



# News

Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

Beavers, cubs and scouts laying poppies at the recent Remembrance Sunday service

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## Remembrance Sunday service

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been busy contributing to our local community over the last few months. Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the village scarecrow competition. It was a joy following the trail around the village and seeing how much hard work and creativity we have in our midst. We hope you all enjoyed the Yankee Doodle masterpiece our Cubs and Beavers created.

All three groups participated in the Remembrance Sunday service at the church. Cubs and Beavers made crosses with poppies on that are displayed alongside the war memorial.

Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have had a brilliant start to the new term, with a wide variety of engaging activities arranged by our magnificent volunteer leaders. The Scouts sadly said goodbye to Nigel in the summer, who has had to stand down as leader thanks to the ongoing success of his business. He has promised to stick around and help out when he can. Thank you so much Nigel, for your years of hard work and dedication.

And thanks also to Simon Collins, who has stepped up as Scout leader after 2.5 years as assistant leader with the Cubs. Simon has lived in the village for 15 years and has two children coming up through Scouts. He initially volunteered for a few sessions, but wanted to do more as the enthusiasm of the children really inspired him. Simon has since been joined by Russell, who has taken on the role of Section Assistant and has a daughter in Beavers. Alongside "Buc", who is on loan from Horsham District, the volunteer team for the Scout group is looking pretty strong – though many hands make light work, so if you'd like to get involved with

volunteering, we'd be happy to have you.

A crack team of volunteers spent some of the summer decorating the Scout Hall, which is now available to hire for parties at the bargain price of £12 per hour.

Contact [chair1bbh@horshamscouts.com](mailto:chair1bbh@horshamscouts.com) for availability. We will be hosting a Christmas Bingo shindig in the hall, so look out for posters publicising the date.

And finally, we are in desperate need of committee officers. We need a secretary who can start now and we will be losing our Chair and Treasurer next year, so need people to step up and take on those roles. If you'd like to find a way to support the young people in our village without the regular, weekly commitment, joining the committee would be incredibly valuable. Email [chair1bbh@horshamscouts.com](mailto:chair1bbh@horshamscouts.com) for more information.

*Broadbridge Heath Beavers, Cubs and Scouts*



# Chairman's report

May I start by thanking everybody, staff and councillors for all their hard work and commitment over the last year. I believe we are a good, vibrant, forward thinking Council, which is continually looking to improve.

Since our last newsletter we have seen the opening of one project and the start of another. Since the newly refurbished Ducky play area was opened in August we have seen more children than ever enjoying the increased range of play equipment.



Ducky play park

In June, work commenced on the Village Centre in Wickhurst Lane, a refurbishment project which is the largest project that this council has ever undertaken. It has been three years in the planning and I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the Councillors and Village Centre Management Trustees who have given so much of their time over that period.

The funding of this project involves not only a contribution from the building developers of the new housing developments in the village [Section 106 community infrastructure monies] but also included is a government loan of £150,000 which is being funded by

the Council. This money is being used to upgrade the building and also to change the internal layout so that user groups and residents have a much more enhanced experience when visiting the centre.

Building works are progressing well and it is anticipated that all works will be completed by June 2020. The work programme has been devised in phases so that the Centre can remain open throughout the period of the works.

The Council has continued its bulb planting project in the village this autumn with the help of Green Gym, a voluntary community environmental group. This group has been very active in the parish over a number of years and receives, from the Council, a grant for all its services to our community.

Another important ongoing environmental project is at Top Common, Byfleets Lane. This project is under the stewardship of David Bridges who, like Green Gym, has, over the last few years given his time and energy to ensuring we achieve the best outcomes for the wildlife, trees and flora in that area. The Council recognises that all volunteers like David are such valuable assets to have in our Community.

The Council will continue to provide and support two key services namely the Village Agent Service provided by Age UK Horsham and the Toasties Youth Club provided by 4TheYouth.

