

# News

Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

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## Village Fete 2017

Would you like to be involved?

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See page 4 for details



## Chairman's Annual Report

Please take a few moments to read the extract from the Parish Council's Chairman's Report for 2015-16, included inside this newsletter. This highlights some of the work carried out by the Parish Council last year. The full Report is available on our website at [www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)

## News from your Parish Council

Welcome to the summer issue of Parish Council News for 2016. This newsletter is delivered to every household in the Parish with copies to the sales offices at Wickhurst Green and aims to keep residents in touch with matters that may be of interest, including the Parish Council's activities and forthcoming meetings. The Parish Council would

like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who provided an article and positive and complimentary feedback on our previous editions. Don't forget, if you have something that you would like to see in the next edition, which will come out just before Christmas, please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details are on the back page).

## Scarecrow Weekend

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th September



Thanks to the fantastic success of the Scarecrow Weekend last year the Gala Association are delighted to announce that they will be running the event again this year.

As before, all households, businesses and organisations in the Village will be invited to display a scarecrow outside their house/premises or at prominent places in the Village. The

theme will be "Cartoon Characters" and we look forward to seeing some imaginative, creative scarecrows on the Scarecrow Trail. It was a really fun weekend last year and it was encouraging to see such a spirit of fun and community in the Village. Let's hope that we get even more entries than last year and that the sun shines for us again!

Further details, including an entry form can be found on our website: [www.broadbridgeheath.co.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath.co.uk). This year we will only be taking entries on line but if this causes a problem please contact me. I look forward to seeing you and your scarecrow on 24th/25th September.

Viv Edwards, Chairman, Broadbridge Heath Gala Association [viv@rh12.co.uk](mailto:viv@rh12.co.uk)



## Clerk's corner

🎵 The Clerk has got her hat on, hip hip hip hooray... the Clerk has got her hat on and Ollie wants to play. 🎵

I would like to start by telling you a little bit about what we have been doing so that everyone can come out and play and enjoy our lovely open spaces. John our Environment Officer has been busy painting swings and slides and has received many compliments about the smartened up play equipment, Thank You John. Caroline, the Assistant Clerk will be working with contractors on the installation of new play equipment in Singleton Road and we hope that this

will be in place by the end of the summer now that funding has been agreed. Good luck with this project Caroline.

We all take pride in keeping the play areas safe and looking their best so if you have anything to say about any of our recreation areas (good or bad) drop me an email or you can send me a text.

I do have some frustratingly annoying news and that is that on numerous occasions over the last few months we have had to report that our play areas are being used by groups of young people intent on drinking alcohol and smoking drugs. These young people are of school age and are in our play areas at all times of the day, even during school hours! For the safety of all, this behaviour will not be tolerated and the matter is firmly on Sussex Police's radar who have now stepped up patrols in our area. If you encounter anti-social behaviour in our play areas, please help by reporting it immediately to the police by telephoning 101 or report it on-line at <http://www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us/report-online/report-a-crime>

I also have one concern. May I politely ask dog owners to keep a close eye on their beloved pooches when they are exercising them on our open spaces just to ensure that they don't jump up and hurt, or get too close to and frighten youngsters, thank you.

Over the last few months I have been preparing the year end accounts and I am pleased to say that these have now been signed off by the Parish Council and our internal auditor and the published accounts can be viewed on our website. Over the summer, I will be working on achieving a local council award for your Parish Council; I'll tell you more about this next time.

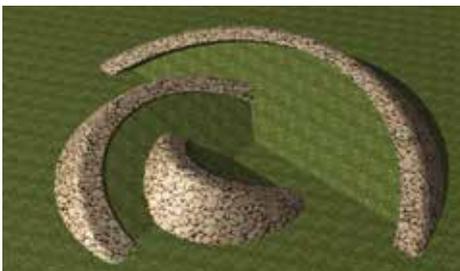
To close, have a great summer and don't hesitate to call me or drop me a line if you have any ideas as to further improvements we can make for our community, or simply just village matters that annoy you. We may not be able to fix them but we probably know someone who can.

Kind regards  
your Clerk *Mary*

## 'Bridging the Gap', Public Art for the New Neighbourhood

The Parish Council Annual Meeting of the Parish saw the first 'reveal' of the design work for the public art commissioned as part of the Wickhurst Green development. Resulting from a series of workshops with stakeholders including the Parish Council and local schools, this is the first time that the ideas have been publicly viewed and the response was overwhelmingly positive. Countryside Properties are delighted with the public response, and are looking forward to the next part of the process.

