



Village Hall News

Very good news - with the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions from 12th April, the Trustees are really pleased to be able to welcome back the Ballet group, Brownies and Rugbytots, all who should have restarted their sessions by the time you read this, in addition to the Farleigh Parish Playgroup who have resumed outdoor activities using the Hall grounds as their meeting point.

Indications are that more groups will restart as we go through the next Government 'steps' of 17th May and 21st June and we already have indications that the Film Club, Coffee Morning, Art Class, Yoga, Zumba and WI will all restart sometime over the summer. Please contact these groups direct for news or keep an eye on the Hall's Facebook page for further updates.

Looking forward into summer, the Hall is hoping that it can hold some form of afternoon outdoor event where we can all safely get together in a COVID-secure and socially distanced manner. The exact format is still being discussed but perhaps in the style of a garden party with people bringing their own food and drink. Likewise, dates are also still to be firmed up but possibly mid- to end-July. Obviously events like this don't just happen by themselves, so we are seeking **volunteers** to help with the arrangements - the group of Trustees is small so any and all help is greatly appreciated. Please send an email to volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk if you can help.

Whilst on the subject of help and involvement with the Hall, the Hall's constitution allows for two '**Village Representatives**' who sit on the committee alongside representatives from the various village clubs and organisations and take an active role in managing the Hall and safeguarding its future. We have historically struggled to fill these positions and would like to think that this is because the village is generally happy with how the Hall is run.

However, this does leave the committee light on numbers so we are very keen to find new Village Reps - if you are interested then again please send an email to volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk.

In previous newsletters we have flagged an easy way of helping the Hall financially through **Give As You Live** which donates to the Hall whenever you shop on-line at over 4,200 top on-line stores at no cost to you - just sign up for free at www.giveasyoulive.com/join/cliddesdenhall. One of the major sources of income through Give as You Live were Amazon purchases but Amazon have left this scheme with the introduction of their own **Amazon Smiles** charitable giving scheme. So if you have already joined Give As You Live in order to have donations made to the Hall whenever you shop, then please consider also signing up to Amazon Smiles at smile.amazon.co.uk and select "Cliddesden Village Hall" as your charity in order to continue donations from Amazon.

The **100 Club** membership was due for renewal by the end of March. The 100 Club provides the Hall with a small but steady income to cover maintenance and this is especially valued in the current climate. It is only £12 per ticket per year with the monthly first prize currently being £37 - no limit on the number of tickets you can hold. If you haven't **renewed** yet or want to **join** or **increase** your membership then please contact Rose Beevers on 01256 475944 or 100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk for further details.

As always, remember to visit the Hall's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall and website at www.cliddesdenhall.org.uk for the latest news.

Keep safe and well and we look forward to seeing you all again when we re-open.



Greg Mendelsohn
Village Hall Management
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NOTES FROM PARISH ASSEMBLY OF 22ND APRIL

Remote meeting via Zoom. Thanks to Chairman for hosting.

Please see the Parish Council website for a full report from the Assembly.

Present: all Parish Councillors and Clerk; Ward Cllr Mark Ruffell, Borough Cllr Paul Gaskell; Nine members of the Public. Apologies from PC Reid.

PC Reid The Chairman took the opportunity to say again how much we appreciate Andy and how lucky as a village we are to have him. That we live in a very safe Parish with a low crime rate is in the main down to him. Wish to thank him for all his hard work, and for his report.

Finance Particular thanks to David Brown and Alison Mosson for their donations (respectively) towards the re-roofing of the bus shelter and to purchase the second SID. Also £3K SEEN Covid Community Grant Funding awarded to the Shabby Gourmet for their self appointed role providing hot meals to Basingstoke Hospital staff.

Covid: Cliddesden Support Hub

A huge 'Thank You' to all who gave their time to keep our village safe, and notably to Hazel for organising and co-ordinating.

We had offers of support from more than 20 kind volunteers and they provided support for approximately 15 vulnerable residents – some on a regular ongoing basis and some for one-off requests. As the first lockdown eased in August, responsibility was transferred to Basingstoke Voluntary Action. However some people have kept the links they established.

Upper Swallick and STaNHd

The 'Upper Swallick' prospectus was released in January this year. Contains a lot of buzz words and pictures, none at this stage counts for anything – can't hold them to anything included in the documents to date. No doubt that they are working on a planning application. STaNHd is preparing.

