



# News

Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

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## Traffic calming for the village

West Sussex County Council has recently advised that they are to formally present a revised traffic calming scheme to the village early in the new year. The scheme will include a 20mph speed limit as well as other enhancements. Please look out for further details on noticeboards, our website and on Facebook.



## News from your Parish Council

Welcome to the winter 2016 issue of Parish Council News. This newsletter is delivered to every household in the parish with copies now being delivered to residents on the new estates. The newsletter aims to keep all 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 for the previous editions. Don't forget, if you have something that you would like to see in the next edition which will come out mid-June, please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details are on the back page).

## Redevelopment of the Village Centre

Since the update in the summer edition of this newsletter, members of the Village Centre Management Committee and Parish Council have visited village and community halls throughout Sussex to learn lessons from groups who have recently built or upgraded halls and to discuss the best practices for running them. This learning and inputs from the visioning meeting, questionnaire, parish meeting and our present user groups have been used to produce a design brief that we can give to an architect to draw some possible schemes for the future centre.

funding of the building work and to establish how a larger building can be successfully managed into the future.

If you would like to find out more about the project and how the work is progressing, why not pop along to the Village Centre and see the display in the entrance hall. The display together with the results of the residents' survey can also be found on the Village Centre tab on the Parish Council website [www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)

We are planning to have a public meeting early next year to exhibit possible designs and get your feedback. In the meantime, we continue to develop business plans to support the

**If you want to make a difference and be part of the project team then contact me at [england.j@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](mailto:england.j@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)**

***Jonathan England,  
Chairman of the Village Centre  
Development Committee***



**It is with great sadness that I will be leaving the Parish Council (PC) in the new year. I joined the council on 1st January 2008, nearly nine years ago, wow how time has flown!**

Looking back, I have thoroughly enjoyed these years. Whilst I have had a few sleepless nights, for example when travellers decided to use our beautiful recreation ground as a stopover (my phone was red hot for a few days!), I have had many happy times. I will remember those that I have been able to help, the sense of achievement when

new play equipment is installed or when an area gets a smart new look like the war memorial. I shall recall the joy of seeing trees that have been planted grow, the feeling of accomplishment when I pick up the phone to report a problem and its fixed the next day or just seeing the kids and dog walkers enjoying a wonderfully kept green space.

I do however have two regrets... firstly, I wish I had been able to see allotments in the village. Would you believe that a Mr Ellis asked to go on our waiting list on 25th Sept 1987, yes nearly 30 years ago! And secondly, it would have been great to see play areas in the new development. Unfortunately it now looks like the young people will have new play equipment as an Easter present rather than for Christmas. I have seen the plans though for the allotments and play areas and they will be worth waiting for.

I have worked with some lovely people over the years and am always in awe that councillors give up so much of their free time for the village. I would like to

thank them all but especially Viv Edwards who has been my Chairman and trusty guide from day one, thank you Viv for all your support over the years. To my work colleagues past and present and to all others who I have worked alongside, it has been a pleasure, thank you for your help and for pointing me in the right direction on many occasion.

There are exciting times ahead for Broadbridge Heath, some of which are mentioned in this newsletter. The village shall have a new look centre as well as redesigned outside space so I would encourage everybody in the village to get behind this project. Other villages have a wonderful community space, a central hub enjoyed by all, Broadbridge Heath should have one too. So spread the word and get on board now.

So farewell, I wish your lovely village all the best for the future and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**With kind regards  
from your Clerk Mary**



## Welcome colour next spring

**Thousands of bulbs have been planted at both ends of the Billingshurst Road to give some welcome colour next spring. With the help of a 15-strong team from Horsham Green Gym, narcissi and crocus bulbs were planted at the western end at the beginning of November. Later in the month, councillors with the help of our Environment Officer, John, planted crocus bulbs in three circles at the eastern end by the Shell garage. Chair of the Environment and Recreation Committee, Terry Oliver, voiced his thanks to Horsham Green Gym for their hard and extremely efficient work with the bulb planting.**

These new bulbs will add additional colour to those planted last year by the village signs, and it is hoped to make this an ongoing project to make attractive floral features throughout the entire village, in both the old and new development.



## Bag it, Tie it, Bin it.

Regretfully, complaints of the unnecessary addition of dog faeces on many of our lovely walks and open spaces are on the increase. To those who do not pick up after their beloved pooch, please don't leave home without a supply of poo bags and watch your dog when off the leash; don't let them wander off and do their business unattended.