Designs from Will Nash use the local sandstone, and recycled stone from Christ's Hospital to create an installation called 'Tipped Circles' and two series of stones (pictured below) to be located along the pedestrian footpaths and key



junctions through the site. Designed to be 'perch height' the stones along the paths will have laser-cut imagery, some with repeated patterning, and some with a weathered image suggesting a lost memory. The 'Tipped Circles' will form part of an open play space where it can be viewed amongst the mature trees, suggesting a remnant of an earlier dwelling, and form an imaginative play feature or picnic destination.

The sculpture designed by Tim Ward called 'Bridges' features a number of arches etched with images from the past and the present. The arches have stainless steel exteriors with coloured steel interiors inset with the imagery and tiny LED lights to illuminate the historical references. Some of the images and text

to be included are still to be worked out, so don't be surprised if Tim pops up in the village from time to time. The sculpture is intended to form the threshold to the new neighbourhood centre creating a walk through feature (pictured below) to the new centre with its modern facilities whilst viewing the history of the area. A neat way of combining the past, present and future.

Both parts of the public art are being reviewed by the planning authority during June and July. Assuming that this part of the process is successful the programme for manufacture will be settled. The artworks by Will Nash will be installed first, likely to be during autumn 2016, and Tim Wards sculpture will be installed along with the works to the neighbourhood centre, likely to be later in 2017.

# Village plans and news



## News from the Wickhurst Green Development

As the Wickhurst Green Development is now moving into the final phases of development and current occupancies are now around 600 there is still a lot of changes taking place. Over the past few months we have seen the opening of the East-West Link Road reducing the time to get to Southwater and also eliminating the need to go past Tesco's to get to Horsham. We have also seen the introduction of the new Sussex Coaches 68 bus service running into town and to the train station on a 30 minute circular loop which has been warmly welcomed by the residents.

Over the next few months we will see the work starting on the play areas that will soon be installed and the delivery of a new noticeboard to display notices and information from the Parish Council.

Many people may be wondering what is happening with the open piece of land to the east of the development between the lanes and the A24; this area is to be turned into sports pitches. The pitch layout, soil specification and drainage design are all with Horsham District Council, the layout and specification has been provisionally approved and an architect is being sought to draft planning application drawings.

Residents continue to make great use of social networks such as Facebook to share information about the local area and to help with issues arising. The Parish Council has vacancies for councillors and it would be good to have some support from other residents from Wickhurst Green. If you would like to get involved please contact me, my name is John Newton and my details are on the back page.



## Planning application to develop the land north of the Old Guildford Road

Horsham District Council (HDC) has recently consulted the Parish Council on planning application DC/16/1073, a reserved matters application for the residential element of outline planning permission DC/13/2408, comprising 165 residential units, including 66 affordable units, and associated, parking, landscaping and open space.

The application can be viewed on the HDC website so if you would like to comment please go to the HDC website, select Planning, View or Comment on Planning applications, enter the application number DC/16/1073 and Search, then choose the tab 'Make a Comment'. Please note that the deadline for comments in the end of June.

## Work continues to redevelop the Village Centre, Wickhurst Lane

Many of you will know that representatives from the Parish Council and the Village Centre Management Committee are working together on a project to redevelop the Village Centre building in Wickhurst Lane using developer contributions. This project is progressing well with the first stage of consultation having taken place and the results reviewed.

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 16th May, residents were able to see the results of consultations which included a workshop for users and a questionnaire delivered to all households. If you would like to see more detail on the output from the workshop and the residents survey, please visit the parish council website [www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)

The next stages in the project will include visits to other halls in the area, work on the detailed plans for the centre, the appointment of an architect, further consultation with users and the production of a business plan.

Why not pop into the Social Club for a drink, enquire about becoming a member

and find out more about some of the activities in the hall which include dance classes, bingo and radio controlled cars. There is also a well-equipped play area just behind the centre which houses not only play equipment for toddlers and older children but there is exercise equipment too!



# Traffic calming for the village

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish on Monday 16th May, Wilbar Associates, West Sussex County Council's appointed traffic consultants displayed one aspect of the current plan for traffic calming in the village. Many questions were raised with regard to the scheme that is being proposed but what was not clear to some of those who viewed the plans that night was that the diagrams displayed only showed part of the proposed scheme i.e. reflected only one part of a wider scheme to manage and slow down traffic through the village.

We were disappointed that WSCC did not show all of the plans on the night as there are other planned works on the roundabouts at either end of the village and these will include gateways into the village. WSCC has also confirmed that they will be constructing a mini roundabout at the Billingshurst Road junction with Shelley Drive which will be part of the scheme to improve the A264 Five Oaks Rd roundabout. This scheme is part of the County Council's capital programme for 2016/17 although there is no firm date for construction as this depends on programming by the contractor and the availability of road space.

