# Hamble Village News - October 2020









# **COUNCIL UPDATE**

I suspect when this newsletter hits the door mat the best of the summer will be behind us and autumn will be underway. Unlike other years, this autumn brings the additional concerns and worries about the re-emergence of the Corona Virus as we spend more time together in doors, be that with our family, at school in our bubbles, with work colleagues or socialising in Covid secure locations. In such a short time we have had to adopt a whole new language and pattern of living that this time last year would have been impossible to imagine. All of that said it is testament to the spirit of endeavour and enterprise that people and businesses have adapted as well as they have and as a community, we hopefully are well prepared as we go into the winter. Each of us has a part to play in keeping ourselves and each other well with guidance and advice readily available from the government and public health website.

We continue to hold our scheduled Council meetings virtually. An unexpected benefit has been that more residents have joined our meetings as guests, given the convenience of speaking from the comfort of your home. We really appreciate when residents do come

along and raise issues or concerns with us and we hope to welcome more of you to future meetings. If you want to join us but aren't sure how, get in touch with the Office Team and they will point you in the right direction.

With a longer school break, the end of lock down and a hot spell we did see problems once again at the Foreshore with anti social behaviour. Repeating the same approach each year isn't making enough of a difference so this year we will be working with Eastleigh Borough Council, Hampshire Police and Hampshire County Council/Harbour Authority to understand the issues and try to identify a different solution for next year. Hopefully, one that doesn't prevent young people enjoying the Foreshore but does remove the small antisocial element that upsets other visitors. We are planning to host a virtual public meeting to discuss the problem and to encourage people to come forward with ideas. We would be especially keen to hear from local young people on this topic. So watch this space but please get in touch if you have any suggestions.

During the summer we held an emergency

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# **COUNCIL UPDATE cont**

meeting to consider the application submitted by the Royal Southern Yacht Club to extend their license application to include the cobbled area to the front of the building on the Foreshore and to regularise the use of the Car Park at the rear for events. The application was amended to remove the cobbled area ahead of the Licensing hearing that Eastleigh Borough Council held to consider it. The application was refused.

Lastly Father Graham has been in touch about the Remembrance Sunday service. This is always a well-attended service which in the current situation will be difficult as the Church capacity is much reduced. Sadly there will be no Eucharist Service at 9.30am, however the church will be open all day for private prayer and remembrance. Finding other ways to remember the sacrifice of others maybe a necessity this year – but by the next edition we should have further information about it or get in touch with the Church directly.

- Cllr Simon Hand, Chair of Hamble Parish Council

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# **OUR NEW ADDITION**

After relocating to Hamble in May 2019, I decided I wanted to get more involved in helping the community as a new representative voice for Hamble residents.

I would like to help the Hamble Parish Council in their efforts to 'get things done' and to improve the connection and conversation between Hamble residents, the Parish Council and other local government bodies. My husband and I rely on public transport, walking and cycling to get around. For this reason, I would like to be a voice to speak on behalf of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users in Hamble.



Before moving to Hamble, I had lived in London for 18 years and before that Canada – growing up in Calgary and Vancouver and living in Toronto for one year. My interests outside of work include Pilates, sailing, paddling, history and travel.

- Michelle Nicholson

## HAMBLE AEROSPACE LIMITED

### **Planning Application**

Many local residents took part in public consultations regarding the development plans which would see 148 new homes built on the site of GE Aviation. The application was refused by Eastleigh Borough Council in December 2019. The site is now owned by Hamble Aerospace Limited (HAL) who have appealed against the decision. Hamble Parish Council remain opposed to the scheme and we hope that the traffic survey commissioned

last year will used be in supporting concerns about traffic and congestion. The hearing is scheduled for 10 -13th November 2020 starting at 10am and will take place online. Details of how to join the hearing will be publicised on the site notices and in press notices in the local newspaper towards the end of October. The Parish Office will also be able to advise you on how to join.

# LOOKING AFTER THE VILLAGE

#### **Assets**

Many of you will have seen our new truck. This is the latest addition in our low carbon, low emissions asset replacement programme. We also hope to trial an electric vehicle as part of a conversion to electric vehicles. Not only are the new emerging electric vehicles kinder to the environment but they will also be kinder to our staff – allowing them to get into places which currently we can't – saving time and money. We hope to have one on trial before Christmas so look out for it.



Unfortunately, we have seen a large rise in the level of vandalism affecting our assets throughout the summer. Since June there have been 13 serious incidents which have been reported to the Police, which include break ins and damage at Roy Underdown Pavilion, damage to the Mount Pleasant changing facilities, and continual damage to the public toilets at the Lifeboat Station. There have also been numerous other incidents such as smashed hand sanitizers, broken windows and continual vandalism at the Hamble Lane Allotments. This has resulted in an estimated cost of £500 and 40 hours of staff time to fix. Luckily our Grounds Team have repaired the damage themselves, avoiding the expense of specialist contractors.