## Bag it, Tie it, Bin it

**Let's clean up dog fouling**

Not cleaning up after your dog means you could receive a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice

To report dog fouling call 01403 733144



**DOG FOULING - pick it up**

horsham.gov.uk



Horsham District Council

# Chairman's message

Welcome to the winter edition of this newsletter. I am delighted to say that for the first time in many years we now have our full complement of councillors. Earlier this year we welcomed Philip Hobgen and Jeanne Coker as co-opted members which brings us up to the full number of 13 parish councillors designated to represent Broadbridge Heath.

The development to the south of the village continues to keep us busy. We continue to have ongoing discussions with Horsham District Council (HDC) and other involved organisations on issues such as plans for the new Neighbourhood Centre, recreation areas including the football pitches and pavilion, open spaces and allotments. Of course, much attention has been focused on the future of Shelley Primary School and we are working with representatives of the school, HDC and West Sussex County Council to find a way forward to provide the best possible primary education for children in the village.

The new east-west link road opened just before Christmas last year but we are

still waiting for traffic calming in the village. The latest update on this from West Sussex County Council (WSCC) is that they will be consulting on a Traffic Regulation Order early in 2017. The Parish Council has asked WSCC to display their plans at a special meeting hosted by the PC so that residents can see the proposed scheme and comment on the same. We have also asked for an update on the downgrading of the old bypass. Please keep an eye on agendas on the noticeboard and website for a possible meeting date.

In the autumn, we commented on the detailed plans for the development north of Old Guildford Road. Although we had some objections, the plans were passed by HDC and work on the site is expected to start in the near future. After many years of discussions, work is also expected to start soon on the new Leisure Centre, in future to be known as The Bridge.

Our programme of smartening up the village has continued this year with the provision of summer flowering hanging baskets in the centre of the

village. Even more bulbs have been planted and it is hoped that next spring the two main entrances to the village will have a colourful, vibrant display of seasonal flowers. If you have any ideas for smartening and brightening up the village we would love to hear them.

I am sorry to say that Mary Burroughs who is our Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer will be leaving us in the New Year. Mary has been with us for nine years and has been an integral part of the Parish Council. We have very much valued her hard work, tenacity and her ability to always want the best for the village. We wish her well in the future – we will miss her! The Parish Council are in the process of recruiting a new Clerk and will announce Mary's successor as soon as they are appointed.

It just remains for me to wish you all, on behalf of the Parish Council, a Happy Christmas and very best wishes for the New Year.

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



## Scarecrow weekend 24th and 25th September 2016

The second Scarecrow Event in the village proved to be an even more resounding success than the first. Over 30 entrants took part including individual households and families as well as groups and organisations within the village. The theme was Cartoon/Animation characters and participants were asked to leave their scarecrow outside from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Trail maps were distributed and the weekend of 24th and 25th September saw a steady stream of people on foot, bike or in the car following the Scarecrow Trail around the



village. A tremendous amount of effort had been put into making the scarecrows and it certainly presented the judges with a really tough job. Our thanks to them for taking on a difficult task with such commitment.

We obviously have some very creative people in Broadbridge Heath, but after much deliberation it was the Mills family who were winners in the individual category for putting together a spectacular I Am Groot – the judges commented that 'it was beautifully constructed'.

In the group category, the winners were Broadbridge Heath Senior Football Club with the Mario Brothers who impressed the judges with their really well made outfits and matching accessories.



The Gala Association would like to congratulate not only the winners but everyone who entered and was involved over the weekend. Yet again, it has been very encouraging to see such a spirit of fun and community in the village. Well done Broadbridge Heath!

**Viv Edwards, Broadbridge Heath Gala Association**

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

**Village Fete 2017**

**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!

Would you like to be involved? Contact [viv@rh12.co.uk](mailto:viv@rh12.co.uk)

# Making room for nature

Open space and places where wildlife can thrive are increasingly in short supply in Broadbridge Heath. However, plans are being developed to create a new conservation area on Common Land at Byfleets Lane on the northern edge of the village, adjacent to the cricket ground.

The land is already used by a variety of woodland birds, including Goldcrest, Bullfinch, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Tawny Owl and various species of tit and warbler, although most of these species are unlikely to breed here at present as the habitat is unsuitable.

Habitat improvement should benefit national conservation priority species such as the Bullfinch.

Until last year this area was used by young people for dirt jumps biking but for a variety of reasons the Parish Council has had to close the jumps.

