using the sheets left in Church (the folder is left on the dresser by the entrance to the kitchen) or contact Mandy Burrige on 92 632410.

Thank you to all those who have already made soup or volunteered for future dates. All offers of help to make soup and assist with setting up and packing away will be gratefully received!

NEWS FROM HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Superfast Broadband

Hampshire County Council is rolling out superfast broadband across the region.

It enables people to get internet speeds of 24Megabits per second or more – making streaming TV, working from home, online banking and shopping, and gaming a lot easier – to name just some of the benefits.

To find out if you're included in the rollout you can use this postcode checker on the Hampshire Superfast Broadband website and register to be told when it's available in your area

at: www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/myparish/

Operation Resilience - 2019 Carriageway Minor Road Surface Dressing Treatments Programme

Please see documents on the PC website for more information:

http://www.hambledon-pc.gov.uk/Local_Directory/Transport.aspx

NEWS FROM WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

The full March 2019 report from Cllr Weston for the March 2019 is available on the PC website: http://www.hambledon-pc.gov.uk/Parish_Council/Parish_Council_Meetings.aspx

Main points as follows:

- WCC tenants – will be receiving in the post a Tenancy Info Form & cover letter with annual notice of change to rent & charges.
- Council homes & affordable homes – WCC aiming to increase no., building from 600 to 1000 over the next decade.
- SPUB Cycle Café – project has now begun with the help of sponsorship from WCC (and others, including HCC).
- Sports and leisure centre – work is beginning. Everyone Active has been appointed as operator.
- Green initiatives to maintain healthy tree population – including planting programme as part of new Winchester Sport & Leisure Park; maintaining the health of trees within the gardens of WCC's housing stock; and monitoring trees across district's open spaces & car parks.
- Freeze on Winchester Council tax – has now been voted through Full Council.

- Council finances (savings) - £2m savings will continue to be achieved through long term planning, improved engagement, efficiencies, prioritisation, culture of challenge & innovation, and income generation.
- Changes to council tax 2019:
 - HCC 3.00%
 - Police 13.50%
 - Fire 3.00%
 - Winch Town Forum 3.00%
 - Parishes (average) 4.70%
 - WCC 3.00%

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

Nationwide House Price Index – National Parks Produce 22% Price Premium (Report from July 2017)

See the following link for more information:

https://www.nationwide.co.uk/-/media/MainSite/documents/about/house-price-index/2017/National_Parks_Special_2017.pdf

The Calor Rural Community Fund

Home energy provider, Calor, is offering deserving community projects the chance to win a total of 21 grants, with prize pots ranging from £1,000 to £5,000.

Rural communities off the mains gas grid can now submit their projects for funding, with previous winners including playground and village hall refurbishments, instruments for music banks and equipment for sports clubs.

For any questions or future information, please contact Natalie Isherwood or Lauryn Mellor on **01785 255146** or email natalie.isherwood@edsonevers.com or lauryn.mellor@edsonevers.com.

AQUIND Interconnector Consultation

For more details concerning the statutory consultation for AQUIND Interconnector, please visit the PC website at http://www.hambledon-pc.gov.uk/Parish_Council/Planning.aspx