



Warnham Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome to Warnham Parish Council Newsletter

The parish of Warnham is a thriving community incorporating the parish of Warnham as well as hamlets and small rural communities of Kingsfold, Winterfold, Northlands, Durfold, Station Road, Goosegreen and part of Rowhook which are all

surrounded by open countryside.



The Parish council is committed in providing, the community, to the best of it's ability, an excellent service that supports and nurtures it's surroundings.



Please do keep an eye on your neighbours by doing regular welfare checks. Especially during periods of uncertain weather ie. Heat and stormy weather.

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Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Sally Pavey



What an array of rich autumn colours the parish trees are presenting.

This autumn is witnessing, again, heavy rainfall and our environment team have been out clearing gullies and drains helping the water flow. With the Met office forecasting more rain, if you are able, please help in clearing drains outside your home, it would be appreciated as the land becomes saturated.

The Owl Pub played host to the Kingsfold Residents Association AGM, where we chatted informally about this area of our parish and launched the WPC Residents Survey 2023. I was delighted to see that The Owl now has The Warbler on sale every month.



The survey aims to provide us with feedback to who lives in our parish and the resident's 'wish list' for the parish council to focus on. There are, as you may know, limited powers of a parish council but we aim to assist all that live in the parish.

Please do take part in the survey - online or request a hard copy and we will deliver. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MVT6TY3>

We will also be outside the village shops on Sunday 26th November from 11am for an hour so do come along and chat to us.

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Chair of Full Council, Planning and Highways

External Committees sat on:

GATCOM, CAGNE Aviation
Town & Parish Council Forum,
CPRE Trustee and HALC



The magical harmonies of the West Sussex Music singers brought the St Mary's Church, Horsham, to life as did the vibrant colours of the window behind the altar lit up in all its glory. On behalf of the Council, I attended the Horsham District Council Civic Service. The service conducted by Reverend Canon Lisa Barnett featuring readings that included one by Kasia Greenwood our Horsham District Councillor; the event attended by elected members from district, parish, town, and parliament.

The service was to give thanks for the blessing of life; to pray for the leaders of the nations and for peace and justice for all people, whilst remembering why we sort election to serve our communities.

As chair, you are invited to attend many meetings, one such was the West Sussex Association of Councils which reminded me how important the role of the clerk is to our council and parish. We are very fortunate to have Louise Shaw at our helm guiding us through the, sometimes, complex rules of a council which sadly not all respect or appreciated – so thank you Louise for your sterling work on behalf of the parish.

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Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Sally Pavey



Traffic speed and poor road surfaces are on the agenda every month, so even though you may not see or hear of action, please be assured we are pushing as hard as we can to achieve improvements for all our parish roads and lanes. You can help by reporting speeding vehicles, pot-holes to <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online/>, and of course, by informing us of specific issues by attending any Highways Committee meetings on the first Tuesday of every month or on the third Tuesday of the month at the Parish Rooms, St Margaret's Church from 7pm.

The issues of large foreign lorries endeavouring to use the village as cut through has not stopped – something I believe has been on the agenda for far too long so watch this space as we seek measures to resolve and prevent – but it might be another Shirley Valentine moment – let's hope not!

A Climate Action Plan is something I am keen on the council forming as we all can play a role in reducing global warming in our everyday lives.

Warnham is already ahead of many local councils thanks to the contributions of resident David Bridges who has, with the council's full support, given us Wild About Warnham.

We are again this autumn planting more bulbs next to our new gateways. In everything the council does, nature and climate change will need to be considered, how we can reduce our footprint to benefit

future generations working,

I hope, hand in hand with organisations, the school, the church, the village hall, businesses, and all residents in seeking to reduce Warnham Parish carbon footprint which currently stands at 20.9 CO2e per household consumption footprint. If you would like to check any parish footprint, why not click of the link below.

<https://impact-tool.org.uk/footprint/footprint?re-gionId=E04009972&geography=parish&footprintType=consumption&scale=per-household>

In a bid to enter the festive season, the Parish Council will be hosting mince pies and mulled wine at our last parish council meetings of the year, which will be on the 19th December from 6.30pm ahead of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting at 7pm.

You are most welcome to join us.

And on that note, I shall leave you to enjoy the rest of our newsletter and wish you a happy, healthy and joyous Christmas and New Year.

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Cllr Ian Gurling



For those of you who don't know, I have stepped in to take on the role of Deputy Chair to the Parish Council. Well I am excited to fully undertake this new role, I would like to mention that I step in to fill the role once occupied by Chris Gould. We were all saddened to hear that Chris had offered his resignation from the Parish Council and it was with a heavy heart that we accepted it. Chris's resignation offers us a reminder that we are all volunteers, willing to give our time for the greater good of the community. And it also reminds us that family and personal circumstances should and will always be a priority for all of us.

