

Hamble Village News - July 2021

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UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Following the Local Elections in May, the new Council is now bedding in with support from both a new team of elected councillors and staff.

At the June Parish Council meeting, we invited Chief Inspector Marcus Cator to talk to the councillors about issues in Hamble and the surrounding areas relating to crime and anti-social behaviour. There is more information about the range of measures that have been taken on page 2 of the newsletter, but I am sure most people would agree that there has been much more visible policing in the village over the last few months. One of Marcus' key messages was that, while we all need to work with the Police to try to find a range of solutions to the crime and anti-social behaviour issues, the most important and simple action we can all take is to make sure that crimes are reported. There are more details on how to do this later in the newsletter. In addition to the joint work that is taking place, we also have Cllr Craig Palmer who sits on the Hampshire Advisory Committee and will raise issues for residents. He is especially keen to see whether there is an appetite to set up more neighbourhood watch schemes in the area.

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, the Parish Council is still meeting in other venues and the number of members of public that can attend remains limited. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to meet virtually as the government has ruled against this, but we are looking to invest in

technologies which will enable us to live stream meetings and for residents to join remotely. We saw a good number of people come to our meetings during lockdown and know from feedback that it is a convenient alternative for many.

Although staff have been available over the phone and via email throughout the pandemic, the Office will now be open Tuesday - Friday 10-12pm and 2-4pm. You can either make an appointment to see a particular member of the team or just drop in. To protect yourself and our team, please take all necessary steps of wearing a face mask and refrain from visiting if you are feeling unwell or have tested positive for Covid-19.

Finally, we have recently been advised that the Co-op at Coronation Parade will close for refurbishment for 4 months from 14 July. It is great news that the works are due to start but I realise it will be a worry and a challenge for many people. The Council is working with Eastleigh Borough Council and local voluntary groups to see how we can best support residents during the closure. We will provide an update on this in the August newsletter.

Cllr Simon Hand

Chair of Hamble Parish Council

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UPDATE FROM THE DISTRICT COMMANDER AT HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY



The District Commander for Eastleigh, Chief Inspector Marcus Cator was welcomed to the June Parish Council meeting by the Chair. Marcus has been in post for 12 months and is particularly keen to build on

existing community links to develop new ways for Hampshire Constabulary to better engage with residents of Hamble and the surrounding areas.

To improve community engagement, actions taken to date include:

- Improving the Constabulary's use of social media to better communicate with local residents.
- The publication of a regular newsletter to update the public on current priorities and initiatives.
- The introduction of community-based scrutiny groups, with the intention of providing input and challenging key aspects of policing.

In addition to the above, staffing levels have increased significantly over the last twelve months from an initial low base and the impact of that is now being seen following intensive training and induction for new officers.

Chief Inspector Cator then addressed the following questions:

What are the Police doing to manage anti-social behaviour in Hamble?

Work on Operation Aquatics (Hamble Foreshore) has been running since November last year with a dedicated officer preparing a Partnership Plan which has involved Hampshire Police, Marine Police, Eastleigh Borough Council, Hamble River Harbour Authority, and Hamble Parish Council.

This Operation has resulted in a number of proactive measures being taken to manage anti-social behaviour, including increasing youth engagement, introducing high-visibility policing and regular patrols from Police and other agencies at high-risk times (high tides/high temperatures), and improving signage.

Officers from across the district are being offered overtime to cover Hamble during high-risk periods to ensure adequate policing. In addition, the recent issue of large numbers of young people using the rail network to come into the village has been reduced by the British Transport Police and Network

Rail working together to ensure that trains no longer stop at Netley or Hamble when there is a known problem. The Police have also used high visibility vehicles parked in prominent locations to act as a deterrent and the Lifeboat Building is being utilised as a touch down base for Police when they are on the patch.

In addition to these measures, Chief Inspector Cator was clear that he feels engagement with young people is key to addressing the anti-social behaviour problems. One step that has been taken to address this is to focus Park Sport at those locations where there is a high incidence of reporting and known issues to provide constructive diversionary activities.

What else can be done?

The Chief Inspector reiterated that anti-social behaviour can only be addressed through partnership between the various agencies. Use of Dispersal Orders has not been necessary to date, and in any case, there is a reluctance to use them as they are fine based which is generally found to be an unsuccessful approach to managing minors.

There is also a reluctance to see young people prosecuted, and generally the Youth Offending Team will look at alternatives to custodial sentences as the impact of a conviction at an early age has profound and long-lasting implications for individuals.