The village centre play park is having a total facelift by creating a Monster themed Play Park. Work will commence after completion of the road downgrading and opening of the Neighbourhood Centre area.

The new parish office will be transferred from Horsham District Council to the Parish Council during

the early part of the New Year. This will be the first time that residents will have an office to visit to get advice and support on matters that the Parish Council has direct responsibility for. For queries which do not involve the Parish Council our staff will always be happy to signpost you to those who can help.

It was hoped that all the play areas and open green spaces in the Wickhurst Green Development would have been legally transferred from Horsham District Council to the Parish Council. This will now not be happening until 2021. There are set processes that are required to be undertaken before the final legal transfer takes place. It is, however, hoped that the new allotments will be transferred during 2020, so if you are interested in growing your own vegetables please do contact the Clerk.

The Recreation Committee will be continuing its street and environmental enhancement programme by looking at two new projects. The Ducky pond is one area of interest as it is a very valuable natural habitat. The other is the piece of public land known as Triangle at the junction of Old Guildford Road and Billingshurst Road where a new landscaping scheme will be considered.

Lastly and most importantly, I and the Parish Council wish you and your families a peaceful and joy filled Christmas season and a positive start to 2020.



Terry Oliver,  
Chairman  
Broadbridge Heath  
Parish Council

## Your District Councillors

Since being elected in May our work has centred around 3 main areas: completing Wickhurst Green, planning the future of the district and holding the cabinet to account.

Completing Wickhurst Green has ranged from trying to reduce the effects of the major highways work, helping move Broadbridge Heath Football Club into their new ground and pressurising Countryside to complete the works they've failed to. We appreciate there is still a lot of work to be done and we have scheduled meetings with Countryside, their contractors and the County Council

for the future. Please contact us if there is an issue you would like to see raised.

When it comes to planning the future of the district we've attended planning committees and only voted in favour of schemes that benefit the residents of Broadbridge Heath and the wider Horsham area. There's been a lot of change recently and residents are rightly anxious that more areas of the countryside will be lost to housing without any increase in infrastructure to support it. We will continue to fight for the interests of those we represent in the upcoming district wide local plan and invite residents to contact us when the draft is open for consultation.

Finally we've been holding the cabinet to account. This has taken

place in full council where we voted in favour of declaring a climate emergency and have supported opposition party colleagues in their scrutiny of the cabinet's work. We also engage with the Cabinet Members themselves in bi-monthly policy development advisory groups. Here we get a chance to voice our concerns to the cabinet members and corresponding council officers.

We've really enjoyed all the work we've done so far and look forward to engaging with more residents in the future to discuss the future of Broadbridge Heath. You can submit any questions, queries or casework to us by email on [Matthew.allen@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Matthew.allen@horsham.gov.uk) or [Louise.potter@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Louise.potter@horsham.gov.uk).  
*Matthew Allen and Louise Potter*





## Clerk's update

It has been a privilege to be involved with the excellent work of the Parish Council this year.

The councillors continue to put in endless hours of their own time to ensure the village is well looked after and enhanced.

The new Ducky playpark continues to be very well used and enjoyed by many which is lovely to see and I am very excited about the Monster playpark which is coming to the Village Centre recreation ground in 2020. I have been particularly pleased to have been involved in the nature projects, bringing much needed wildlife to the village.

The council is currently putting together a business plan for projects to be carried out over the next 3 years; if you have ideas we would love to hear from you – please contact me: *Jo Ball 07716 130 103*  
*clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk*  
*Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer*  
*Broadbridge Heath Parish Council*



Brimstone butterfly – one of nineteen butterfly species now seen regularly at Top Common (photo Neil Hulme)



## Broadbridge Heath Football Club

*from Andy Crisp*

Every weekend the pitches are well used by our junior and senior teams and we've received a lot of positive comments from visiting clubs and officials, no more so than when Charlton Athletic brought along their Under 23 side for a friendly against our First Team recently.

