

SUMMER UPDATE



Horndean Parish Council

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Speeding

The Parish Council continues to monitor and collect data from the speed cameras located on designated roads within the parish. This data is shared with the police which in time we hope will attend the hotspots with enforcement cameras. A new Speed Indicator Device has been purchased by the Parish Council which was part funded by a grant for a £1,000, from Hampshire County Council, Cllr Marge Harvey. We are in the process of setting up the equipment which will be operational shortly, and will be placed on approved roads each for a set period of time.

Commercial vehicles which are identified as speeding whose details are displayed on the vehicle are being contacted and advised of the speed limit.

It is important to note that we do not retain any personal data, and any information shared with the police consists of speeding figures only.

Open Spaces

The sculpture trail at Catherington Lith has been formally opened, and is the first phase of the Green Trail and Heritage Network. We were indeed fortunate to receive significant funding to assist with bringing this project to fruition.

The Parish Council made the Pollinator Pledge which is a commitment to take an active part in improving our environment for pollinators – bees, butterflies and other insects:

- Use pollinator friendly plants
- Choose a mixture of plants that flower throughout spring, summer and autumn
- Will consider taking part in No Mow May
- Leave areas wild
- Keep dead wood for nesting insects
- Build bug hotels
- Avoid pesticides such as weed killer.



We are looking to engage a pond consultant to assess the ponds within the parish with the view to ensuring ongoing sustainability, unfortunately this is proving a challenge due to limited availability.

The Parish Council Countryside Team is greatly assisted by a group of committed, hardworking and passionate volunteers. The group is out in all weathers and make a tremendous difference to the maintenance of our sites, and the completion of additional projects. We are immensely grateful for their invaluable contribution.

Housing Development

The Land East of Horndean development is finally under way and the first phase is for the entrance into the site to be constructed on the B2149. This work will be ongoing for approximately 20 weeks, following which the road works will continue and will include enlarging the existing small roundabout which adjoins Dell Piece East and Havant Road. In total it is envisaged that the time period will be approximately 56 weeks.

There has been extensive tree and hedge removal to accommodate these works which has given rise to concern. On investigation we are informed that all work has been approved and overseen by an ecologist.

Councillor Recruitment

We are keen to increase our numbers as there are five Councillor vacancies with many interesting projects, and general representation required to ensure the best outcome for the residents of Horndean.

Currently we are engaging with developers as and when new housing developments are being planned; and

- Planning the next stage of the Green Trail and Heritage Network
- Keeping a watching brief on the Havant Thicket Reservoir
- Collating information pertaining to a Neighbourhood Plan for Horndean
- Liaising with Bloor Homes being the developers for the Land East of Horndean development
- Upgrading the Parish Council website
- Working with the Horndean Improvement Project group
- The Local Government Reorganisation has many uncertainties for the Parish Council at this stage, and therefore Councillors are gathering information as to the implications.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Council representing the residents of Horndean, and wish to hear more, please contact:

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