Need both hearts and minds and to win the technical arguments

Can have thousands supporting the petition – but need the council officers to win this fight – need to win the planning argument – to prove our case meets the rules.

How to achieve brownfield over greenfield? Not prepared to accept a decision that brownfield not available. Hold officers to account on this policy.

The On-line Petition immediately before the meeting = 8,737 + 300 hard copy. The petition is a means to an end to

achieve a slot on the Agenda of the BDBC Full Council meeting for which 4K signatures are required. STaNHd had looked to the March Council meeting, but BDBC decided that only 3,300 of the signature addresses were recorded as Basingstoke area. Need more local people to sign up.

The Council meeting delay proved positive, as will now initiate the debate after elections, speaking to new Councillors who will be in office to make the decision. So 4K signatures from within the borough will give STaNHd 10 minutes to present a motion to debate; Councillors have to debate for 20 minutes.

STaNHd is raising funds in anticipation of the planning application, need to prepare for producing the reports to counter it. In the past have used volunteers, where possible will now employ professionals.

Cllr Mark Ruffell said he suspected that, as a potential Local Plan site, Upper Swallick had a number of restraints. He strongly suspected it wouldn't be at the front of the queue for BDBC to develop. It would be expected that the agents are preparing a planning application.

Re site allocation for new development – a lot of pain to be expected with the Local Plan across the borough. Other parts have previously have had to take development that's not been wanted. Other areas will view south of the M3 just as not being by them. However there is a lot support for Cliddesden from across the Ward in opposing Upper Swallick.

Matters will come to a head in the later part of this year, maybe even by the summer. By then will be considering sites and numbers allocated to Villages. Completely open at the moment as to whether [Upper Swallick aside] the allocation to Cliddesden will increase.

Pond and Drainage Report

The pond was last cleared October 2011, a Parish-led effort volunteer effort also involving a local company and landowner. This opportunity isn't available now in part due to regulation covering disposing of the silt.

Contractor estimates at best are c £25K. Water testing classifies the spoil as 'hazardous waste' due to contaminants from the road.

Hampshire County Council's position is that the pond isn't their responsibility as they don't own it but, by their own recommendation, it should be cleared as a flood prevention measure. Funding remains the issue to overcome... cuts, Covid, etc. A new County Cllr after May elections will be an opportunity to focus attention on need for urgency.

The storms and flash flooding in August last year did focus attention and led to a commitment to include the pond silt traps on HCC's routine maintenance schedule.

Also for all the grips above Cliddesden – channels in the verges which take water from the road – to be included in this year's priority maintenance programme. Completed in February for grips on Farleigh Hill and Hackwood Lane / Northgate Lane corner.

Plus the gullies (grids/drains/silt traps in the road) are almost all included in the maximum three times a year cleaning problem – on Church Lane as well as Farleigh Road.

The Parish Council is looking for new sites to dig grips / soakaways – please let us know if you have anything in mind. Highways have looked at the wide verge opposite the Village Hall entrance but there are BT cables here.

The opportunity for water to be diverted is unfortunately limited, and by HCC's own admission 'no Highway drainage system will take heavy rainfall away immediately'. The capacity of the pond remains central to flood prevention – as is the function of the pond outflow.

Neighbourhood Watch and reporting

Now 40 NW members, including businesses at Pensdell Farm and the Jolly Farmer.

Key message is the request for information. Please report any and all instances of crime, anti-social behaviour and suspicious activity:

Crime in progress = call 999
Crime discovered, anti-social behaviour or suspicious activity = 101 or www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/how-to-report-a-crime/

Every report submitted is logged – it is important to evidence 'need'. Every Government department is under pressure for resources. Reporting every single crime leads to benefit in the long run. It builds up picture which says Andy needs to be here not deployed elsewhere.

To record thanks to PC Reid, and to the Estate security for their support.

Speed Indicator Devices Both SIDS working well. Thanks to Andy Fewster who has taken on the task of data analysis which will show traffic volumes and speeds. (PC Reid will deploy speed gun whenever possible.)

