

# News

from Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

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## Acorn Plus Scheme New Blue Topped Recycling Bins

HDC has recently been in touch with the Parish Council to advise that residents of Broadbridge Heath will be receiving new recycling bins (blue-topped) around the end of June. HDC will be attending our Parish Council Meeting on 7th June to explain how the scheme will work and answer any questions that we may have.

### So what is likely to happen next?

HDC will deliver a leaflet to all residents 3 to 6 weeks before the new bins arrive which will provide more information on the following:

- The new bin will have a green body and a blue lid, there will be no hidden electronic chips and will be free to residents to keep; it will replace the baskets which can be used as handy storage containers;
- As well as newspapers, magazines, cans and plastic bottles you will be able to recycle more things including glass bottles and jars, corrugated card, all paper (except that which has been shredded) etc. A full list of recyclable

items and what cannot be placed in the new bin will be provided when you receive your information pack from HDC;

- The new-wheeled bin will be collected fortnightly and a detailed collection calendar will be provided when your bin is delivered. Other collection services i.e. green garden waste (fortnightly) and refuse (weekly) will remain the same although the collection day may change;
- New innovative 'side loading' collection vehicles will work differently to deliver the improved recycling service. The information pack will outline the changes that you may have to make to ensure that your bin is collected.

HDC advise that the improved Acorn Plus service builds on the current Acorn scheme, reducing the amount sent to landfill by 15% and increasing recycling to 50% or more. If you want to find out more visit [www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk) and follow the Acorn Plus link or telephone **01403 739459**.

## Charrington Way green space – Have your say

The Parish Council is considering new facilities at the Charrington Way green space and is keen to work with and consult the local community. One idea is to provide an outdoor gym with fitness equipment for 'seniors'. Outdoor gyms are becoming increasingly popular and everyone can use the equipment; there would be a minimum age limit but no maximum! There is no entry fee, no dress code and an outdoor gym would provide a great opportunity for all community members to enjoy fitness and healthy active living for free. We would like to hear from you if you like the sound of this idea or indeed have another idea as to how we can improve the facilities. Please contact the Clerk (see back cover) with your thoughts and ideas.



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# Annual Parish Meeting

Summary of Chairman's Report 2009-10  
(full report available on website)

**As the tier of local government closest to the people of Broadbridge Heath (BBH), the Parish Council has been involved in many issues throughout the last year that impact on daily life in our village including housing, recreation, transport and the environment. In some cases, our powers have allowed us to take direct action e.g. management of recreational space and the collection of litter in the village. In other areas, such as housing, planning and highways, our role has been to ensure that the views of BBH residents are represented to higher authorities such as Horsham District Council (HDC) and West Sussex County Council (WSCC).**

Broadbridge Heath Parish Council should consist of 13 councillors (all volunteers), but we are currently one member short due to the resignation of Tony Blann earlier this year. I would like to thank Tony for his work on behalf of the village. If you are interested in the future of our village and would like to join us as a co-opted Councillor, please come along to one of our meetings to see what is involved.

We know that the circulation of a regular magazine with details of what is happening in the village is important and hopefully you will have seen the latest issue of the Village Magazine (published in February) which is organised and edited by the Parish Council. Throughout the last few years, the magazine has undergone many changes and it is now in a format that is self-funding and, we hope, sustainable.

Don't forget that our website also contains general information about the village and PC. If you would like any relevant local information included please email the [clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk).

In my report last year, I mentioned that following the award of the Big Lottery Grant, work on the new improved Play Area and Youth Shelter behind the Village Centre was almost complete. The official opening was on 20th June and I am pleased to say that the new equipment has been a great success.

Unfortunately, some of the swings at the Village Centre and Common play areas have been damaged recently by what appears to be teeth marks of dogs who we understand have been encouraged to hold onto the seats of the swings. This does constitute criminal damage so please, if you see this

happening, report it immediately to the police on 999. It is sad that this equipment, which gives pleasure to so many children, can be abused in this thoughtless manner.