We also had an official unveiling of a plaque to the memory of Malcolm Curnock. Malcolm, who many of you will know, was a Parish Councillor, our District Councillor and a member of the Football Club for over 40 years. He was also instrumental in helping to secure our new ground. The pavilion is dedicated to the memory of Malcolm and the plaque was unveiled by his wife Lin and Andrew Fisher representing developers Countryside.

This year is the club's centenary, founded in 1919 by local ex-members of the armed forces who had just returned from the 1914-1918 Great War. Our Chairman Keith Soane was presented with an award by the Southern Combination League in May for recognition of his 50 years service to the club, this was followed a couple of months later when he was presented with an award by the Sussex County Football Association

at the Amex Stadium and more recently Keith was nominated as an Unsung Hero in the Sussex Sport Awards at the Hilton Brighton Metropole when Keith made it a hat-trick of awards by being presented with the trophy – congratulations to Keith for all the hard work he's done over the years.

Finally several people have been in contact with the club about their concerns negotiating the temporary footpath to the front of the pavilion and asking when the club are going to install a more permanent pathway. We too share their concerns about the safety of this walkway but this was only ever a short-term solution installed by the District Council until permanent paths direct from the car park were installed. We had expected that access to be in place earlier in the year when they finished building the car park but it wasn't. We were then told it would be complete by October, then November and now January 2020. Unfortunately this is totally out of our control, we have raised our concerns about the safety of the footpath with the District Council and our District Councillor but apart from that there's not much we can do. All we ask is that people take care when using it.

**For more information visit [www.pitchero.com/clubs/broadbridgeheathfc](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/broadbridgeheathfc)**



## Please spare an hour for nature

Globally, we are facing an environmental crisis. Currently we are witnessing dramatic declines in hundreds of species – 41% of UK species have declined since the 1970s – and we are facing the potential extinction of up to one in seven species.

One small response to this gloomy news has been a determined effort by local volunteers to create a small oasis of wildlife-rich habitat to the north of the village at the Top Common (next to Broadbridge Heath Cricket Club in Byfleets Lane).

Springtime at Top Common (photo D Bridges)

# Broadbridge Heath Cricket Club

from Colin Case



It was an especially tough summer for the 1st XI, especially after losing key players from their promotion winning team and their up and down season went right down to the last few games. Fortunately, their squeaky win over West Chiltington III's in the penultimate match saw them safe. Doni James was our only bat to make it into the Div 6 Top 15, including two 50s, but no-one got a ton and it was our bowling points that kept us up. Alex Round was our leading bowler with 18 wickets and lots of others chipped-in.

For the II's, Chairman Tim Wells finished 4th in the total runs column for Div 10 and veteran skipper Ian Stocker 2nd in the wickets total with 27. After being so successful last season, they also found it hard going, mainly because they often found themselves against either new teams making their way up from the bottom of the new League pyramid or teams strengthened by players from their club's higher teams. Given those challenges, they did remarkably well and enjoyed the win over next-door neighbours Warnham.

Outdoors, we have now put the ground into hibernation. Visitors to the Top Common will have noticed that we have completely renovated the

In the coming months work will continue to further improve the habitat there with the clearance of bramble and brash and the sowing of native wild flower seeds to provide pollen and nectar sources for bees, butterflies, hoverflies and a host of other insects, which in turn provide a natural larder for many birds and mammals.

This work, which is supported by Broadbridge Heath Parish Council, is undertaken by volunteers. In the UK, over 97% of ancient wildflower meadows have been destroyed since the 1930s, so if you would like to help us push back against the loss of wildlife, please consider joining a small group of local volunteers. No particular skills are needed and you can give as much or as little time as you can spare!  
*David Bridges, Top Common Nature Area lead volunteer*  
Mobile 078 408 71755

square – all done by members using our own machinery and led by our lead groundsman, Nathan Booker, who also maintains the machinery.