What could the Parish Council and other councils do to help?

The Chief Inspector would like to see the Parish Council help to reinforce key messages throughout the community, and particularly to encourage residents to report all incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Report volumes for Hamble are low – typically 20/30 reports are received each month, of which 10 – 15 relate to anti-social behaviour. To put this into context, this is similar to the volume of calls per day in Eastleigh. Resources will follow the areas with highest levels of reports. Recognition was given to the constraints and frustrations with the telephone 101 service; Marcus suggested that response times are now much improved with many answered within the target window.

Hamble residents are encouraged to either use 999 when a crime is taking place – including for incidents of anti-social behaviour – or make a report via

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<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/contact-us-to-discuss-something-else/>

What should residents do?

Residents are encouraged to report more frequently when issues occur in the community. Social media is not a reporting tool for the Police and although it does generate interesting discussions it is not used for intelligence gathering.

Are drug and alcohol the main drivers of crime and anti-social behaviour in Hamble?

Drugs are rife generally, although there is not a drug problem in Hamble. Police focus on disrupting drug networks rather than focusing on individual users. Alcohol is an issue in the village and has been for a long time. Use of Nitrogen Oxide is also commonplace but not illegal unless being traded.

Marcus has an open invitation to attend future Parish Council meetings.

Next Council Meeting:

Eastleigh Borough Council leader and Hampshire County Councillor for Hamble Keith House will be joining us at our next Parish Council meeting on 12 July. We also hope to have the local MP Paul Holmes join us at a future meeting.

Report It!

Let's stop Antisocial Behaviour Together!

If you witness a crime, or are concerned about a safety or crime-related issue, Hampshire Constabulary needs to know!

How to Report a Crime or Safety Issue

Is the incident
happening right now?

Call 999

Otherwise

Call 101

Or report the incident online at:
www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb/report-antisocial-behaviour/

Have a concern? You can now meet with our local police team

Following concerns and reports about anti-social behaviour and crime in Hamble, we are pleased to announce regular Hampshire Constabulary surgeries starting on Monday 12 July at Hamble Foreshore, just outside Hamble Lifeboat station.

PC James Masters from Hedge End Police will be available from 10.00-15.00 on the following dates over the summer:

Monday 12 July	Monday 26 July	Sunday 8 August
Saturday 17 July	Friday 30 July	

We are working hard to deal with antisocial behaviour in the village and this is an important step addressing concerns many of you share in the community.

HOW YOUR HOME SECURITY SYSTEM CAN HELP PROTECT THE COMMUNITY

Do you have a Ring doorbell or a similar home CCTV system? If so, did you know that you can register your cameras with Hampshire Alert to help protect your neighbours and community? Registering your system creates a network of cameras that prove useful in fighting crime and anti-social behaviour. If an incident takes

place, the Police will contact you to request footage from your camera system and can use this in their investigations.

Register your system at: https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/da/364698/Help_Us_To_Fight_Crime_REGISTER_YOUR_HOME_OR_BUSINESS_CCTV.html.



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COUNCIL LED COMMUNITY NEWS

BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

What are the local ties which bind Hamble together? Is it where we send our children to school, our places of worship, or perhaps, the community groups we attend?

Currently, the number of electors in some constituencies is much higher than in others. The Boundary Commission for England, an independent and impartial public body, is redrawing the boundaries of Parliamentary constituencies to make sure each one has between 69,724 and 77,062 electors. As part of this process, the number of constituencies in England will increase from 533 to 543. The 2023 Boundary Review will therefore ensure that each MP represents roughly the same number of electors in each new constituency.

The initial proposals for new boundaries include significant changes for our borough. We are now in a public consultation period that runs until 2 August, and Hamble residents are invited to view the proposed new boundaries and provide feedback:

<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

HAMBLE ALLOTMENT SCHEME

Hamble Parish Council has 39 allotments situated just off Hamble Lane. These are rented out for between £15 and £40 per plot (dependent on size) with an additional contribution for the cost of water. We have an Allotment Working Group led by Cllr Trevor Dann and Cllr Andy Thompson, although the day-to-day queries, allocation of plots, and co-ordination of the waiting list is run from the Parish Council offices. There has been a great deal of interest recently in growing your own vegetables, fruit, and flowers and the waiting list for plots currently stands at almost 35. If you are interested in joining the waiting list, please complete the form on our website:

<http://www.hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/hamble-parish-council-14956/get-an-allotment/>



HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

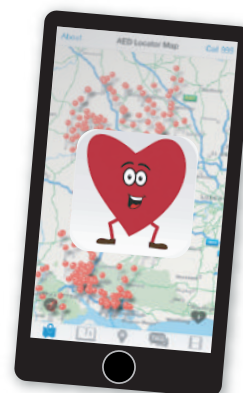
With Covid restrictions easing, we have been able to return to our regular team tasks, most recently clearing Hamble Common of Ragwort where there is a risk of it being eaten by grazing cattle. The cattle are vital to retaining the Common's features which have remained unchanged for thousands of years but in time their consumption of Ragwort will result in fatal liver damage. Removal of the Ragwort is not straightforward; if cut, it multiplies and becomes even more dangerous to cattle. It can be poisoned but with great risk to surrounding plants. We adopted the only safe option which is to remove Ragwort individually by hand. Equipped with a special type of fork a team of volunteers removed all the Ragwort in the field south of Heather Gardens. It was hard work but rewarding knowing that without our efforts the cattle would have been at risk.

If you would like to know more about us please either visit our website hambleconservationvolunteers.org.uk or call Philip Rawlinson on 07810 453138.



SAVE A LIFE

The 'Save a Life' app from South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust provides up-to-date locations for all defibrillators in Hamble and nationwide – ideal for identifying the closest defibrillator to you in the event of an emergency.



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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH UPDATE

Like many organisations and businesses, the Church is starting to open up again as lockdown eases. We started services again on Palm Sunday and have a 10am Eucharist on a Sunday and a weekly one on a Thursday. We started our 'Lighthouse' service for families with young children in May and this is held on the first Sunday of each month at 11.30am. We currently have restrictions in place like wearing a mask and not having congregational singing, but we hope these will ease over the summer months. We have started serving tea and coffee after the services in the Priory Centre. We would love to see people coming to these services; please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more information about them.

Activities have started again in the Priory Centre with the Pipers meeting on a Monday evening and the Brownies on a Thursday evening. We are starting to take bookings again for children's parties - if you would like to make a booking please contact Ian Stephens on 02380 454181.

We will be having a church 'post Covid recovery group' meeting soon, and hope to start a weekly coffee morning, so people can start to meet up again for fellowship. In future articles I will keep the parish updated when more activities get started again. They will also be on the Church website and Facebook page.

We are grateful to the Parish Council for giving the Church a generous grant to enable us to buy a mower. Our community service team have been furloughed because of the pandemic and we are using the mower and volunteers to help us cut the Churchyard grass. We are allowing the grass on the eastern side of the Churchyard to remain uncut, in order to allow for the growth of wildflowers, and to encourage butterflies.

Have a happy summer.

Father Graham, St Andrew's Vicarage.

HAMBLE LE RICE FLOWER CLUB

25 JUNE - ANNUAL OUTING - BLENHEIM PALACE FLOWER SHOW

Although some Lockdown Restrictions were still in place, the Flower Show was an outdoor event and with our limited numbers we were able to travel by coach. What a joy to meet people we hadn't seen for such a long while, have a good chat, but most importantly visit a Flower Show, which is of course quite a passion for a Flower Club!

12 JULY - DEMONSTRATION BY CHRISTINE WRIGHT - 'ANYTHING GOES'

This event was due to be held back in the Memorial Hall but sadly again due to the continued restrictions on numbers, we have cancelled our hall booking.

However, weather permitting it is hoped to hold this event outdoors in a member's garden. So, with chairs and parasols at the ready all members will receive more information nearer the time.

9 AUGUST - TALK: LISSIE FAIRRIE - PUGGS MEADOW FLOWERS

Hamble Memorial Hall. Doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm commencement. All welcome.

MR HUDSON

On behalf of the local community, the Parish Council would like to offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Hudson, one of the teachers at Hamble Primary School, who has passed away suddenly. Mr. Hudson was an inspiration to all who met him, and was loved by the children he taught. He will be very much missed.

HAMBLE CLUB FOOTBALL CLUB

Hamble Club FC is holding a youth football tournament at Mount Pleasant on the weekends of 10/11 and 17/18 July. If you get the chance, why not go along to support youth football? If you're playing - good luck!



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THE MERCURY LIBRARY & COMMUNITY HUB



The Mercury Library is still open every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10am to 1pm plus every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10am to midday for the Citizens Advice Bureau who offer a free drop in service for anyone who needs help/advice. It has been great to welcome members old and new, plus we have signed up some more very welcome volunteers.

