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Broadbridge Heath Parish Plan

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If you have some or all of the above and would like to have an input for a better future for this Parish

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To find out more contact:

The Broadbridge Heath Parish Plan Steering Committee

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Last chance to have say over village plan

FEARS are growing in Broadbridge Heath that hundreds of houses will be built on greenfield sites around the village in the future.

Campaigners are now urging residents to seize their last chance to have a say over what happens to the village.

Questionnaires will be delivered to every household over the next few weeks to find out villagers' needs and concerns and draw up a Parish Plan.

"With up to 1,000 houses being planned for west and south-west of Horsham, a Parish Plan is our best and only chance of damage limitation," said Pam Law, chairman of the Broadbridge Heath steering committee for the Parish Plan.

She pointed out: "If up to 1,000 houses should be designated for our area, it will be on greenfield sites. HDC have admitted that no brownfield sites have been identified around this village.

"Should this be the case, it will virtually double the size of Broadbridge Heath and is a very good reason for people to be concerned.

"The necessary improvements on infrastructure and resources and other issues will need to be highlighted in the Parish Plan."

At a meeting last week the parish council asked Horsham District

Council's director of planning, Tony Stevens, whether they could refuse to build any more houses around the village.

"The reply was 'no is not an option'," said Mrs Law.

"We want to raise the awareness of the people in the village.

"I cannot stress strongly enough that this Parish Plan will be the last chance for the people to have an input for the future of the village."

She begged residents: "When the questionnaire drops through your door, remember how important it is and return it filled in!"

There will also be an opportunity for the community to come together and talk to members of the steering committee at the Have Your Say Fun Day on September 14, at the Village Centre from 10am until 6pm.

People can pop along and give their views, or stay and enjoy the attractions including stalls, exhibitions, a bouncy castle, a barbeque, fancy dress, competitions, and more.

If anyone would like to participate or help, or would like more information about the Parish Plan, they can contact Mrs Law on 01403 258774 or check the website at <http://bbhpp.mysite.freemove.com>

Village opinions sought for plan

BROADBRIDGE Heath residents are being invited to have their say about the village at a fun day on Sunday.

The idea of the fun day, to be held at Broadbridge Heath Village Centre from 11am – 4pm, is to find out the concerns and opinions of all the residents in the village.

As well as sending out questionnaires to all residents, contacting all the societies and giving talks at some of their meetings the Broadbridge Heath parish plan steering committee are holding the Have Your Say Fun Day.

The fun day will have displays on local wildlife and environment, village and football club history, a fire engine, security markings for bikes and mobile phones, a tombola and treasure trove competition.

There will also be a fancy dress competition with the theme of Your Favourite TV or Book Character, judging will take place at 2pm.

Prizegiving will be at 2.30pm for the fancy dress and the design a logo competition.

Up to 1,000 houses are being planned for west/south-west Horsham. To date the precise location is unknown but it is possible that it could have an impact on Broadbridge Heath.

If anyone would like to make suggestions or find out more information about the parish plan they can contact Jonathan England, secretary of the steering committee, on 01403 253311 or go to the website bbhpp.mysite.freemove.com.

Fun day for the parish plan

A FUN day with a serious theme is being staged in Broadbridge Heath on Sunday

The 'Have Your Say Fun Day' is being staged by the Broadbridge Heath parish plan steering committee.

Chair of the committee Pam Law said: "The parish plan (PP) is being produced for the protection of the village, in the face of possible future development.

"The PP will represent the views of the whole community, on issues such as environment, housing and development, traffic and transport, leisure, communication, education, employment and any other issues that are important to the residents of Broadbridge Heath.

"To find out what they want, a questionnaire will be delivered to every household, but that is just the start of the consultation process. We need people from the village to talk to the steering committee as well."

To make that possible, the committee is holding the 'Have Your Say Fun Day' on Sunday at Broadbridge Heath Village Centre.

Local groups are participating and children from Shelley CP School have already had an input by taking part in a

logo competition. The winner and three runners-up will be invited to come along and receive their prizes.

Said Mrs Law: "This is the one opportunity to tell us what is important to you - what greenfields you feel should be protected for example, what development if any you think is acceptable - so don't miss this chance."

Activities throughout the day will include a real fire engine, bouncy castle and play equipment, barbecue and refreshments, security marking for bicycles and mobile telephones.

There will be displays on village history, Broadbridge Heath Football Club history, the environment and the parish plan development.

A children's fancy dress competition is being staged and youngsters are invited to come dressed as 'Your favourite TV or book character'. There will be prizes for first place and runners-up. Judging takes place at 2pm.

The prize giving for the fancy dress and design-a-logo will be at 2.30pm.

For more information call Mrs Law on 01403 258774 or visit the committee's website at:

bbhpp.mysite.freemove.com

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"Have Your Say Fun Day"

Sunday 14th September - Broadbridge Heath Village Centre

BBQ

COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES

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CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

FIRE ENGINE DISPLAY

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FANCY DRESS

Have some fun and give your input to the Broadbridge Heath Village Plan

To find out more information or to participate contact:
The Broadbridge Heath Parish Plan Steering Committee
Mrs Pam Law (258774) or Jonathan England (253311)
or visit the website at bbhpp.mysite.freemove.com



"Have Your Say Fun Day"

Broadbridge Heath Village Centre
Sunday 14th September 11am-4pm

Pop in to the Village Centre to have some fun; find out more about the village and environment; bring back your completed questionnaire; ask questions; find out more about possible development in the Broadbridge Heath area; give us your opinions for the Parish Plan.