Village Gateways and signs

The pandemic has brought more people to Cliddesden. This, and the threat from Upper Swallick, has increased appreciation of Cliddesden. Which has prompted the thought to make our entrance signs, and signage in general, more appropriate and more welcoming. The Parish Council discussed options and asked through the *Newsletter*.

Consensus has been achieved on what we don't want – don't want sign clutter, and not white. So dark wood (or wood effect) 'gate' and very simple design. To replace, not add to, where there is a Cliddesden entrance sign already there. Sign to say: 'Welcome to Cliddesden, gateway to the North Hampshire Downs.'

Continues a work in progress, and we will continue to ask the Village as to the route we go down. Do we go for real wood? Do we design, organise and have made ourselves, or do we go via council and their contractors? Do we want to replace some or all of the existing signs? We will have to work according to Highways specification, Health & Safety, and have the gateways installed by licensed contractors.

Parish Lengthsman

An article on the origins and scope of the scheme was included in the April *Newsletter*. The scheme is funded by HCC and a Parish Lengthsman (contractor) is employed by a group or 'cluster' of Parishes. The Lengthsman (or usually two people working together) is assigned to Cliddesden for five half-days during the year for the equivalent of £1K-worth of man hours. The scheme is a useful resource for the Parish. The Parish Council is seeking suggestions for works that could be done to improve 'Village upkeep' and the appearance and function of the Highway (other than in the live carriageway).

The Chairman noted the Lengthsman contractors are generally thorough and do a good job.

Neighbourhood Planning Alison Mosson gave a succinct presentation clarifying the NP process.

Further thanks

To the Neighbourhood Planning team for the amount of work being completed, with particular thanks to Brian Karley. 'The Plan and team would not be at this stage were it not for his diligence and support.'

To all Newsletter editors and distributors, now particularly to Rachel Beresford-Davies who at the moment is sole editor.

The Chairman added thanks to the many people in the Village do so much and are willing to help.

Covid' Regulations allowing Parish Council meetings to be held remotely, expire on 7th May 2021



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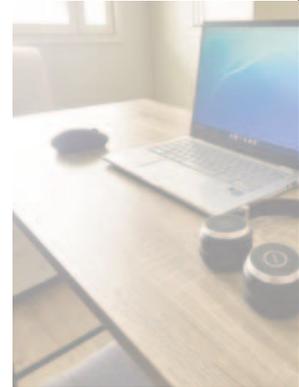
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LOCAL AUTHORITY REMOTE MEETINGS - CALL FOR EVIDENCE

Consultation until 17th June 2021

This call for evidence seeks to understand the experience of local authorities in the whole of the UK regarding remote meetings.

This is an open call for evidence. We particularly seek the views of individual members of the public; prospective and current local authority members / representatives; officers / leaders of local authorities who have been meeting remotely; and those bodies that represent the interests of local members / representatives at all levels.



WHY WE ARE CONSULTING

The Government would like to gather evidence about the use of the current arrangements for local authorities to meet remotely or in hybrid format, as set out in The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (and the equivalent regulations for Wales and Northern Ireland) under powers granted by Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020. These regulations came into force on 4 April 2020 and apply to meetings taking place before 7 May 2021.

(Local authorities in Scotland had expressed provision to meet remotely prior to the pandemic, and we are also interested to understand their experience of remote meetings since their arrangements came into force.) We have also received representations from some, though by no means all, individual local authorities and sector representative organisations making the case for the expressed provision to meet remotely to be made permanent. The Government would like to hear from interested parties about the pros and cons of making such arrangements permanent, in whole or in part, for local authorities in England.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/00931/FUL (Validated 16th March)
Newland Lodge, Woods Lane.

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1 no. four-bed dwelling.

21/00831/HSE (Validated 8th March)
4 Hackwood Lane. To add ground floor window to rear of annex and add first floor windows to rear and front of annex.

21/00119/HSE (Granted 1st April)
10 Station Road. Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension following demolition of existing stores.

20/03441/HSE (Pending, 19th December)
4 Hackwood Lane. Single storey front and rear extensions and loft conversion to include raising of the roof with roof lights and Juliet balcony to rear elevation.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00151/21/TCA (Validated 18th March)
4 Pond Cottages, Farleigh Road. Tree works to be carried out as detailed in the tree condition survey report: T1 Beech: remove. T2 Yew: remove. T3 Ash: remove. T4 Beech: remove.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 4TH MAY AGM 7.30PM

Remote meeting via Zoom.

