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### **The Parish Council Newsletter**

Welcome to the October 2019 edition of the Parish Council Newsletter. This two page version of the Newsletter is available on the Council's website. Paper copies of this version are also available from Bartley Post Office, Woodington Feeds and the Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road.

### **Keeping Our Rights of Way in Good Shape!**

As reported in the last edition of this Newsletter, Parish Councillors have been busy over the summer period inspecting all our local footpaths and Rights of Way.

We can now report that all 22 of our Rights of Way in the Parish have now been inspected from the shortest (Footpath 2 - 128 metres) to the longest (Footpath 11 - 3085 metres). Every inspection has a written report on the current status of the footpath and in many cases photos highlighting specific issues. The reports for the inspections together with maps showing the location of the 17 Footpaths, 3 Bridleways and 2 Restricted Byways will shortly be added to the Council's website.



There are many recurring 'themes' in terms of the work needed to keep the footpaths in good shape, especially overgrown areas and the markers for the paths. Over the next few months, for example, broken or damaged "finger posts" and "waymarks" will be repaired so as to ensure that you can find your way along them.

Some of the paths were overgrown and the Parish Lengthsman has been asked to cut back vegetation on a few with Hampshire County Council dealing with others. Landowners who have paths on their land have a duty to maintain the public's access to the paths and the Parish Clerk is happy to discuss these obligations with them.

The Parish Council plans to promote the use of the paths by including details of them within the adopted Red Telephone Boxes for which we now have responsibility. Readers will also recall from the last edition that we have a programme of refurbishment for the telephone boxes ongoing at present - you may have seen that one of them is already looking better with a fresh coat of paint!

If you use the footpaths and feel that any of them need work done to ensure they are accessible – especially by all potential users, please contact the Parish Clerk who will liaise with the landowner to try and ensure that safe access can be provided.

**Our footpaths are a wonderful local resource. If we all use them regularly and enjoy the areas they give access to, whether it be for a casual stroll, a dog walk or a day out rambling, then they'll stay in good shape!!**

### **New Faces at Forest Pharmacy!**

Parishioners may already know that Christina, our local 'forest' pharmacist, retired last month. On speaking with her earlier in the year, she was very keen that the Forest Pharmacy would continue and some of you may already know that the new owners are now in place!

Married couple **Ayoniza Saini (Daisy)** and **Sundeep Saini (Sunny)** are now fully in place at Forest Pharmacy. They are very keen to undertake developments as our 'community pharmacists' and will be very pleased to see you at the pharmacy for all your medication needs whether large or small, as well as general your broader needs for all manner of chemist goods.



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### **New Faces at Forest Pharmacy! cont.**

Daisy and Sunny have over 10 years of community pharmacy experience and strongly believe in keeping the care of the community at the core of everything they do. Key to this is good communication between pharmacist and patient and they hope that you will give them a chance to talk and understand the pharmaceutical needs of the community.

They have already received feedback from the community on opening times and a private consulting area and they are happy to announce that they have been working on it and will do their best to make those changes in next few weeks. **Watch this space for further developments!!**

The Parish is exceptionally lucky to have a fully operational pharmacy within its boundary. The venture relies on the local community to use the services it offers. **Let's make sure we use this valuable resource well. They look forward to seeing you soon!!**

### **Riparian Works – It's That Time of Year Again!**



As is usual at this time of year, we need to think about the state of our land drainage network. As autumn sets in and winter beckons the rain begins in earnest and small branches and leaves begin to fall.

All riparian owners (those who have watercourses on or bordering their properties), should be looking at the state of their drainage ditches, pipes, culverts and other watercourses to ensure there is no obstruction to the movement of surface water and thereby, a reduced risk of localised flooding.

A poster has been displayed on the Parish noticeboards and website detailing the responsibilities of riparian owners and guidance on how to undertake this maintenance to reduce flooding from surface water.

To reduce the risk of future flooding Hampshire County Council would also appreciate being informed of any new or recent works to install a culvert, pipe or infill a ditch (i.e. an ordinary watercourse) so that they can check that a land drainage consent is in place for those works. You can report via the link 'report flooding on land and property' on their website or emailing them at [fwm@hants.gov.uk](mailto:fwm@hants.gov.uk)

For further information regarding this and other areas of flood risk management, please see HCC's website at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding>.

### **Local Police Develop their Social Media Presence .....Like!!**

The local Neighbourhood Policing teams have now set up dedicated channels on Facebook and Twitter to enable local communities to find out about what's going on in their areas by following their dedicated pages

We can follow what's going on different local areas on Facebook or Twitter on the following channels:

**@NewForestCops / @NewMiltonCops / @LymingtonCops /  
@RingwoodCops / @FordbridgeCops**

There will also be a channel for Totton Police, and the details will be published shortly. This is another step in the development of our community policing in the Forest by Hants Constabulary. **So, get on line and join the conversation!**

**Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting:** The next two Parish Council meetings will take place on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 12th November, both at 7.00 p.m. Parish Hall Annexe.**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The previously programmed item on Affordable Housing criteria for our October meeting has been deferred until we have the final versions of other adjacent authority Local Plans such as those for the TVBC and NFDC – which will help direct our thinking.

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