While taking on the new role, I am also excited to support our Chair, Cllr Sally Pavey. Since Sally's appointment, we, as a council have seen the new changes which Sally has implemented and we hope that the community will also see these changes and start to feel the benefits from them. I wish to reiterate the views of Sally and the parish council combined, that we are striving to create a more positive working relationship between the parish council and the whole of the parish.

It's amazes me how quickly the year flew past us. I can hardly believe that it is that time of the year again when I will be collecting donations for my two chosen charities. Last year surpassed my expectations and I wonder whether I will be able to achieve that again this year.

The first is a collection of advent calendars. Last year I received donations of 120 advent calendars.

There are children in social care who receive what they need for normal life, but as you can appreciate won't receive the extra niceties that many children are familiar with, such as Christmas advent calendars. Simply put what I ask for is donations of advent calendars, preferably the type that you open a window and are presented with a small piece of chocolate. I collect up the donations ahead of December 1st take them to local children's homes to be gifted to the children that they care for.

The second is called a Reverse Advent Calendar

For 24 days in November instead of taking a piece of chocolate (or any other small gift) out of a window or box, I ask that donors place an item of food into a box for donation. At the end of 24 days and ahead of December 10th I receive and collate these donations before delivering them, to a local Foodbank. With the cost of living crisis this year demand on food banks is growing, individuals and families who you would not normally expect to use a Foodbank are having to do so in order to get by and Christmas is a very expensive time for all. Any food donations have to be in date for the Christmas period so please no perishable items, they will also accept toiletries, cleaning supplies and personal items such as feminine hygiene products. But given that the donation is for Christmas, please also include some Christmas treats, mince pies, Christmas puddings and cakes, cheese biscuits and Christmas chocs.

Donations can be dropped off at our Parish Council meeting on the 21st November in the Parish Rooms or by flagging me down if you see me out and about on my daily run.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas!

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External Committees sat on:

None at present

Meet the Councillors

Cllr Claire Martin



Originally from “the North” (Nottinghamshire) I have been slowly making my way further south and have been a resident of Warnham since 2020. My husband has lived in the village since birth and we now reside in his family home that his parents built.

We have two young children, one turning three in February and the other recently five, and started at Warnham Primary School in

September. I take my youngest along to the village playgroup Bambie’s as well as musical friends, run in the Comrades Club.

We love the village and surrounding areas, and I am keen to help maintain and improve the parish in any way I can. We have a dog so enjoy the great walks that are on our doorstep as well as frequenting the local pubs!

Alongside looking after my two young children I run a small textiles business, madeatmine.com. Prior to this have been client service manager for a B2B company, change manager of a global surf, skate and snow retailer and customer service improvements manager for notonthehighstreet.com. In my spare time, whilst living in Guildford I was head of Etsy Guildford, bringing together arranging craft fairs for local artisans and crafters.

I am excited to bring both my business acumen and interpersonal skills to the table and am looking forward to meeting more of the local parish.

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External Committees sat on:

None at present

Meet the Councillors

Cllr Sarah Williams



Five generations of my family have lived in the parish of Warnham. I am a member of the 4th generation and moved here with my parents Mick and Gytha Hodgson, and older brother Ben from London when I was 2 years old. Despite the years I spent away at school, University, working in London and then 12 years in New York City, I have always considered Warnham to be my “home”.

In 2017, my American husband and I were discussing where we wanted to raise our children, and without hesitation we decided to move back to the parish from USA and are now happily raising the 5th generation, our two boys Sam and Leo, here.

It has taken a few years for me to settle back in to country life. I would be lying if I said I don’t miss some of the conveniences of city life from time to time, but I wouldn’t trade the wide open spaces, the nature and wildlife and the relative quiet that we are so lucky to enjoy in our community. Rural living has had such an impact on my husband, that he has changed careers since moving here, leaving behind his old job in technology and has now started up his own Garden Design business.

Some of you may remember that both my late father Mick Hodgson, and grandfather Geoffrey Hodgson dedicated many years of service to Warnham Parish Council. Now that both our children are settled at the village school, I plan to continue my day job as a TV Producer but I would also like to take a more active role in our community and hope that by joining the council I can offer up some of my time to help protect, preserve and improve our wonderful parish.

I can often be spotted around the village herding two very active and energetic young boys back and forth from school!

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None at present

What's going on in the Council?



Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2023

The rain managed to stay away long enough for the parish to be able to pay their respects for Remembrance Day. This year, we were lucky enough to be joined by not one but two beautifully behaved horses and their riders, who were kitted out in traditional Great War Calvary equipment uniform for the days' service. What an honour! Cllrs Sally Pavey and Ian Gurling, laid the wreath laying on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Gurling was joined by his wife, Claire and their son. Lest we forget.