Please email alanbtyler19@btinternet.com for a link to join.



VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

Please help keep our village beautiful and litter free!

Calling all Cliddesden Wombles!

**Meet at 10 am at
CLIDDESSEN POND
Saturday 29th May**

**Bags and pickers supplied for litter collectors
Social distancing must be observed in line with
Covid restrictions**

For more info, email Alison Mosson at alison@abe.co.uk



THANKS A LOT



St Leonard's Services for May

Church Services for May 2021 at St. Leonard's (unless stated otherwise). Services will be held outdoors wherever possible

Sunday 2 May, 9.45am: Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Sunday 9 May, 11.15am: Family Communion (Common Worship)

Sunday 16 May, 11.15am: Family Service

Saturday 22 May, 6.00pm: Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 30 May, 11.00am: St Andrew's, Farleigh Wallop



St Leonard's Food Bank

Thank you for your continuing generosity to the Foodbank at during this challenging time. The box is in the church porch and is checked regularly if you would like to donate any dry goods.



Cliddesden Primary School

It is a joy to have all the children back in school. The majority of those who had been working at home came back with smiles on their faces and settled back in quickly. The interaction in the playground was a pleasure to see, with children catching up with their friends. We have eased the children in gently and continued to provide a broad curriculum with a big focus on well-being.

Paula Lavender

Cliddesden Bake Off

We set a half term Bake Off challenge for the children and we really enjoyed looking at all the entries submitted via Google Classroom. The entries looked delicious and we wish we could have tried them all. Winners were announced during our weekly Achievement Assembly. There was a winner for each year group and these were chosen by their class teachers.

Headteacher, Mr Davies also got to choose his favourite for Star Baker, and he chose a wonderful, smiling caterpillar cake by Olivia and her brother James in Years R and 2. Certificates were sent out to all the winners.



World Book Week

Regardless of whether the children were home learning or at school, they enjoyed



participating in lots of activities for World Book Week. Stories were shared, videos were sent in of children reading to their siblings, parents, pets and cuddly toys. The children used their imaginations to create their own stories and their art skills to create bookmarks.

Thursday was World Book Day and the children came into school wearing their pyjamas and shared their favourite book with their friends. Lots of fun was had by all.

World Down Syndrome Day – Lots of Socks

Every year we support World Down Syndrome Day at Cliddesden. On Monday, 22nd March we promoted awareness of Down Syndrome as part of our PSHE curriculum. The children were shown a short video from Stepping Stones who support children and young people with Down Syndrome.

To support awareness of Down Syndrome, and to celebrate our differences, children wore odd socks, as this is the way the charity celebrates the day.



Comic Relief

We supported Comic Relief this year and the children all looked brilliant in their outfits, some dressed as superheroes and some wearing red. We managed to raise £175. The jokes shared, bright costumes and hairstyles put a smile on all our faces.



JOGLE

When we heard our sports specialist Debs Costen and her friend Sarah Cotton had set themselves an enormous physical and mental challenge, we were keen to support them and use this to motivate ourselves to keep moving.



To raise money for Naomi House Debs challenge was to run 860 miles in 17 days! Debs and her running partner, Sarah, had originally planned to run from John O' Groats to Lands End but the current restrictions meant that this was no longer possible. Undeterred they came up with an alternative plan to run 52 miles a day along the Kennet and Avon canal. Clearly this distance in itself is inspiring but this plan meant they would be running the same route every day; 26 miles out and 26 miles back. The psychological challenge of running the same route for 17 consecutive days was an additional burden to this huge challenge.

Our school set a challenge to run, scoot, walk, cycle the equivalent number of miles. The children could not complete this task within school time, so we asked families and staff to join in. We have been keeping a daily record of how many miles Debs has achieved and our school community have been updating us with how many miles their households have completed. Everyone has really embraced and supported virtually this inspirational challenge from John O'Groats to Lands' End.

We can't wait to hear more about Debs and Sarah's epic adventure when we return to school and can't wait to see if we managed to match their miles.



Be patient, for the return of all things shall soon be realised, and as the flowers do grow and bloom in their time, so shall our joyful reunions be all the more pleasing after our wait.

A little archaic for our modern times, however it is in keeping with a passage I remembered referring to our flower for May.