## Letting in the sunlight

The area is dark and overgrown with rank vegetation in places so sun-loving

insects such as butterflies and bees are rarely seen.

The careful clearance of Sycamore saplings, damaged trees and other vegetation will let in sunlight which will encourage wild flowers to germinate and become established.

Some initial improvements have already been carried out including levelling an area of mounds and uneven ground in the middle of the site and the original path has been reinstated and a new circular route is being created to allow visitors to enjoy a walk around the area.

Future plans include sowing a wildflower seed mixture to create a nectar-rich wildflower meadow area that will be attractive to butterflies, bees and other insects; planting trees and shrubs to provide nest sites for birds and food for the caterpillars of butterflies and moths; and putting up bat boxes and bird nest boxes.

The rare Brown Hairstreak butterfly has been spotted near the site. It lays its eggs on young Blackthorn. Plans include planting Blackthorn whips to provide opportunities for this species to thrive.

As habitat improvements are made and wildlife gradually returns to this



area, the Parish Council hope that local residents will enjoy visiting and walking around the area.

## Join our new group of local volunteers and shape the future of this area

The work to improve this area is being coordinated by the Parish Council, with advice from local conservation experts. However, we would like to hear from anyone with suggestions for further improvements or if you would like to join a new group which is being established to carry out wildlife surveys and habitat monitoring and management. **If you are interested please contact the Clerk or Councillor Terry Oliver, details are on the back page.**

From April 2018, Horsham District Council, will be changing the way household waste is collected. The new service will still be as efficient and is designed to primarily improve recycling.

## Your District Councillor Matthew French



The side-loading vehicles that are now very dated are costly to maintain, so the more common rear loading vehicles, which are approximately £100,000 cheaper per vehicle, will be purchased.

Our recycling in the district is excellent however, we are still putting between 20% to 25% of what can be recycled in our residual waste bins therefore HDC will be encouraging residents to do more recycling. With the introduction of new vehicles and an alternate weekly collection, Horsham District Council will be making a saving of nearly £1 million. This is vital as we need to find savings due to council funding from central government being cut by 60%.

This is one of many things that HDC is looking at to ensure we will not have to raise Council Tax above the rate of inflation.

I will be holding a surgery for any Broadbridge Heath residents that would like to speak to me about any matters relating to the local area or the district in general. This will be on Saturday 4th March 2017 between 10 am and Noon at St John's Community Hall. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Regards, Councillor Matthew French, Member for Broadbridge Heath, Horsham District Council**

• **Did you know that West Sussex County Council offers a range of funding opportunities to community organisations. The Community Initiative Fund provides small grants to assist local community projects in reaching new people, developing services and supporting the local economy and encouraging community growth and self-reliance.**

• There is no upper limit on how much funding you can request but committees will very rarely issue an award above £2,500. A higher-limit application would need to show considerable additional funding and strong community support for the initiative. **Applications can be made online or by contacting [talkwithus@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:talkwithus@westsussex.gov.uk)**

• Faults or problems with roads, pavements and verges can be reported online using the Love West Sussex website (<http://love.westsussex.gov.uk>) You can report problems such as potholes, non-illuminated bollards, road flooding, overgrown vegetation and damaged pavements. You can upload photos of the problem and track the progress of repairs and if you use a smartphone or tablet to report from the location of the fault it can also use your location to show the highways team exactly where problem is. You can also phone 01243 642105.

• Also, if you want to report a problem with streetlights you can do so at [www.lightsoninwestsussex.co.uk](http://www.lightsoninwestsussex.co.uk) or by calling 0800 048 2435.

• **Regards David Sheldon, Member for Broadbridge Heath, West Sussex County Council**

## Your County Councillor David Sheldon

# Community youth worker update

## Youth Clubs

In September we had the joy of welcoming the new year 6's to the youth club and welcomed back the old cohort to Toasties Youth Club. This has all been possible thanks to our great team of volunteers. We meet in the Scout Hut where 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. If you are in school years 6 to 8, come along and join in the fun.

## BBH Seniors NEW!!!

We have started a new youth club for those in school year 9 and over. This runs every Thursday in term time at St. Johns Community Hall, 7 till 8:30pm. A place to relax with friends, listen to music, play games and be yourself.

## Where have we been and what are we doing?

We have organised several social outings this year including most recently a trip to Airhop. At Christmas, there will be a film night and in the February half term we will be running a pop up skate-park in a local warehouse. There will be two mobile skate parks and much more including a social space with sofas and a pool table.