Calling all local businesses

The Parish Council would like to hold a directory of all local businesses within Warnham. Please contact the clerk on clerk@warnham.org.uk with all your information.



Warnham Parish Council would like to conduct a survey about your Warnham. There are many different ways you can complete it if you would like too. You can contact the Clerk, who will send you a copy via email, which you can complete and send back. Or you can click on the link here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MVT6TY3> or scanning the QR code here.



Fire and Smoke Alarms

Does anyone know of someone classed vulnerable? Do they need a new Smoke Alarm? Or benefit from having a Safe & Well visit? West Sussex Fire & Rescue have funds to supply new Smoke Alarms. Fire & Visit <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/> for more information or contact the Parish Clerk.



West Sussex Fire & Rescue

[Don't forget to sign up to our newsletter](#)

What else is going

Defibrillators

Did you know that the parish has two defibrillators? If you didn't, you do now. Did you also know the location of them? Well, if you didn't you will now. One is located on the Village Hall wall and the other is located just outside the Parish Rooms, at St Margaret's Church. The Parish Council holds two free defibrillator training sessions a year. If anyone is interested in joining the waiting list for a space, please let our Clerk know.



Flooding

We are heading in to that time again, when our roads and pathways fill with water. Now, more than ever, is the perfect time to keep gullies cleared from debris. If you are walking out late at night, please be mindful that we live amongst rural lanes, please remember to wear hi-vis clothes and to reduce speeds. With the amount of trees that overhang the roads, the wet weather along with fallen leaves, making it ideal conditions for slippery roads. Please travel carefully.

NO HGV's

The Parish Council works tirelessly behind the scenes trying to get action on many items or issues that we face around the parish. Not least of all, highways. We know that highways are very important to the community and we are delighted to inform the community, that WSCC Highways have given the go ahead for another NO HGV, sign to be placed at the mini roundabout to Bell Road from School Hill and Church Lane. It is one small footstep towards the bigger aim.



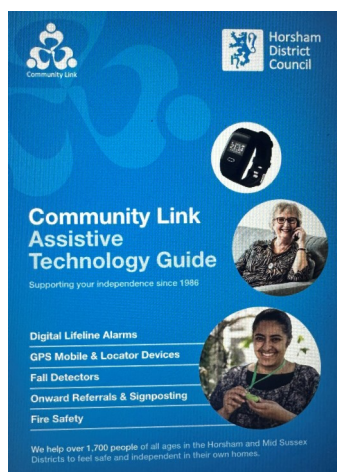
The Parish Council are aware of the increasing poor state of our roads around the parish. Unfortunately, any highways issues falls under the responsibility of WSCC Highways. The Parish Council is unable to add any extra pressure to WSCC Highways but we would encourage residents to report and keep reporting any highways issues online at : <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/.../make-an-enquiry-or.../>. Issues that can be reported are, potholes, damaged signs, fading road markings, footpath issues such as overgrowth, obstructions, street lights out, broken bollards. Please help us keep our community safe by reporting any issues.

What else is going



Community Link Service—A Word from Philip Mockett

I am one of the Community Link advisers for Horsham District Council and I am also the partnership and projects officer. I have been communicating with Councillor Malcolm Eastwood about our Community Link service and how we can ensure that our communities are aware of us and what we can provide. I have attached our latest Assistive Technology Guide leaflet for your information.



Our technology regularly saves the lives of many vulnerable people and I am always hearing accounts from our service users and how grateful they are. We offer a very bespoke, personal service and for our link alarms we have an 8 week free trial period. We provide linked in smoke detectors with our digital alarms and West Sussex Fire and Rescue visit our service users to install these free of charge. There are no extra costs for the smoke detectors we provide. They also carry out a safe and well visit for our vulnerable service users. The link alarm service is £20 a month and one of us is always on call at weekends and on bank holidays. There are no call out charges.

To find out more information [click here](#), which will take you to our website where you will find the full brochure.

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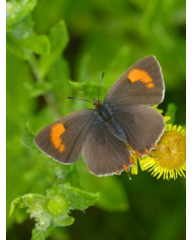
And on the note of community and vulnerable. The wintertime can be a lonely and daunting world for our elderly as well as other members within our community. Now is a great time to check in on friends, neighbours or anyone you know who is on their own or without means to get about freely. Even just popping in for a quick chat and cuppa can mean the world to people. Don't forget the Church organise a Warm Welcome Space Café, for more information please [click here https://www.warnhamchurch.co.uk/](https://www.warnhamchurch.co.uk/)

Wild About Warnham Noticeboard...