The beautiful Lily-of-the-Valley, one of my favourite flowers, with a scent that takes me back to my childhood.

The delicate white flowers stand out against the rich green of the leaves, and their meaning is sweetness, humility and motherhood, making it an especially appropriate gift for your own mother.

It would seem that this simple bloom has had the power to inspire both literature and music.

The Victorian hymn, written by William Charles Fry (1837-1882) gives us:

I've found a friend in Jesus, - He's ev'rything to me
 He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul!
 The 'Lily of the Valley,' in him alone I see,
 All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole
 in sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay
 He tells me ev'ry care on Him to Roll
 (chorus)
 He's the 'Lily of the Valley,' the Bright and Morning Star
 He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul

'Lily of the Valley' was written by Freddie Mercury (1946-1991) about the 1835 book 'Lily of the Valley' by Honore de Balzac, and was one of Brian May's favourites.

And, harking back to my childhood, Robert Louis Stevenson wrote in 'Kidnapped' this advice from Mr Campbell to David Balfour :

"TO MAKE LILLY OF THE VALLEY WATER.—Take the flowers of lilly of the valley and distil them in sack, and drink a spoonful or two as there is occasion. It restores speech to those that have the dumb palsey. It is good against the Gout; it comforts the heart and strengthens the memory; and the flowers, put into a Glasse, close stopt, and set into ane hill of ants for a month, then take it out, and you will find a liquor which comes from the flowers, which keep in a vial; it is good, ill or well, and whether man or woman."

And then, in the minister's own hand, was added:

"Likewise for sprains, rub it in; and for the cholic, a great spoonful in the hour."

Something Happened!

Our March meeting, while it couldn't go ahead as a meeting, we had our first ever Zoom. While I was unable to be on the call, Steve Bowcutt gave this feedback:

"Last night we had our first Hort. Soc. Zoom meeting which I thought went very well. Seumas took on the organisation, which went really well."

*Andy Small gave us a marvellous talk, well presented with lots of advice, wonderful photographs and his intriguing new technique, new to me anyway. Thought you kept the camera still!
 Those who attended, I think most of you, I hope found it enjoyable and worthwhile."*

Something Else is Happening!

Summer Show Schedules are now available - please contact either myself or Marilyn Smith if you would like one.

Fuchsia plantlets for Class 45 - Plantlets are available at £1.50 from myself on 01256 381504 or Steve Bowcutt on 01256 324707.

The Plant Sale: As long as the current guidelines for the easing of lockdown restrictions don't change our plant sale will be on **23rd May at Cliddesden Millenium Hall.** Open from 1200-1300 for delivery of plant donations and setting up, open for sales 1300 - 1500

A maximum of 30 people will be allowed into the sale at any one time - there will be someone on the gate to count in and out. **You will be required to provide your name and phone number for track and trace purposes.** Hand sanitizer will be available and must be used by everyone coming into the sale. **Face masks must be worn unless you have an exemption card.** Tables will be laid out in order to maintain social distancing, with arrows to

ensure a steady flow of visitors. **The hall will NOT be open.** The car park will be available for use.

If you are unable to deliver plant donations please contact your local committee member to arrange collection, and many thanks in advance.

May 14th Meeting

Jennifer Carter - Images of France start 1945. This meeting will again be held via Zoom. Details for joining the meeting will be sent out via email to members.

If you are not a member of the Horticultural Society and would like to join us, please contact one of the committee for login details.

Thank-you to everyone who has now paid their subs. If you haven't yet done this payment can be made to any committee member, or via bank transfer, please contact me for details on how to do this.

Happy gardening!

Claire

Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

0 - 4 year olds and their grown-ups.

Friday Mornings 11-12 Term T

Walks: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th May and 11th, 18th June

Return to the hall: 25th June onwards

Due to Covid-19 we are offering a country walk suitable for all ages and following government guidelines. Please phone for more info.

A warm welcome awaits you - we look forward to you joining us.

Cost: £1 donation per family



Contact:

Melanie Previous Pre-school Head (07833-528040)

Claire Qualified teacher (01256-477197)

Correction

In the last edition of the newsletter we wrongly quoted the question raised by Paul Beevers at the March Council Meeting.

