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### **The Parish Council Newsletter**

Welcome to the February 2020 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 available from Bartley Post Office, Woodington Feeds; Courtesy Filling Station shop, Romsey Road and the Forest Pharmacy.

### **Review of Our New Forest Electoral Boundaries – An Update**

The Parish Council will be considering its final response to the consultation on the **Electoral Boundary Changes for New Forest District Council** at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Information on the Boundary change proposals was published in our December and January Newsletters and is also available on the Parish Council website.



The Parish Council is happy to hear from any members of the community who may have a view on the changes. In addition, members of the community can make an individual response using the pro forma available from: [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk)

The consultation closes on **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020** and the results of the consultation will be used as the basis for the **Local Government Elections in 2023**.

### **Household Waste Recycling in Hampshire – Register Your Vehicle!!**

Hampshire County Council is embarking on a scheme for **citizens to register their cars** in order that they can continue to use the county's **Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC)**. The exact date for the start of the scheme is as yet not published, but it is promoted as being in the **'early part of 2020'**.

Waste sites are being equipped with **Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)** cameras and registered cars will automatically be allowed in. But from the start of the scheme, owners of unregistered cars will be **charged a fee** for use of the waste disposal facility.



You can continue to use HWRCs in **Portsmouth and Southampton** free of charge if you are a Hampshire resident and have registered with Hampshire's ANPR system

You can register now and make sure you can still use HWRCs in Hampshire for free, whenever the system comes in to force. The information regarding the scheme is now available on the Hampshire County Council website at:

[www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/vehicle-registration](http://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/vehicle-registration)

A link from this section of the site directs enquirers to a registration form. You can register **up to 3 vehicles** at one household address.

### **New Forest Waste Survey – What's Happening?**

New Forest District Council (NFDC), is looking at how it deals with household waste collection and recycling and is seeking the views of residents.

#### **Why is it undertaking this consultation and survey?**

NFDC is currently working to develop a new waste strategy that will help meet community needs. NFDC knows that its recycling rates are too low compared to the national picture. It needs to improve its recycling performance thereby reducing the impact on the environment by helping residents reduce their household waste and recycle as much as possible.



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### **On what is the survey based?**

One of the key drivers for the survey is the emerging development of the National Waste Strategy, "**Our Waste, Our Resources: A Strategy for England**" released by the Government in December 2018. The strategy lays out the key objectives for dealing with waste nationally, and suggests ways in which these objectives might be achieved. Much of this Strategy is subject to consultation, and the Government ran four key consultations simultaneously between February and May 2019. You can find out more about this strategy at:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/resources-and-waste-strategy-for-england](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/resources-and-waste-strategy-for-england)

It is now in its later stages of development and NFDC needs to develop a local strategy to set out what is best for the New Forest.

### **How is the survey being done?**

From the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 until 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, researchers working on behalf of the council will be knocking on doors to **invite householders to answer a short survey** about the waste and recycling service. These surveys will be undertaken by **MEL Research**, which is a specialist survey company with personnel skilled in this type of activity. They believe about 1100 homes will be visited. (**Note:** If you're approached by the survey team, they will ensure you are happy to be interviewed and you can decline if you wish).

Researchers will be speaking to a wide range of people to make sure that the feedback gathered reflects the makeup of the district. Residents who do not receive a visit **can complete the survey** online by clicking on this link / typing this link into your web browser:

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=157536891740>

What will be the outcome?

The work being done, locally, now, by NFDC will inform the shape of waste management for the New Forest for some time to come, **so this is an important activity – especially we know that in the New Forest, we do have to recycle much more than we do.**

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### **Reminder - The Annual Parish Meeting 2020**

As reported in our last edition, one of our major upcoming community events is the **Annual Parish Meeting**, which is set to take place at:

**7.30 p.m. in the main Parish Hall on the 24<sup>th</sup> March**

In our last edition we explained that we are considering the possible detailed agenda for the meeting and following the success of the meeting format over previous two years, hope to have a blend of presentations from local groups, detailing activities and **celebrating success** and some more **substantive discussion items**. (See item on Parish Council activities elsewhere in this Newsletter)

**We would welcome any suggestions or offers for presentations from our community.** Please let the Clerk know if you have anything you'd like to offer / suggest.

In addition, also at the **Annual Parish Meeting**, we make the **Annual Parish Award** as a part of our celebration of local achievements and contributions to our local community as a whole. If you have any suggestions for whom – an individual or group – might receive the award for services to the community, please let us know. You can submit your suggestion to the Clerk, contact details at the end of the Newsletter.

Please make a note of the date for the Parish Meeting in your diary – **we'd really like to hear any of your ideas for the meeting and also to see you there on the night!!**

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**Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting:** The next two Parish Council meetings will take place on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020, both at 7.00 p.m. Parish Hall Annexe.**

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