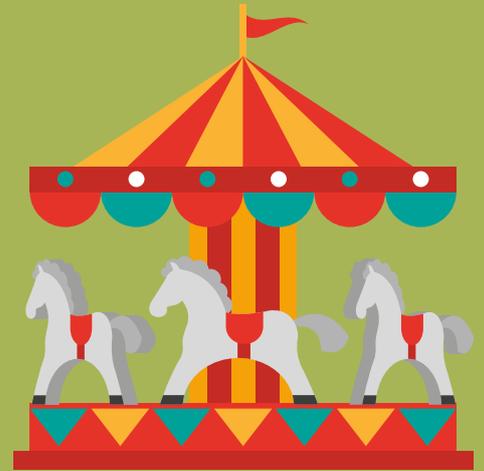
If you would like to see the latest plans they can be viewed on our website [www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk) and check out the agenda for Parish Council meetings to see if updated plans are being presented by WSCC.



# Family Funfair a date for your diary

As it continues to be very popular with families in the Village, the Parish Council has decided to allow Showtime Amusements to hold the funfair on The Common again this year on the weekend of Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th September. There will be a setting up and clearing away period which means the fair operators will be on the Common from Monday 19th until Monday 26th September 2016.

The fair will not open until the Friday night and will be open for a few hours on the Sunday so that families can enjoy this time. We are aware that this may cause some inconvenience to the residents but we have asked that this be kept to a minimum. Enjoy all the fun of the fair.



## Broadbridge Heath Gala Association



\*\*\*\***HOLD THE DATE**\*\*\*\*

**SATURDAY 10th JUNE 2017!**

By popular demand Broadbridge Heath Gala Association will be re-introducing the ever popular Village Fête next year.

The exact format is still to be decided but is likely to include stalls, side shows, entertainment, afternoon teas, a beer tent and arena events for all to enjoy.

Local organisations/groups/societies/businesses and residents will be invited to join in and make this a fun event for the whole village.

Further details will be available on our website later this year [www.broadbridgeheath.co.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath.co.uk), but in the meantime make sure Saturday 10th June 2017 is in your diary!

## Village Centre Social Club

**Sat 23rd July:**  
*live music with Red Tape*

**Sat 27th August:**  
*1st visit to the Club by The Gangsters*

**Sat 17th September:**  
*live music from Hounds of Sound*

**3rd Thursday of every month:**  
*Quiz Night*

For further details about the Club please see our website:  
[www.bbhvc.co.uk](http://www.bbhvc.co.uk)



## Overhanging vegetation

- As the bird-nesting season comes to an end, please take a look
- to see if your hedges or trees overhang a footpath or road?
- Think about footpath and road users and ensure that your
- hedges and trees are regularly trimmed back. Footpaths and
- roads can be dangerously narrowed by overhanging vegetation.
- Please spare a thought for the elderly, blind, wheelchair and
- pushchair users on footpaths and ensure that your hedgerow
- is regularly trimmed, so that they are not forced to walk into
- the road. You run the risk of formal notice from the County
- Council if you fail to keep overhanging vegetation under
- control, and could even face legal action from an injured
- member of the public.



# Extract of Chairman's report 2015-16

It would be wrong to start my annual report without first paying tribute to Malcolm Curnock who very sadly passed away earlier this year. Malcolm was our longest serving parish councillor and it was with great pride that he often told us how he had been involved since the formation of the Parish Council in 1987. It was a privilege for us as councillors to serve alongside someone who was so knowledgeable and passionate about our village.

Once it was known that Broadbridge Heath (BBH) was to virtually double in size, he worked hard both as a parish councillor, and as our district councillor for four years, to try and secure the best possible facilities and infrastructure for the growing village. His commitment to ensure that Broadbridge Heath had the recreation and sporting facilities, particularly for football, that it deserved was unwavering. It is tragic that he will not be around to see the plans that he was involved in for so many years, turn into reality.

Broadbridge Heath and the Parish Council owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Malcolm; we miss him.

Elections were held in May 2015 for both the Parish and District. Eleven parish councillors were 'elected' unopposed and this included two new faces – John Newton and Roy Neilson. Matthew French was elected as our new District Councillor. We extended a warm welcome to them all as we did to Christine Knight who joined us as a co-opted councillor in December.

We now have 11 councillors, two short of our full complement. If you care about your community, please do consider joining us. We are keen to see all areas of BBH fairly represented on the Parish Council so would particularly like to hear from residents in the newer part of the village.