It should have been:

“Most Councillors will be aware of Basingstoke’s place in the Hampshire Downs and the environmental and ecological opportunity it presents, confirmed by Natural England. In order to protect and reconnect more of this landscape and restore nature, between the South Downs National Park (SDNP) and the North Wessex Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NWAONB) will the relevant Portfolio Holder respond to, support and refer to Committee this request to explore further designation of the Hampshire Downs as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty?”

We apologise for the mistake.

100 Club



Hello all 100 Club members.

Thank you for your support of Cliddesden Village Hall through your membership of the 100 Club and well done to all the lucky winners. If you have not yet confirmed and paid your subscription for 2021 please do so **PROMPTLY** so that we are able to include everyone in the draw and calculate prizes.

Membership is only £12.00 per year, per number, no limit per household.

For those of you with internet banking you can set up a standing order or make one off payments to the account details listed below. Please ensure that you email me when you make a payment so that these can be tracked.

Cheques should be made payable to `Cliddesden Village Hall`. You can hand them or cash to Angie Fewster, Ridgewood House, Farleigh Road; Julie James at Leaview House, 10 Hackwood Lane or myself Rose Beevers at Church Farm Cottage, Church Lane. .

New members are always welcome – just fill in the form below or send the details requested in the form to 100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk

April’s draw will take place in May when we have confirmation of numbers

Thanks again for everyone’s support.

Rose Beevers 01256 475944, 100Club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk

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Please contact the 100 Club Secretary for a Standing Order Form if on-line set-up is not possible.			

Please return the above form to Rose Beevers, Church Farm Cottage, Church Lane, Cliddesden, RG25 2JQ

Postman Mike Is Retiring

Some of you may know that our fabulous postie, Mike, has sadly decided to retire. We thought it would be nice to buy him a retirement gift and, after speaking to some other villagers, it seems many people feel the same. So, it would be a good idea if we came together to get him something special.

Carina and Tracey Mathias are organizing a card and looking after the donations. Tracey Mathias has very kindly offered to collect any donations so if anyone would like to contribute then please drop her a message at tamathias@hotmail.com



UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who has donated towards a gift for Mike, our amazing postman who has sadly decided to retire. If there is anyone who hasn't yet donated but would like to then please contact Tracey Mathias on tamathias@hotmail.com and she will give you the details. We currently have over £1,300 which is an incredible amount! There have been some great suggestions as to what we could buy so we are working through those and will update everyone in the coming weeks. Thank you again! Tracey & Carina

Police Report

I wish to update you on recent events within the area and seek your assistance. If you can help please give me a call, direct.

At about 5.30 am on March 23rd a fire was discovered at a workshop in Station Road, Cliddesden that is under investigation. If anyone was in the area previously and saw anything or anyone acting suspicious, please give me a call.

Slightly further afield, in Dummer overnight of March 31st and April 1st a catalytic converter was cut off from a car parked in Bible Fields, the price of scrap metal has risen in recent times and such thefts are on the increase, a similar crime was reported in Axford back in February.

In Ellisfield overnight of April 8th and 9th damage was caused to a hedge at a property in lower Green Lane, again if you can help please call.

I am aware that we have also been experiencing an increase in burglary to outbuildings, with the theft of tools etc. In Preston Candover overnight of April 7th and 8th two garages were broken into. Whilst nothing was stolen it shows these criminals are active in our area.

On Thursday April 8th 2021, at 1:18 pm, a silver Ford Focus was seen in Weston Road, Upton Grey on the Weston Road. A resident was working in his garden when a woman described as Eastern European; 5 ft 5" tall, medium build with black hair, wearing a dark coloured coat and blue facemask, approached him. Whilst talking to him she grabbed his wrist more than once. Finally she gave the appearance of falling, grabbing the wrist again. A short time later, the resident became aware that his watch had been stolen from his wrist. This crime is extremely rare in our area; in fact, it is the first in my 17 years here. I am making enquiries with other police areas in and out of Hampshire to see if this is a pattern, but at this time it appears to be a 'one off', please be aware if approached.

We are also receiving various reports of poaching with vehicles being driven across crop fields and hares and deer being targeted. If you see suspicious vehicles at any time of the day or night please do let us know.