Sonia has provided a great selection of jams, marmalades, and chutneys to sell, with all proceeds going to charity, and Irene is running children's quilting sessions during the Saturday morning opening - just £2 a session and brilliant fun

(if you don't know what quilting is, look it up - you'll be amazed). Our knit and natter ladies meet every Tuesday. They all have different crafting skills - check out the photo of the elephant made up of bits of babygrows for a much-loved baby. What a keepsake!



We have a fantastic selection of top-quality books and puzzles to borrow due to a constant influx of donations – thank you everyone.

As soon as we can, we will open on additional days, so it is just a case of watch this space. We follow current Covid guidelines and will do so until we are told otherwise.

Pop in and see us; you'll be very welcome.

HAMBLE LADIES GROUP

Firstly, I would like to say hello to everyone - members of our group and of course anyone else who reads this.

Hopefully you have all been keeping well and Covid-free and have been enjoying our lovely summer weather (although as I write this on June 18 it hasn't stopped raining for the past 24 hours - enough now, I say!)

Myself, Joan, Dawn, Ann, Maggie, and Jenny have been chatting and decided that, to be on the safe side, we will not be starting up again until 11 January 2022.

We have also decided to hold the meetings in the afternoons starting at 2pm and hopefully this will work well for everyone. The venue stays the same at the Priory Centre, Hamble.

Joan is working hard to book us some interesting speakers and we are already thinking of our summer outing and then of course our Christmas Dinner, but I think I am getting a little ahead of myself.

The first meeting will be a chance for us all to get together again and have a chat and catch up. Hopefully we will see as many as possible there - all our regular members and new ones too.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy the summer when it comes back.

Bobby Conduit - Chairman Hamble Ladies Group

SKY SIGHTS FOR JULY

As the sky darkens on long summer evenings, a bright star emerges from the twilight high overhead. This is Vega, the brightest star in the constellation Lyra, the lyre. Compare it with Arcturus, lower in the west, and you should notice a distinct colour contrast: where Arcturus is orange, Vega is a brilliant blue-white, like a celestial sapphire. Although at first all stars might seem white, they do have colours, and the colour is an indication of the star's temperature. The temperature scale runs from red hot for the coolest stars through yellow and white hot to blue. As such, we can tell

from their contrasting colours that Vega is a much hotter star than Arcturus. Vega forms a large triangle with two other bright stars in the summer sky: Deneb, in Cygnus, and Altair, closer to the horizon in Aquila. The formation is called the Summer Triangle, although it remains visible well into the autumn.

10 New Moon
24 Full Moon

Ian Ridpath

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH WARDEN

Mark Cowley joined us earlier in the year, and is tasked with improving the areas around the village that we manage. This includes arranging litter picks, cleaning up street furniture, and working with other groups and businesses to keep Hamble beautiful.

If you have any ideas you'd like to share, or are a business or group and would like to get involved, contact Mark on parishwarden@hamblepc.org.uk.



#LOVEWHEREYOU LIVE

We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful area, and to showcase the Parish, we would like you to share your favourite photos of Hamble and surrounds.

Send your photos to us via Facebook messenger, and every month we'll choose our favourite to share in the newsletter, and as our banner image on Facebook.

NAME OUR ELECTRIC VEHICLE!



Have you seen our little electric vehicle trundling around the streets of Hamble? It is ideal for helping our Warden and Groundsmen get around the Parish but is in need of a name!

We are running a competition for all the family over the summer to name our vehicle! Email us your ideas, and the winner will see their suggestion painted on the vehicle.

Closing date is 31 August.

UPCOMING DATES

- Annual Parish Meeting – originally planned for the 19 May, this will now be rescheduled for a date once all Covid restrictions have been lifted
- Eastleigh Borough Council consultation on tree protection policy - Trees and Development Supplementary Planning Document consultation period ends 21 July. Visit <https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/latest-news/council-consultations-on-tree-protection-policy> for further details
- Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan – consultation period ends 21 July. Visit <https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/latest-news/council-consultations-on-main-modifications-to-its-local-plan>
- Hampshire Farmers Market – 4 September
- Hamble Community Yard Sale – 24 July at 10am
- Park Sport Eastleigh - runs from 26 July to 28 August during the school summer holidays and will see the return of popular activities, such as the free Skate Jams and Free Swimming at multiple locations across the Borough. Visit <https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/latest-news/reconnect-this-summer-with-park-sport-for-five-to-16-year-olds>
- Local Area Committee meeting – the meeting scheduled for 10 June was cancelled, with outstanding issues deferred to the next meeting on 23 September
- Boundary Commission for England consultation period – ends 2 August

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