Despite this, the Recreation Committee is determined to continue improving the play equipment in our other play areas and is also exploring the possibility of installing some outdoor fitness equipment for older age groups (see front cover).

The lack of allotments is an ongoing problem in the village and one that the Parish Council has been trying to solve for some years. We have had meetings with local land owners and did find some suitable land last year, but unfortunately the owners were only prepared to let us have a short term lease – no use for anyone wanting to establish an allotment. However, we have not given up hope and are continuing our search with help from HDC and WSCC.

I am glad to say that the installation of new stronger metal posts around the perimeter of the Common deterred any visitors last summer, but please remain vigilant. If you see any unauthorised person or vehicle trying to enter the Common, report it immediately to the Police on 0845 60 70 999 or, if any damage to property is being committed, call 999.

The Finance Committee oversees the income and expenditure of the Parish Council and our accounts are audited every year. I am pleased to say that our last audit report concluded that the PC runs its finances in a sound and sensible manner and fully discharged its legal and statutory responsibilities. The Annual Accounts for the last financial year (2009/10) will be available for inspection from June 2010.

Mindful of the difficult economic times, the Parish Council has only increased the precept by 1.3% for 2010/11. It has been set at £48,280, which for a property in Band D equates to approximately £41.39, an increase of just 47 pence over last year.

The Parish Council is aware of the enormous contribution made to the community by various organisations that operate in the village, most of which are run by volunteers. We do have some funds available to support such organisations and in the last year awards included £750 to the Junior Football Club and £2,700 to the Youth Club. A small grant was also made to a

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## Spring Clean

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group of enterprising youngsters in the village who came and presented their plans to us for repairing and improving the dirt jumps at the BMX track in Byfleets Lane.

The Youth Club, which started last year at the Leisure Centre, has been a great success and I would like to congratulate them on being awarded 'Best New Youth Club' in the Horsham District together with Partridge Green. At the last count, there were apparently 200+ members with approximately 95% of them residents of Broadbridge Heath. The grant from the Parish Council has allowed a third youth worker to be employed to help with the increase in numbers.

Our PCSO Jeff Grant continues to be active and has recently been promoting the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village. As some of you may be aware, this has also been extended to some of the younger members of our community. Speeding in the village continues to be a hot topic and Jeff has been working with some local volunteers to promote SID, a device which flashes up the speed of oncoming cars and is used as a deterrent. For further information see page 5.

Planning continues to be an important area for the Parish Council, although we saw a marked decline in the number of applications last year – probably due to a combination of the uncertain economic climate and changes in planning laws which mean that owners are now able to make less radical changes to their properties without planning permission.

On a strategic level, the Parish Council is still very much involved in the various stages of planning for the proposed new development West of Horsham. Councillors continue to represent the village at meetings of the Reference Group

## Dog Fouling £100 Reward

Horsham District Council Wardens are investigating an increasing number of reports of dog fouling in the village, particularly in the Billingshurst and Wickhurst Roads. A £100 reward is on offer for information leading to the detection of any person not disposing of dog mess lawfully. **Call the Wardens on 01403 215186.** Note free dog waste bags are available from HDC at Park House, North Street, Horsham.

where issues concerning the development are discussed. In November 2009, Countryside Properties submitted a new outline planning application for the area to the South of Broadbridge Heath for 963 residential units, community facilities, highways and various other works. The Parish Council reviewed this application and submitted a detailed response to HDC. **For the latest information on the new development please see the article on page 5.**

In closing, I have many people to thank, all of whom contribute to the smooth running of the Parish Council and community of Broadbridge Heath. Jim Cate our Litter Warden who is out in all weathers continues to provide an invaluable service, for which we are all grateful. Thanks also to Mary Burroughs our Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer who carries out a difficult job with great enthusiasm and, since gaining her CiLCA qualification recently (congratulations!), with increasing expertise. Also, Helen Dayneswood, the Clerk for Strategy and Development, who is to be admired for her knowledge for all things relating to the LDF.