In my last report I mentioned the number of changes that had taken place in the village during the last council's four-year term of office. We are currently at a stage when many of the plans for improvements and changes as a result of new development will, we hope, soon turn into reality. Suffice it to say, there are exciting times ahead!



**Viv Edwards**  
**Chairman**  
**Broadbridge Heath Parish Council**

*The full report includes reports from the Parish Council's committees and thanks to all those involved and previously involved with serving the parish.*

## Your District Councillor Matthew French



"It has been a busy time in the last few months and many of the loose ends will soon be tied up. I have

continued to work along side the parish council regarding various projects in Broadbridge Heath. The Leisure Centre is moving forward and I do hope you have been able to look at the latest plans that have been on display? This is still work in progress however we are still on course for completion in early 2018.

The other big issue for the village is the new school; again I am continuing to support and lobby all concerned in

ensuring we get the very best solution for the village and local community. As always I am more than happy to listen and help with any concerns you may have regarding Broadbridge Heath or Horsham District in general. Please feel free to contact me."

Regards

**Cllr Matthew French**  
**Member for Broadbridge Heath**

## Youth worker update

### Summer

This summer we are working with Brinsbury College to run a residential trip on 17-18th August, with activities like raft building and tree climbing for those in secondary school. We are also bringing our new mobile skate park to you on 30th August and other local villages across the district. To find out where, like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/CommunityYW](http://www.facebook.com/CommunityYW). On top of this, we are working with Leisure Link to put on some American Sports Days on 4th and 11th August.

### Schools work

For the last 3 years I have been going into Tanbridge House School, Forest Boys and Millais doing a variety of different activities and courses alongside other youth workers. These include: getting to know young people through detached work, informal drop ins, running an Alcohol Awareness Project (Mocktail Apprentice) and being part of the Eliv:8 team (this is a course on raising aspirations, self-esteem and challenging behaviour).

### Toasties Youth Club

Toasties, our Youth Club, has been running for over 2 years now, with great success. Thank you to our volunteers. It runs on Fridays from 6:30pm until 8pm in term time for those in school year 6-8. We meet in the Scout Hall. Throughout the evening we have games, crafts and other activities. It is a great opportunity for young people to hang out with their friends in a safe space. We have over 30 young people regularly attending.

### Social outings

We have been running socials over the year including a trip to Thorpe Park; all are advertised in the youth club and on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/CommunityYW](http://www.facebook.com/CommunityYW)

### Volunteer!

Successful community youth work can only happen when we have you on board. We have a great team of volunteers that support our youth club, socials and other activities but we are always looking for more help and support. From as little a commitment as one evening a term you can help continue the great work that is already going on with our amazing young people.

If you would like to know more about what I am doing or are interested in volunteering you can contact me Dan Fairchild on 07702 492841 [dan.fairchild@horsham-matters.org.uk](mailto:dan.fairchild@horsham-matters.org.uk)



# Your Parish Council

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**Environment Officer:** Mr John Pilkington is out and about in the village every weekday morning. If you are concerned about a particular area that needs John's attention please call him on his mobile on 07749 363454 or email [eo@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](mailto:eo@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)

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### Don't Tolerate it, Report it

Residents often contact the Clerk about problems around the village, which she duly forwards to the relevant authority. Please be aware that problems can also be reported directly to either Horsham District Council (for matters such as dog fouling, problems with the Acorn Plus scheme, fly tipping or fly posting, full litter or dog litter bins) or West Sussex County Council (for matters such as pot holes, dangerous footpaths, overgrown hedges or grass verges, damaged or dirty road signs, grass blocked drains etc.) Their contact details are:

#### Horsham District Council:

01403 215100 [www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk)

#### West Sussex County Council:

01243 777100 or [love.westsussex.gov.uk](http://love.westsussex.gov.uk) where you can sign in, raise a report and track progress. For Highways matters email [highways@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:highways@westsussex.gov.uk) or telephone 01243 642105

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## Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are open to the public and the press (who have a right to attend) and are preceded by a session for public comments. Council meetings take place in the St. John's Community Centre. Planning Meetings are subject to cancellation if there are no plans to discuss. Visit our website at [www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk) for agendas and minutes of previous meetings or view the notice boards at the One Stop shop, Billingshurst Road or The Village Centre, Wickhurst Lane. Start times can vary but usually are from 7:30pm.

## Forthcoming meetings 2016/17

4th July	Parish Council
18th July	Finance & Establishment
August	PC Recess
5th September	Parish Council
19 September	Recreation
3 October	Parish Council
17 October	Finance & Establishment
7 November	Parish Council
14 November	Recreation
21 November	Finance & Establishment
5 December	Parish Council
3rd January 2017	Parish Council