

# News

from Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

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The Parish Council Newsletter is just over two years old and continues to go from strength to strength with an increasing number of village organisations keen to be involved. If you would like to submit an article, please contact the Clerk, Mary Burroughs – contact details on page 6.

I had hoped to be able to report the result of the decision about the outline planning application for the proposed new development south of the village, in this Newsletter. This was due to take place on 16th November, but it transpires that the developers (Countryside Properties) asked for the determination to be postponed. At the moment we have not been informed of the reason for this and are still waiting for a new date.

There are still many aspects of the development that we are concerned about, but we continue to fight for the best outcome for the village. Given the proposed new highway layout, traffic calming will be crucial. This Parish Council (PC) has always been of the opinion that this should be the subject of public consultation and, after some pressure, Countryside Properties prepared a leaflet which should have been delivered to all households in the village. Residents were asked to give their opinion about three possible options for traffic calming. Concerned that the leaflet was confusing, the PC arranged an open meeting on 19th October. This was well attended and it was encouraging to hear a number of alternative ideas as to how an increase

in traffic, particularly along Billingshurst and Old Guildford Roads, could be avoided. These will be discussed at future meetings, but it must be pointed out that this was the first stage of the process and, given the timescales involved, we are unlikely to see any significant form of traffic calming for some years to come. The PC will endeavour to keep villagers involved in future decisions regarding this important aspect of village life.

The composition of the Parish Council has seen several changes in the last few months. We were very sad to receive the resignation of Sally Horner who, as many of you know, is starting a new life in sunnier climes. Sally was a Parish Councillor for nearly 25 years and felt that it was time for a rest! I would like to thank Sally for all the time and hard work she has invested over the years on behalf of Broadbridge Heath. Her sound advice and guidance will be much missed, although I am pleased to say that as Sally continues to represent the village on the District Council, we are still able to tap into her wealth of knowledge.

I would like to welcome two new councillors, Sue Bacon and Linda Grant who, I am sure, will make a valuable contribution to the Council in the months to come.

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**



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## A Christmas Poem from your PCSO Jeff Grant, Broadbridge Heath and Warnham

*Christmas time is here again, the presents under the tree  
It's cold outside, the days are short, but not much time  
is free*

*There's shopping to be done, family to receive*

*But what happens next is hard to believe*

*Whilst you were out shopping for Christmas Turkey*

*Your home was entered by a criminal called Lurkey*

*He entered your home through an unlocked door*

*And stole all the presents right there off the floor*

*Lurkey was happy with your laptop and CD's*

*He doesn't care about you, your friends or their families*

*You made a mistake that will stay with you for life*

*So be sure to take Police advice*

Please firmly secure your property at all times and make sure that Lurkey does not spoil your Christmas. Have a very safe and Merry Christmas from PCSO Jeff Grant and all the officers and staff at Horsham Police Station.

## Gala Association Fireworks and Bonfire

A spectacular firework display (by Aurora Fireworks) and a brightly burning bonfire were enjoyed by what appeared to be a record-breaking crowd on Saturday 6th November. Prior to this, a torchlight procession had wended its way through the village to the field behind the Village Centre having set out earlier from Sullington Mead with a fire engine and police vehicle joining in, to add to the fun.

It is only possible to hold this event due to the hard work and commitment of the committee, their friends and family, volunteers from various local organisations and our numerous sponsors. Grateful thanks to you all – hope to see you next year!

P.S. For information about the Gala Association and their various events please visit [www.broadbridgeheath.co.uk](http://www.broadbridgeheath.co.uk). If any village organisation would like to set up their own page on the website to explain what they do and give information about future events, please contact the administrator (contact details on website).

### Broadbridge Heath Village Centre Social Club

#### Christmas/New Year Entertainment

**Sat 18th Dec: Xmas Draw and Disco**

**Sun 19th Dec: Childrens Xmas party  
& Xmas Meat Draw**

**Tues 21st Dec: Xmas Quiz,  
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But what if you live in a 'out of range' or poor internet speed area? You have a disadvantaged lifestyle because of your postcode. Well now you can do something about it!

WSCC are asking residents, communities and businesses to complete a questionnaire that will enable them to build a case to put to BT Openreach and the Internet Service Providers, on your behalf, to improve broadband in the County.

Your role is essential to making sure that our voice is heard and that we are at the top of the queue when BT make the decision to improve broadband in West Sussex.

WSCC are looking for responses from the widest possible cross section, especially from two key audiences: those without any connection and small to medium size businesses. What can YOU do to help? Very simple – complete the questionnaire.

Hard copies of the questionnaire can be obtained from the library and for those who do have internet access an on-line questionnaire is available at: [westsussex.gov.uk/broadband](http://westsussex.gov.uk/broadband). If you require an individual hard copy of the questionnaire – please ring 01243 382147 and one will be sent to you.

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## Horsham District Council Health Walks

All welcome to guided, free, sociable, HDC walks led by trained volunteers; no need to book, just turn-up at the start point (15 minutes earlier for new registrations). A programme booklet containing details of walks is available by contacting the Walks Co-ordinator on 01403 215269 or from the website (enter Horsham DC Walks on a search site, e.g. Google).