Free compost and more biodiversity



Wild About Warnham's 'Wild Bunch' created a simple composting scheme at the church last year, utilising the vegetation that is collected from the northern section of the churchyard, where wildflowers and grasses are left to grow and flower during the summer months before being cut and cleared away in the late autumn and winter.



The first batch of compost looks good and will soon be sieved and bagged up. The no-mow area in the churchyard has led to an increase in the biodiversity in this part of the village, attracting large numbers of bees, some butterflies and lots of other invertebrates. If anyone is interested in trying some of the compost on their veg patch or flowerbed, please let us know!



Swift Progress

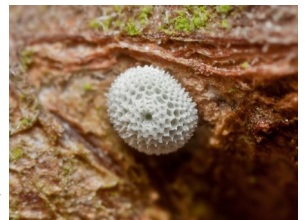
As the second year of Warnham's Swift Action project comes to an end, we can report that eighteen swift boxes providing 38 nesting spaces have so far been put up around the parish. Call systems, which are used to alert Swifts to the presence of a new swift box have been provided at each location where the boxes have been installed. Wild About Warnham would like to thank everyone who has supported this project, especially



homeowners who agreed to have a swift box on their property and, of course, **Wilder Hors-ham** who gave us a grant towards this work.

And a quick reminder of two forthcoming events that we hope to arrange in the New Year...

A **Brown Hairstreak 'egg hunt'** is being planned to discover more about this rare butterfly and to monitor its local population. A date will be finalised once the leaves have dropped from the Blackthorn as this shrub is the caterpillar foodplant for the butterfly. It is very tricky to spot the butterfly's eggs whilst leaves remain on the bushes!



Once the winter thrush, finch and bunting numbers have built up we plan to arrange a talk and walk to learn more about **Warnham's Winter Birds**, and how to identify them. Most winters large flocks of finches and buntings gather in the parish, sometimes including more unusual species such as Brambling and Reed Bunting.

To register your interest in Wild About Warnham future events, please email butterfly0@btinternet.com or call 078 408 71755.

David Bridges, Wild About Warnham Coordinator. Email: butterfly0@btinternet.com ; Mobile: 078 4087 1755.

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.

Photos

One of the compost heaps in the churchyard, photo by Elizabeth Bridges

Swift box – this one provides three individual nesting spaces, photo by David Bridges

Swift, photo by Abby Eaton

Brown Hairstreak butterfly, photo by Neil Hulme

Civility & Respect for everyone.
Let's all be kind to one another..

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT STATEMENT

We treat everyone with courtesy and respect and ask for the same in return. We ask that you treat your councillors

and council staff courteously without violence, abuse, or harassment.

Councillors and council staff have the right to carry out their civic duties and work without fear of being attacked or abused. Any behaviour whether that be verbal, physical or in writing, which causes either councillors or council staff to feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, or threatened, is totally unacceptable.

The zero-tolerance policy includes abuse, aggression or threats made in person, over the telephone or in written communication, including on social media. The council considers threatening behaviour to be:

Attempted or actual aggressive, or physical actions made towards any councillor or member of staff.

The use of aggressive, or abusive language, (including raising of the voice, swearing, shouting or in writing) which threatens or intimidates councillors or council staff".

This policy applies throughout all Council Meetings, but it also applies to any Councillor or Council Staff away from Council Meetings



STOP BULLYING



**Civility &
Respect**

IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, GWA, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS



Useful Information

Dates of Next Meeting

The parish council works as a team seeking to help all residents. We very much welcome you to attend our meetings or getting in touch via the clerk's email address so that matters can be discussed at open meetings. All meetings are in the Parish Rooms, St Margaret's Church.

21st November 2023

Planning & Highways Committee 7.00pm

Full Council Meeting— 7.30pm

19th December 2023

Planning & Highways Committee 7.00pm

Full Council Meeting— 7.30pm

6th January 2024

Planning & Highways Committee 7.00pm

23rd January 2024

Planning & Highways Committee 7.00pm

Full Council Meeting— 7.30pm

Councillor Vacancies

With the elections now behind us, Warnham Parish Council finds that we are uncontested, however, we are now down to seven councillors. We are treading water. For a council to run we have to be quorate which means One third of the total number of councillor allocations. Warnham Parish Council has 11 seats to fill in total. We are 4 councillors short. So, now would be a perfect time for anyone wishing to stand and serve on council to come forward and be co-opted on. The process is much sim-

Useful Numbers

St Margaret's Church	07754 481737
Warnham C of E Primary	01403 265230
Village Hall	07717 247430
Parish Rooms	07787 543255
Allotments	01403 265031
PSCO Steven Evans	01273 404535

District and County Councillors Information—

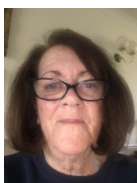
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