I must also thank my fellow Councillors, in particular Malcolm Curnock – Vice Chairman, Geoff Clark – Chairman of the Planning Committee and Judith Jones – Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

**Viv Edwards**  
**Chairman, Broadbridge Heath Parish Council – April 2010**

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Club sessions run throughout the year for players of all ages and abilities. The Club also runs a series of American Tournaments during the summer months and for the more competitive, there is the Annual Club Tournament.



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Further details of BBHTC can be found on the following website: [www.bbhtc.co.uk](http://www.bbhtc.co.uk). Alternatively, should you wish to speak with someone regarding club details, please ring either Sue Whitty on 01403 260568 or Ann Lines on 01403 790503.

## Grass verge parking is not only anti-social but it is spoiling the look of our village!

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints from residents in Sullington Mead and Corsletts Avenue with regard to the appalling state of some of the verges in these areas. The Parish Council respectfully asks that residents refrain from parking their vehicles on the verges. Please protect the area

around your home and give some thought as to how unsightly muddy rutted verges look, particularly to your neighbours, potential buyers or visitors to the village. The PCSO has been asked to issue fixed penalty notices to the owners of vehicles causing an obstruction by parking on verges.

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## West of Horsham Development

The outline planning permission has been approved by HDC for the Berkeley's development on the Denne side. However, the Secretary of State still has the option to 'call it in' and review the case, so it's not yet been given the green light.

On the Broadbridge Heath (BBH) side of the A24, BBH Parish Council, HDC and WSCC are still very unhappy with several aspects of Countryside's proposals. Countryside has been requested to carry out further detailed transport modelling work.

The major issues are:

1) Current proposals would lead to

increased rat-running in the northern roads of BBH. The traffic calming scheme proposed by Countryside is not good enough and in any case local residents have still not yet been consulted despite numerous requests from BBH Parish Council.

- 2) The access strategy for the new east-west link would increase rat-running.
- 3) The east-west link needs to be more free-flowing, preferably with grade-separated (i.e., underpasses or bridges) on the junctions along it.

The Parish Council continues to work on behalf of the village for the best possible solution.

## Horsham Cycling Forum

A new Cycling Forum for Horsham was launched recently. It is hoped that the Forum will help to identify priorities for improving conditions and facilities for all cyclists in Horsham, especially at a time when the new West Sussex Local Transport Plan is being consulted on and the area is facing major development pressures in the future.

If you are interested in what the Cycling Forum is doing, or in becoming a member, contact [sally.horner@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:sally.horner@horsham.gov.uk). The Forum also has a new Facebook page, [Horsham Cycling Forum](#) and can be followed on [Twitter@Horsham Cycling](#).

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## British Legion Poppy Appeal

**POPPY PEOPLE** Collections in the village totalled just under £2,800 for 2009. Thank you to all who contributed and the team of collectors and businesses who displayed a collection box. Unfortunately not all areas were covered and help is required for the following routes in 2010 – Old Guildford Road, Stanford Way, Thelton Avenue, Bearsden Way and Sullington Mead as well as the flats around Sleets Road and Heath Close. If you could spare a few hours and would like to volunteer your services to the British Legion for the 2010 appeal please contact Moira Muttick on **01403 266082**.



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## Keep your property safe this summer

- Double check that you have locked all windows and doors. If you have an alarm, ensure it is activated.
- Inform trusted neighbours and ask them to keep an eye on your home, collect post on a regular basis.
- Buy some timers for lights and radios so it looks as though you are at home. Signs of occupation help deter intruders.
- Remember to cancel any deliveries – milk and newspapers.
- Cut the grass and if you are away for a while ask a neighbour to see if they can do it for you.
- Ensure vehicles are locked and items of value are removed from them.

**PCSO Jeff Grant, Broadbridge Heath and Warnham**

## Shelley School Summer Festival

Shelley School is holding their summer festival on Saturday 17th July 2010. Last year it was a great success with many residents enjoying a fabulous afternoon and evening out. Keep a look out for more information but in the meantime make a note of this day in your diary.