



Spring Newsletter 2021

Welcome to Warnham Parish Council's Spring newsletter for 2021. In the edition you will find out more about the Parish Council, the Councillors and what the Parish Council are currently doing as well as lots of other information.

Meet the Parish Councillors

The Parish Councillors can be contacted on their email addresses – fullname@warnham.org.uk.

Chair to the Council – Cllr Ann Lloyd



I moved to Warnham 35 years ago with my husband, Peter. It was a very reluctant move for me because I was very happy living in the Oxford area, but my husband wanted to leave academia and began work at the pharmaceutical company, Ciba Geigy in Horsham. If I had to move, I wanted a clustered village location and a thriving church with bells. Apart from a two year secondment in Switzerland, we have been in Friday Street ever since!

I taught at The Weald School in Billingshurst and then Farlington School, with breaks to have our two sons. I gradually became more and more involved in village life through St Margaret's as a bell ringer, distribution of the Parish Magazine

and then, as I was nearing retirement, I took over the organisation of the Seniors Group in the village.

I joined the Parish Council in 2014 and thoroughly enjoyed being involved with local issues. Whilst on the Parish Council I have been part of the planning committee. I believe that it is important to maintain the character of the parish whilst accepting fully that there is a growing demand for housing. I was pleased to be part of the team collating evidence and preparing for the Warnham Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Part of this plan was to have a safe cycle route from Warnham into Horsham. In 2020 this route was opened, and people will have seen me cycling that route 2 or 3 times a week. I cycle wherever I can, which means I can see and speak to people as I go around the village. The view of Warnham coming back into the village from the old A24 always lifts my spirits and makes me more determined to protect what we have around us.

I became Chairman of the Parish Council in 2019 and I 'head' a team who have the best interests of the parish and parishioners at the centre of their work. It is not always a thankful task when we have to liaise between angry residents, understandably complaining about increased traffic

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in the parish whilst at the same time having to juggle with the constraints being made upon us by HDC or WSCC.

The Parish Council cannot work effectively without your support and I would like to thank everyone who has taken an active part in parish life.

Councillor Chris Gould



Christopher is a commercial insurance broker by profession

and previously sat on the Neighbourhood Development Plan committee. He has served as a Parish Councillor since 2019, having lived in the Parish since 2012. Originally from a local Surrey village his objective as a Councillor is to preserve the rural benefits of the parish whilst supporting positive change and innovation. Chris is a keen ornithologist and an advocate for the Wild About Warnham initiative.

Chris is Chair of the Planning Committee and is currently a member of the Recreation Advisory Group and the Finance and Agenda Advisory Group.

Councillor Emma Fraser



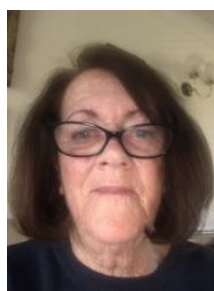
Emma Fraser has lived in the Parish since 2016, having moved into the area from London.

Emma has worked with children with dyslexia and specific learning

difficulties for the majority of her working life.

She has been a Warnham Parish Councillor since 2021 and is currently a member of the Recreation Committee. Her main area of interest is our natural environment, and how we can mitigate the loss of our natural species and environment as a result of development and urbanisation.

District Councillor Patricia Youtan



Patricia has been a District Councillor since 2011 and a Cabinet Member for Community and Wellbeing since 2017. She is well

known for being a supporter of wildlife, flora and will always question the mitigation to be put in place before planning permission is given. She is also a supporter of trees and working with our tree department have managed to save, protect and ensure that felling, pruning and destruction are reduced and campaigned for the advice given by the RSPB not to work on trees and hedgerows during the bird nesting season from March to June and dislike and protest when it does take place!

Patricia is very active in promoting affordable housing and delighted to have been involved in our HDC housing company designed to offer rental for families in need, who are unable to buy any property in this expensive area of ours, whilst campaigning for our roads to become safer and hate the rat running which affects us all so badly.

Due to her cabinet position Patricia has a good working relationship with our myriad of voluntary organisations who help so much and proved invaluable during this last terrible pandemic year. There is always room for improvement in HDC and insists on using her sense of fair play which guides her as your District Councillor.

Patricia is very happy to help any residents and can be contacted on

Tricia.Youtan@horsham.gov.uk

County Councillor Christian Mitchell



Christian has served as a councillor since 2003 and has served on West Sussex County

Council since 2017.

The county council division of Broadbridge includes the village of Warnham, Kingsfold, Slinfold, Rudgwick and Broadridge Heath.

He is a member of the Governance Committee at West Sussex County Council and he is Vice Chairman of the Sussex Police and Crime Panel.

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VE DAY – 8th May 2021

Last year, the nation got together and celebrated VE Day in



incredible fashion. This year, put a Tommy in your Window, and let's continue to celebrate a remarkable generation in 2021. The Parish Council will be placing their two

Tommy's around the Parish. Take a Selfie and send it into the Council for a mention on Facebook and in the next newsletter. www.rbli.co.uk

Fly Tipping

Sadly, Warnham is seeing an increase in fly tipping across the Parish. Should anyone come across any please help the Council by reporting it along with any evidence at

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/1-and-waste-and-housing/report-fly-tipping/>

Pot Holes

As with any community, Warnham has its fair share for Pot holes. These can be reported at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online/>.