Sincere wishes as always and thank you for your continued support

Andrew REID
Local Constable

PETITION TO SAVE DUMMER TREES

These trees line the old road into the village of Dummer, meaning they are of historical significance. They also are the home of up to 2,500 different species of wildlife.

<https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-destruction-of-67-oak-and-3-beech-trees-at-oakdown-farm-warehouse-site?> See also Youtube video <https://youtu.be/HaLQ1gqtUU8>

Stop the destruction of 67 oak and 3 beech trees on Oakdown Farm warehouse site.



 Christine Northam started this petition to Cllr Diane Taylor (Councillor, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council) and 1 other

ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION

Approval was given on 7th April 2021 for the building of a possible Amazon warehouse on J7M3. According to the Council's Planning Dept., this will mean the felling of an avenue of 67 oak and 3 mature beech trees.

These trees line the old road into the village of Dummer so are of historical significance. They also are the home of up to 2,500 different species of wildlife. Up to 1,750 houses are being built right next to the warehouse site. They are all to be fitted with gas boilers which will pollute the air further. The oak trees and others on the site combat CO2 and NO2 gasses from existing motorway traffic, but if the warehouse is built, the trees won't be there to act as lungs for the extra 1,600 daily HGV movements emanating from the warehouse. Trees help to reduce pollution.

Basingstoke Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and is committed to a net zero carbon borough by 2030. We need to stop the destruction of these valuable trees. Sign this petition to show your support.

1,568 have signed. Let's get to 2,500!

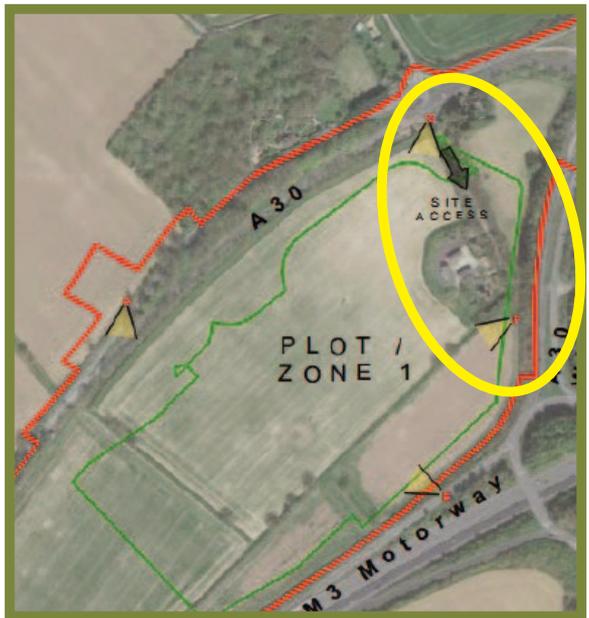
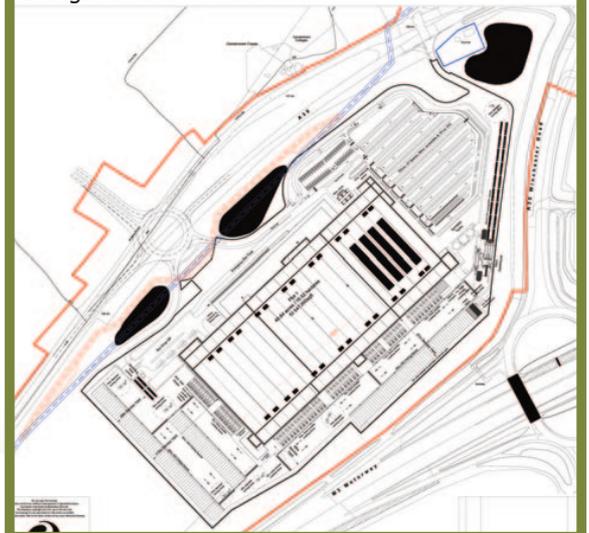


IMAGE & PLAN from 20/02586/FUL Design & Access Statement



20/02586/FUL (Approved DC 7th April – website status on going to press – Awaiting decision) land at Oakdown Farm, Dummer. Demolition of three dwellings, out-buildings and related structures and construction of a storage and distribution warehouse including mezzanine floorspace (use class B8) with ancillary offices (use class B1) within Plot 1 of the site, with associated infrastructure works including site access, parking provision, landscaping, site reprofiling, drainage works and diversion of underground pipeline.

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