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our partnership with the village Junior Football Club for this winter. Regrettably, the early summer dry weather prevented the grass seed growing from redoing the goalmouths after last winter, resulting in the ground where they play stoolball being left bare. We hope to revisit the arrangement in coming seasons.

The summer outdoor sport may be in hibernation but the players have now gone indoors where the club is competing in the competitive 6-a-side Crawley League.

Off the field, it's time to complete our end-of-season administration. The Club has run a couple of very successful fish and chip quiz nights led by question master Matt Tyson. Of course the Top Common won't be completely put to bed as the Tennis Club will still be playing on the cold crisp days of which we could do with more of at the moment.

**Byfleets Lane Broadbridge Heath RH12 3PB**  
[broadbridgeheath.play-cricket.com](http://broadbridgeheath.play-cricket.com)

## New WSCC 'Road Safety' Facebook Page

The Road Safety Team at West Sussex County Council have set up a new Facebook page to help deliver important Road Safety messages to its residents, as well as the wider public who also use the roads of West Sussex. The aim is to help reduce the devastating Road Traffic Crash (RTC) statistics within the county and beyond.

If you are interested in keeping up to date with Road Safety topics, or have any questions you wish to ask, please go to [www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC](http://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC) and follow this page! Thank you for your support.

**Keep safe on the roads.**

# Gala Association



Well, what a year it's been, with the Broadbridge Heath Gala Association holding

more village events than ever before! This year's Summer fete built on the huge success of last year's event, and we were delighted to be a part of the HDC Year of Culture. Planning is already well under way to bring you an even better Summer fete in 2020.

BBH Books, and BBH Rocks were introduced to encourage children and their families to get out and about, and search for books (in waterproof bags) and decorated rocks, hidden around the village. The finder is then encouraged to re-hide the rock, or book (once read of course), so that the fun can carry on for the next finder.

In addition to our regular quiz nights at The Shelley Arms, and the popular Easter Trail around the village, this year saw the introduction of a Treasure Trail (with just a sprinkling of village history), and what turned out to be an incredibly popular Christmas Craft fair at the Village Centre and Social Club. Local crafters were able to come together to offer their home-made gifts for sale, and the two village WI groups put on an impressive spread of cakes, and a formidable Mulled Wine.

By the time you read this, Santa's Sleigh Procession will have visited the village once again, bringing his festive cheer to as many villagers as possible. We are also pleased to have been able to assist with funding towards the Pensioners Christmas Lunch, generously provided by Richard and Tania, and the rest of their team at The Shelley Arms.

We already have plans in place for some exciting events in 2020, so please keep an eye on Facebook and the Village Magazine for upcoming dates, and come along and join in the fun.

We are always looking for new ideas, and new members, so if you have a suggestion, or fancy getting involved, please get in touch. Email: [bbhgalateam@gmail.com](mailto:bbhgalateam@gmail.com)

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas, and we'll see you soon in the New Year.



# Your community

## Your local Village Agent



Hi there, I am Hayley and I am your Village Agent for Broadbridge Heath. I have really enjoyed meeting and getting to know lots of you.

I can offer signposting for advice and resources and help provide residents with information and support so that they can access services for the 50+ age group. As your Village Agent I have access to a lot of information and I'm here to help so please don't hesitate to contact me for an initial chat so that together we can identify a way forward.

Age UK Horsham District has an accredited Information and Advice Team who can help you check your eligibility for both means and non means tested welfare benefits if you are over state pension age. This is a free and confidential service. Please ring 01403 260560 if you would like more information.

The Village Agent role is provided by Age UK Horsham District and supported and kindly funded by Broadbridge Heath Parish Council.

If you would like to contact me please do so by calling our offices on 01403 260560 or by emailing me HayleyD@ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk

Best wishes, Hayley



## Community Speed Watch

The Broadbridge Heath Community Speedwatch group was created to address the issue of speeding within the village. Support for the scheme, both on-line and on the streets, has been overwhelmingly positive.