In addition to village run clubs and trips we also run other activities like the Café Nero project in Horsham where we take over Café Nero from 6:00pm till 8:30pm on Friday evenings during the winter months, offering a buy one get one free for all young people in school years 8 till sixth-form. The hot chocolates are very popular!

To keep up to date on all trips, activities and youth club information, like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CommunityYW](http://www.facebook.com/CommunityYW)

## Schools Work

For the last three years, Community Youth Work has been visiting Tanbridge House, Forest Boys and Millais Schools alongside other youth workers from the area. Activities have included running an Alcohol Awareness Project (Mocktail Apprentice) and being part of the Eliv:8 team, a course on raising aspirations, self-esteem and challenging behaviour.

## Volunteer!

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

If you would like to find out more, contact me:



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## Christmas and New Year at the Village Centre



Thursday 15th December:  
Christmas Quiz at 8.30pm

Saturday 17th December:  
Christmas Draw & Disco, Draw at 8.00pm

Sunday 18th December:  
Children's Christmas Party, 2.00 to 4.00pm, followed by Xmas Meat Draw

Christmas Eve: Family Disco

New Years Eve: Live Music with Red Tape

The Committee and Staff wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Annual accounts and precept requirements 2017/8

The PC's annual accounts have been signed off by PKF Littlejohn, our external auditors and can be viewed on the PC's website.

The precept, the amount of Council Tax requested by the Parish Council (PC), will be agreed at the PC meeting in January. As always, the PC is keen to ensure that its priorities and initiatives reflect the wishes of the electorate. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we spend the annual precept, we would be most pleased to hear from you. Also, don't forget that the Parish Council has a small fund for helping local organisations. Details of our grant awarding policy and an application form can be found on our website.

## Bus services to Broadbridge Heath

At the Parish Council meeting in November, Councillors discussed the details of a request, supported by a petition signed by around 100 people, for a sustainable evening and Sunday bus service. If you would like to see the petition it can be found at [www.change.org/p/provide-broadbridge-heath-with-a-sustainable-evening-and-sunday-bus-service](http://www.change.org/p/provide-broadbridge-heath-with-a-sustainable-evening-and-sunday-bus-service)

Bus companies have advised that it is not possible without funding to provide more services and suggested approaching the Parish Council.

Whilst it is West Sussex County Council's responsibility to subsidise bus services they will only do this if a route is well used. Bus companies have advised that it is not possible without funding to provide more services and they have suggested that this matter be considered by the Parish Council.

It was also suggested that the PC may like to work with other councils to introduce/improve evening and Sunday services on routes 63, 93 and 100.

Before pursuing this further, the Parish Council would like to gauge the strength of feeling for an extended service to/from Horsham in the evenings and on a Sunday and potentially whether residents would be prepared to pay for this from precept.

If an extended service is something that you would like to see, please contact the Clerk.

# Your Parish Council

For further information visit the Parish Council website  
[www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)

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**Assistant Clerk:** The position is currently vacant

**Environment Officer:** Mr John Pilkington is out and about in the village most week days. If you are concerned about an area in the village that needs John's attention, please call him on his mobile on 07749 363454 or contact the Clerk.

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## Useful Numbers

**Sussex Police:** Call 101 or email  
[HorshamNPT@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:HorshamNPT@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

### Don't Tolerate it, Report it

Please be aware that problems around the village can 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, hedges encroaching on WSCC's Highways, blocked drains) etc.

**Horsham District Council:**  
01403 215100 or visit [www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk)

**West Sussex County Council:**  
01243 777100 or visit [www.love.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.love.westsussex.gov.uk)

**West Sussex County Council Highways:** 01243 642105

## Refuse and recycling over the Christmas and New Year period

Additional blue topped bin recycling collections will be scheduled to deal with festive packaging. For full information, householders are encouraged to use the personalised collection calendar on the Horsham District Council website at [www.horsham.gov.uk/bins/bin\\_calendars](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/bins/bin_calendars)

## Forthcoming meetings 2017

Monday 9th January	Parish Council
Monday 6th February	Parish Council
Monday 6th March	Parish Council
Monday 3rd April	Parish Council
Monday 17th April	Annual Parish (to be confirmed)
Monday 8th May	Annual Council (to be confirmed)
Monday 5th June	Parish Council
Monday 3rd July	Parish Council

Meeting dates for Planning, Recreation and Finance committees can be found on the website.

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## Parish Council Meetings

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