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Please take a look at [www.sussexsaferoads.gov.uk](http://www.sussexsaferoads.gov.uk) to learn more about how to keep our roads safe. There you will find information on Sussex Safer Roads activities in and around the Sussex area. There is also a useful link to Operation Crackdown where any member of the public can report anti social driving and abandoned vehicles simply and easily ([www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org)).

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In October, it was brought to our attention by Sussex Police that slides had been stolen from playgrounds in a neighbouring county; probably for their scrap value. The cost of replacing our play equipment would run into thousands of pounds and the Parish Council would like to ask residents who live close to our play areas to be vigilant and report any incidents of criminal activity by calling 999 and reporting the matter to the police immediately noting the relevant details e.g. description of those involved, vehicle(s) etc.

## The Ducky

Maintenance of the Ducky and its immediate surroundings has been a feature of the Parish Council's plan for 2010. As well as the spring clean in May, by members of Horsham Green Gym (HGG), another visit is planned by HGG by year end to carry out further work which will include coppicing. Some remedial tree work has also been carried out and the Parish Council commissioned an expert report in September to provide advice on the future maintenance of the pond. The Parish Council has reviewed the recommendations contained within the report and has taken the appropriate action.

## Reporting problems to HDC or WSCC – Keep our village looking at its best

The Parish Council would like to draw attention to a really easy way for our residents with internet access to report problems that they spot around the village. Issues such as abandoned vehicles, broken street lights, graffiti, litter and potholes may be reported by going to the Horsham District Council home page at [www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk) On the home page you will find a section entitled **What do you want to do?** followed by an option to 'Report' and 'Please Select' where there is a list of drop down options. Click on the problem you would like to report and then 'Do It' to be transferred to a page where you can provide details about the problem that you have spotted.

## Acorn Plus – Recycling Scheme

The scheme was introduced in the summer and has now had time to 'bed in'. If you have problems with bin collections please note that information about the Acorn Plus Scheme is available online at [www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk) or you can email specific problems to [AcornPlus@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:AcornPlus@horsham.gov.uk) or speak to a Customer Service Advisor on 01403 793459.



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# BBH Football Club



Broadbridge Heath Football Club put together a new management team for the start of the season. Steve Painter was appointed First Team Manager, assisted by Sam Chapman and complemented by Coaches Steve Hoare and Damian Francis, and almost halfway through the season I'm pleased to say that "The Bears" have made a significant improvement on last season. They currently sit in mid-table in the Sussex County League Division 3 and have made progress in two of the three cup competitions. The club's emphasis on developing youth players from the Junior section remains as important as ever, with no fewer than 15 players having progressed from junior level to participate in first team football already this season.

The Reserve team have also had an overhaul with former Junior team managers Mick Robinson and Mike Balfour stepping up to the challenges of adult football. Once again the team has consisted of mainly local players, many of whom have progressed from the Junior section.

This season, Heath is running two Under 18 sides. Last year's Under 16 team, managed by Neil Brewster have joined the Arun & District League. After six games they have maximum points and are sitting proudly at the top of the division, which is quite a feat when you consider most of them should be playing in an age group a year below them.

Our other Under 18 team, managed by Chris Higgins, play in the Sussex County Football League. This is their second season in the County Division having played a year above their age group last season. They currently sit mid-table, which again is quite an achievement when you consider that several of the players are also involved with the adult teams on a Saturday, and as a result they often have to miss out much of the game on a Sunday.

Of course without the kind sponsorship that the Football Club receives, none of this would be possible. Pitch hire fees at the Leisure Centre are in the region of £1,200 per month, and it's a real challenge to the committee to keep the club going. We are therefore very grateful to our main sponsor "The Shelley Arms" for their kind support, along with Crawley Indian restaurant IMLI our new first team sponsors, and Brock Taylor Estate Agents who now sponsor the Reserve Team kit.

The Club are always looking for people to get involved in some way, on or off the pitch, so if you would like to join this very friendly local club then please don't hesitate in contacting us, especially Russian or Middle Eastern billionaires.



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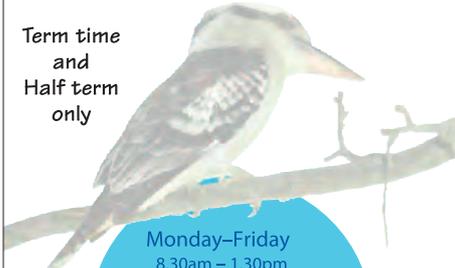
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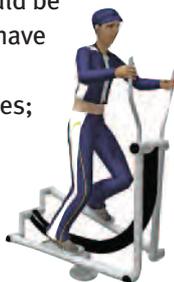
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## Charrington Way Outdoor Exercise Equipment

In our last two magazines the Parish Council has indicated that it is their intention to upgrade the play area by adding 'an outdoor gym'. This description has perhaps conjured up visions of there being a full range of gym equipment on the playing field. This is not the case; the Parish Council merely want to add a few more pieces of equipment that complement the existing play equipment. Equipment such as a ski-stepper, a health walker or a power push would provide similar benefits to those found in an indoor gym only they would be outside. Some residents have expressed concern about potential car parking issues; the Parish Council does not feel that this will be an issue as there are only going to be a few pieces of equipment.



## 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. The Parish Council Meetings for the first quarter of 2011 are:  
**January 4th or 5th** (check notice-boards or the website)  
**February 7th**  
**March 7th.** All starting at 8.00pm.

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