#### **Allotments**

Over the last few months, we have been aware of problems at the allotments on Hamble Lane and in particular of damage that is being done to both the fencing and on the plots themselves. As a result, we have carried out a short survey with the allotment holders and have had a really good response to it

and some great suggestions. We also had an allotment holder attend our last Council meeting where they outlined in more detail the problems and some possible solutions. The Council are now reviewing the options and suggestions to determine the best course of action.

### **Plant a Tree**

Great news – early in November, 420 saplings will be delivered to Hamble by the charity The Woodland Trust. We now need help to plant them! We will provide some basic advice on planting and the equipment needed as well as staying safe. The main areas we are looking to plant will be hedging along the Foreshore behind the Dinghy Storage Park as well as at College Playing Fields. There are a mix of tree types and we will also be looking at

other locations as well for one or two trees. If you are a local group that wants a community project to support, an employer with staff that give up time to volunteer or you just want to help improve the village then contact me or the office. We'd love to see lots of people get involved!

- Cllr A Thompson, Chair of Asset Management Committee

# **COMMUNITY UPDATE**

#### What Rubbish!

Concerns were running high in the village at the start of the summer about the volume of litter that was being left around. To get on top of the problem we increased the number of bins in areas where there was a known problem, dedicated up to 5 hours per day of staff time to picking up litter and broken glass starting in the early hours, changed the signage to prompt better behaviour and we saw a day of action with different groups, including our own councillors, out and about on litter picking!

We would like to say a big thank you to those members of the public who have been picking up litter around the village, and if you wish to organise a litter picking group, do let us know and we can lend you litter pickers and high-vis vests.

These efforts combined with the end of the hot weather and a return to school has resulted in a reduction in the amount of littering - but there is still work to do. This focus has got us thinking about rubbish more generally, so we are conducting a review



to assess whether we have the right sort of bins in the right places (and who owns, empties and maintains them), as Eastleigh Borough Council also has bins in different sites across the village. If you are a regular walker and have spotted any gaps - drop us line.

- Cllr Sheelagh Cohen

### **Getting in touch**

Do you need advice, signposting or you want to use one of our services – if so we are here and are happy to help! To contact the office, simply give us a call (between 10am-4pm) or drop us an email. You are welcome to come in and discuss your request in person, but please make an appointment to do so in order to avoid too many people in our small office at one time. This will help us to keep everyone safe and sound.



### **Advice and Support returns to Hamble**

Citizens Advice Eastleigh in partnership with Hamble Parish Council are delighted to confirm that from the 7th October they will restart their popular advice Surgeries at The Hub.

They will be available on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 10am-12 noon.



#### **Wildlife Corner**

Recently a resident suggested that a portion of the news-sheet be dedicated to celebrating the success of various re-wilding initiatives within Hamble. We love this idea, so please share with us your 'wildlife discoveries' – these might be pictures of a bug hotel or a hedgehog hostel, photos of the beautiful (but hard to spot) Kingfishers on Hamble River, or reports of the lesser-spotted varieties of birds, animals and insects that you may have encountered. Please send us your news and sightings and we look forward to sharing them.

# **COMMUNITY UPDATE cont**

### **Tennis Court Update**

Despite the lack of Wimbledon on TV this year, it was great to see that the tennis court was so well used over the summer. Many residents were disappointed when damage to the net, caused by non-tennis players, forced us to close the court for repairs. The court has since re-opened but the net will soon be removed for the Winter to prevent deterioration.

Ahead of next year's tennis season we would like to establish a working group of volunteers to discuss how best to manage this wonderful village resource, to ensure it stays free, and accessible to those wishing to use it for its intended purpose, but reduces the amount of unwanted damage and destruction caused through improper use.

If you would like to continue to use the court, please get in touch with the Parish office and join the tennis working party and help us decide how best to manage it.



#### **Events**

So many of the events have had to be put on hold this year the latest being the Royal Southern Yacht Club Christmas Fayre which was due to take place on the 7th November. The good news is the date for next year has been set for 6th November 2021.

It's great to hear that clubs and events are reopening. Follands Bowls Club has reopened and is welcoming people back. One visitor they hadn't expected to see was two hoglets that got themselves trapped and had to be rescued.



### **Covid-Commemorations**

In previous news-sheets, the Council's Covid Response Working Group asked for suggestions on how we could commemorate the impact of this unusual year on the village.

So far suggestions have included

- Planting memorial trees in honour of those lost to Coronavirus
- · Establishing a piece of public art to

celebrate the role of keyworkers – potentially with the design taking inspiration from the NHS rainbow, and each coloured band bearing a meaningful word such as Red representing love and blue trust

What do you think? Do you have any further ideas? Please get in touch and share any ideas with us!