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds. In cases where education is blatantly ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences is collated (even across county borders), enforcement and prosecution follow.

In conjunction with Sussex Police, eleven locations across the whole village, have now been assessed and approved for speed monitoring. These locations were all identified by residents as areas of concern for speeding, and include the new A281

dual carriageway, roads around Shelley School, and "rat-run" routes out of the village. Suggestions for additional sites are always welcome.

Broadbridge Heath Parish Council have kindly funded the purchase of a speed detection device, to allow local volunteers more flexibility, instead of relying on Sussex Police owned equipment which was shared with other communities.

We now need more volunteers to join the scheme, so that we can proactively reduce the issue of speeding through our village. If you would like more information, please visit the scheme website where you can also sign up to the village CSW scheme – [www.communityspeedwatch.org](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org)  
**You can contact the local coordinator at [bbhspeedwatch@gmail.com](mailto:bbhspeedwatch@gmail.com)**

## Toasties

Toasties run every Friday Night 6:30pm-8pm for school years 6-8. The club is held in St. Johns Hall offering weekly pool, table football, art activities and extra activities such as Sumo suits and volleyball. It's an opportunity for young people to meet with their friends outside of school. The club is also involved in a project to revamp the underpass between the Village Centre and Tesco.

Entry is £2 per session for guests and £1.50 for members.

Contact: Donna Puttick  
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## theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

### Broadbridge Heath WI

Broadbridge Heath WI celebrated its 70th Anniversary in September with classic cakes and memorabilia from the last seven decades, and a quiz and competition, with vintage prizes.

Ever wondered what we do? Well, here's a taste of what we have planned for 2020:

There'll be an Afternoon Film show with ice cream and popcorn. An ex BBC producer, sharing some very funny 'bloopers' as she talks about her 'Radio Times'. You can share crafty tips or learn something new, like crochet, knitting, cross stitch, card making, macramé and more...

There's also a 'Funday' of hilarious games, a Garden Party and Cream Tea and our Art Masterclass will be back by popular demand.

There's plenty more to look forward to and you'd be very welcome to join us at St John's Church Hall, 2.30pm, second Tuesday of each month or email: [BBHWI@uwclub.net](mailto:BBHWI@uwclub.net) or phone Maureen: 01403 268963 or Wendy: 01403 217152.

# Your Parish Council

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

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**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 contact the Clerk.

## Forthcoming meetings 2019

### Full Parish Council Meetings

Monthly on the first Monday of the month where possible, all starting at 7.45pm

Monday 6th of January

Monday 3rd of February

Monday 2nd of March

Monday 6th of April

Monday 4th of May

\*Annual Meeting of the Council\*

Monday 18th of May

\*Annual Parish Meeting\*

Monday 1st of June

Monday 6th of July

### Finance and Establishment Committee

Meetings quarterly plus an additional meeting for precept setting, all starting at 7.45pm

Monday 20th of January

Monday 27th of April

Monday 13th of July

### Recreation Committee

Four meetings, one per quarter, all starting at 7.45pm

Monday 10th of February

Monday 11th of May

Monday 29th of June

### Planning Committee

meetings to be planned as required

**Chair: Terry Oliver**

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## Useful Numbers

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[horsham@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:horsham@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 WSSC'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

## Parish Council Meetings

Opposite are the upcoming Parish Council Meetings for the first half of 2020. The first 15 minutes of each meeting are reserved for members of the public to express a view or ask a question on matters relating to that agenda. The agendas are posted on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboards by Wednesday of the week prior to the meeting. Please do try and come along to a meeting when you can, it's your chance to be heard and to see the good work the Parish Council does. All meetings take place at St John's Community Hall from 7:45pm (unless otherwise stated on the agenda).

## Bunting for hire

The Parish Council have purchased some bunting to use for special events. If you / your community group would like to borrow it for an event in Broadbridge Heath, please contact Jo Ball at [clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)