Activities throughout the day will include a real fire engine, bouncy castle and play equipment, BBQ and refreshments, security marking for bicycles and mobile telephones.

Displays on Village History, BBH Football Club History, Environment, Parish Plan, Development.

Children's Fancy Dress Competition – come dressed as your "Favourite TV or Book Character"; prizes for first place and runners up; judging takes place at 2pm.

Prize giving at 2:30pm for the Fancy Dress and Design-a-Logo Competitions

Your Village – Your Future – Your Say about Change

<http://bbhpp.mysite.freemove.com>

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Broadbridge Heath Parish Plan Steering Committee

You may remember we wrote an article in the summer edition of this magazine. Therefore, by the time you read this article you will be aware that the Parish Plan process is moving forward.

You will have received your questionnaire (and hopefully returned it) and for those who attended our 'Have Your Say Fun Day' on the 14th September, learnt about just why it is necessary to have a Parish Plan for the future of the Village.

We would like to thank all the groups and individuals that took part on the day, for their hard work and community spirit.

For those of you that missed the day and would still like to have their say or find out more about the Parish Plan, you can still do so by contacting myself or Jonathan; details below.

The Steering Committee are working hard on your behalf but we rely on the information you give us about what you want to see for this Village and its future. Change is happening all the time and we must try to secure the best future for this Village that we can. A Parish Plan is not what the Steering Committee want; it is about every individual and every group in Broadbridge Heath.

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Members of the steering committee, which is behind the idea to form a parish plan. CT 3380836

Village fights building threat

PROTECTING the future of a small village in the face of massive greenfield developments - that was the aim of a widely publicised community event at the weekend, designed to allow Broadbridge Heath residents their say on what is important to them about where they live.

The 'Have Your Say Fun Day' held on Sunday in the village centre was a way of collecting the comments that will help to form a parish plan.

When finished, it should provide the village with a statement saying what sort of development the locals find acceptable, in what quantity and where it should be situated.

Chair of the steering committee, Pam Law, said: "A questionnaire was sent to all the households in the village and we asked everyone to come along to talk to us about what they think is important to the village."

"We have involved all the various age-groups from the oldest to the very young."

The strength of community feeling was evident when dozens of people

came to see the displays relating to the development plans for Broadbridge Heath, the environment and the history of the area.

Photographs were displayed in the hall for visitors to comment on which of the styles of housing and development they found most acceptable.

Those who turned out to the event were encouraged to leave their comments on a graffiti board.

The local church, school and football club were also represented by stands, and to coax more people into coming along the steering committee organised for police and fire crews to be on hand giving youngsters tours of their vehicles.

A barbecue and bouncy castle were also laid on for the children and a competition to design the logo for the parish plan was held at the local school.

Mrs Law said: "The weather was kind to us, and from speaking to so many people the committee was able to get a better understanding about what is important for the village."

"We would also like to thank all the groups from the village that participated, and the many individuals that vol-



Six year old Max Ford in his alter ego as the incredible Hulk as part of the fancy dress competition. CT3380851

untended to run the various activities, and did a first class job!"

Further information regarding the parish plan in Broadbridge Heath is

available on the plan website at <http://bhqp.nvstc.freezone.com> or by contacting Pam Law on 01403 258774.



Pam Law, chair of the steering committee behind the parish plan. CT3380848



Tilly Smith, five, took part in the fancy dress competition. CT3380852



Kate and Sarah Michalski, aged five and two, enjoy the bouncy castle. CT3380841



Use it or lose it. The view looking from Old Wickhurst Lane towards the High Woods.

Residents given chance to come up with ideas

RESIDENTS in *Broadbridge Heath* are being urged to 'use it or lose it' when it comes to putting forward ideas for the parish plan.

According to Pam Law, chairperson of the village steering committee, work is ongoing to ensure the parish plan includes everything the residents of the village want.

She is encouraging any individual or business that is part of the community and wishes to be involved in the plan to contact her.

"We are still working hard on the parish plan and it has produced some encouraging community spirit.

"To any group in the village I would say it still has time to contact us with issues they would like to be included in the plan.

"The parish plan will be your voice, so as the old saying goes, 'use it or lose it' it's your choice."

She added: "If we want to stay a village it is up to all of us to make that point loud and clear.

"The steering committee understands that growth is necessary to a certain extent, but not at the risk of losing our village identity.

"If fields around this village are lost for housing and roads the impact on all of us could be serious, not to mention the environment."

Since the Have Your Say Day last September and the views expressed in the questionnaires for the parish plan new community groups have been set up.

Mrs Law explained that a history group has been formed as part of the steering committee to give a background look into the village.

Anyone with information about the village and those who would like to find out some of the fascinating facts about it should go along to one of their meetings held at St John's Church Hall.

The next meeting is on Thursday February 26 at 7.30pm.

There is also a conservation group that has been formed, this has many ongoing projects and volunteers young and old, skilled or unskilled are invited to join in.

It is also hoped that the annual village fete can be re-instated if enough volunteers come forward.

If you would like any more information, or would like to be involved with the parish plan phone Pam Law on 01403 258774.