#### **Delivery Reserve**

Do you like getting out and about around the village?. Would you like to earn a bit of money for doing it? If so let us know. We have a resident who will be delivering the newsletter most months but on occasion we maybe looking for someone to cover when they aren't around. If you're interested in being on a reserve list to be called up to help, then drop the office a line and we will talk you through the arrangements.



# **COMMUNITY UPDATE cont**

# Can Richard, your local Village Agent, help you?

Village Agent volunteers, supported by Age Concern Hampshire, help people – and their family, friends and carers – find the information and support they need to stay living safely and independently.

**Find** – Provide information on a range of topics, such as finding help to manage around the home, social activities locally or what government help you may be eligible for.

**Help** – When appropriate, provide a bit of tailored support to help you connect to the service you need, such as making a phone call or filling in a Blue Badge form.

**Connect** – Can put you in touch with the right help, such as charities and local support groups, at the right time.

You can contact Richard, Hamble's Village Agent, on 07580 995454 or villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk





### **Mercury Library & Community Hub**

The Hub is now open for business! We are open every Tuesday and Saturday from 10am to 2pm and aim to return to normal opening hours as soon as possible.

We have been busy welcoming everyone back providing all the normal library functions as well as a space for people to come together which is so important after lockdown. All ages are welcome and we hope to create an opportunity for people to meet others and share experiences during these uncertain times.

#### **Telephone Box**

There was a disappointing response to our call in last month's newssheet for volunteers to adopt the old red telephone box in the village square. As a result, the Parish Council will not acquire the telephone box onto our list of assets, and instead it will remain the property of BT. We have asked BT what their intentions are. As it is sited within a listed conservation area, we do not expect them to take any imminent action.



Phonebox, Hamble Square

### Advertising

From the next edition of the news-sheet a(November), we will be featuring a limited number of adverts from local organisations. If you are interested in advertising your business, please contact the office for up to date rates and availability.

# POLICE EASTLEIGH PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

#### Foreword from Inspector Philip Raymond

Welcome to the September edition of the Policing Eastleigh partnership newsletter. ideas with us!

I am the Sector Inspector for both Eastleigh and Hedge End - the sectors that constitute the Eastleigh policing district. I arrived in this new and exciting role in mid-March, just as we entered lockdown, and so my introduction to the partners with whom we work has been different to how I would have planned.

Most of my career has been in uniform roles, but I have also spent time as a Detective, worked with young offenders in the Youth Offending Team and also served as the Staff Officer to both the Police and Crime Commissioners that have served Hampshire (and the Isle of Wight). I have supported various change programmes, probably most notably the establishment of the National Police Air Service.

Please feel free to contact your local inspector with any query you may have, or go direct to Chief Inspector Marcus Cator via marcus. cator@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Inspector Philp Raymond Sector Inspector for district

Police Sergeant Sandra Hamilton Hedge End South

### Want to stay informed? Register for Hampshire Alerts

As a local resident, you can play a key role in helping us to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour.

Improving the flow of information between the local community and the police is vital to achieving our aim to work together to deter criminals.

By signing up to Hampshire Alerts, you will receive timely updates covering crime



# Our priorities

- Support the community of Beaulieu Road, due to increased reports of ASB, drugs and some levels of disorder.
- Grantham Green, due to increased reports of ASB, drugs and some levels of disorder.
- Hamble Increased reports of antisocial behaviour moving from Hamble Quay into the main village. In addition, reports of licensed premises not adhering to COVID regulations in respect of social distancing measures.

prevention advice, crime alerts and witness appeals for incidents in the local community. It is your way of being kept informed of what we're doing in the community, allowing us to keep the communities of Eastleigh and Hedge End safe.

https://member-registration. neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/134/Join

#### Call it in

Crime reporting may not be the most exciting way to spend your time but it does make a difference! Towards the end of the summer we saw in an increase in reporting of issues which resulted in the Police prioritising the area with more patrols and more uniformed officers out and about. So if you see something please call it in on 101 and help to make a difference.

# **USEFUL CONTACTS**

BEE SWARM COLLECTION	M Barringer	8056 1792 07941 203 102
BUS PASSES (Hampshire)		0300 555 1376
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EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL (All depts)		8068 8000
FRIENDS OF HAMBLE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Heather Ross - info@friendsofhambleprimary.co.uk	
HAMBLE BROWNIES	Michelle Main Miller	8045 6357
HAMBLE GOOD NEIGHBOURS (Medical Appt Transport Service)	Co-Ordinator	0845 643 0371
HAMBLE CLUB	Mrs A Moore (Sec)	8045 6189
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