Great British Spring Clean – 28th May – 13th June 2021

The Great British Spring Clean is upon us again. The



Parish Council is calling all Warnham residents to help spring clean our parish. We would love the residents to get involved by cleaning their pathways outside their houses, litter pick any surrounding areas and wash down any nearby road signs. Helps us get Warnham Parish ready for the Summer by bringing a sparkle to the parish. Post your selfies to #littleheroes @HorshamDC #GBSpringClean @warnhamparishcouncil

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our->

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[campaigns/great-british-spring-clean/pledge-to-pick/thank-you](#)

Recycling

New recycling bins have been installed at The Owl / Warnham Village Hall, Kingsfold. The aim is for some items that can be recycled but not collected by the Local Authority, are taken here. Please contact the Clerk for more information.

Wild About Warnham

A project for anyone who is worried about the future of our parish... and our planet.

Globally, we are facing an environmental crisis. Climate change, extreme biodiversity loss and plastic pollution are posing an unprecedented threat to humanity and the natural world.



Warnham is a pleasant and predominantly rural Parish and yet, even here, biodiversity loss is happening at an alarming rate.

From my own observations in Warnham Parish, made over the last thirty years, most of our wildlife has declined dramatically, especially insects which are a vital source of food for birds and bats. Insects also have a crucial role as pollinators of the crops we eat.

Less than ten years ago, the Parish was a stronghold for birds such as the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker and Willow Tit, both of which are now probably extinct locally. Once common and widespread farmland birds such as the Skylark, Kestrel and Swallow are now scarce or

absent from much of the Parish. The iconic Lapwing has been lost as a regular breeding species and the Nightingale is on the brink.



The **Wild About Warnham** project was established in 2019, with the support of Warnham Parish Council, to raise awareness of local environmental issues, help prevent further environmental damage and to carry out projects to reverse the loss of wildlife in every part of the parish.

Acting alone, we cannot reverse biodiversity loss or halt global climate change, but together we can take steps at a local level to help wildlife by improving, restoring and increasing habitat.



Progress so far has included:

- Launching Phase 1 of 'The One Square Metre Mini-Meadow Challenge' which aims to encourage everyone to grow a wildflower mini meadow in their garden or window box!);
- Planting 50 Alder Buckthorn shrubs for the Brimstone butterfly;
- Establishing a summer 'no-mow' plan for parts of the churchyard to increase the wildflowers growing there so that there is more nectar for bees and other pollinating insects;
- Sowing UK-sourced wildflower seed along 800 metres of the new cycle path;

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- Carrying out a survey of the local swift population and putting up swift nest boxes;
- Making bird nest boxes and bat boxes from recycled materials to put up around the Parish;
- Providing free advice to gardeners and landowners on how they might increase the wildlife in their gardens or on their land.

There is so much more we can all do. If you are concerned about the



environment and the threats to our wildlife, please do get in touch, share your ideas with us and join in. We want absolutely everyone to get involved!

There are activities and events planned, from tiny tasks to big projects, to suit all interests, all ages... and anyone who is worried about the future of our parish and our planet.

To get involved, please contact me by email at butterfly0@btinternet.com or call me on 078 4087 1755.

David Bridges,
Wild About Warnham Project
Coordinator

More information about Wild About Warnham can be found on the Parish Council website <https://warnham.org.uk/caring-for-our-environment/> or on the project's Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/Wild-About-Warnham-102962231809937> and on Instagram.

For the latest wildlife sightings and news of project events and activities follow us on Twitter @WildWarnham

Photo Credits in order of appearance

Just a handful of Kestrel remain on farmland in Warnham. Photograph by Bill Thornton

The Nightingale still occurs in Warnham, but for how much longer? Photograph by Bill Thornton

The rare Dingy Skipper butterfly can still be found in small numbers on unimproved grassland. Photograph by Nicola Curtis

The spectacular Purple Emperor has benefitted from habitat management in the butterfly fields in Tilletts Lane. Photograph by Neil Hulme

Adopt a Street volunteer scheme

Do you have an interest in your local area and want to see it looking clean and tidy? Join our Adopt a Street scheme which already has hundreds of volunteers across the District who are passionate about protecting and preserving the environment on their doorstep.

Volunteers choose the area they want to adopt, and we will provide all the equipment they need to help with the clean-up, including:

- Litter pickers
- Plastic bags
- Gloves
- Hi-Vis vests

We will collect any litter that you have picked up during the campaign. Please contain the litter within sacks, bring it back to your address and let us know the location by calling **01403 733144** at Adopt a Street and we will collect it from you.

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We also provide health and safety training and help with coordinating the volunteers.

Please ahead of any event.

adoptastreet@horsham.gov.uk

Council Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you can answer yes to the following questions then the Parish Council could do with your help. Are you a British or a citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union?

- Are you over 18 and registered to either vote in the area or have worked, lived or owned property for 12 months or more before the current election period?
- Passionate about your local community's need?
- Hard working and committed!
- Good at problem solving and decision making?
- Thrive on taking up a challenge and making a difference?

Contact the Clerk on clerk@warnham.org.uk for further details.

Meeting Dates –

May 2021

11th May Planning and Finance Committee

25th May Planning and Annual Council Meeting

June 2021

8th June Recreation Advisory Group, Planning and Finance Committee

22nd June Planning and Full Council

Agendas and Minutes are posted on the website, social media and the noticeboards

Useful Numbers

St Margaret's Church 01403 273302

Warnham CofE Primary 01403 265230

Village Hall 07717247430

Parish Room 01403259247

Allotments 01403 265031

Warnham Social Club 01403 211747

HDC 01403 215100

WSCC 01243 777100

Horsham Library 01403 224353

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