# **Spotlight on: Cllr Tracy Conduct**

# Chairperson of Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

My family have been residents of Bishop's Waltham for over 30 years, so almost a local! My children attended the local school and joined in with many of the clubs in Bishop's Waltham. My husband runs his company locally in Shedfield so we are very invested in where we live. I am an avid walker, with 2 dogs who keep me busy. I have in the past volunteered for the Gateway Club have been a Guider, helped out at primary school with reading, and joined in with various community groups.





## **Bishop's Waltham Community Speedwatch**

The Bishop's Waltham speed watch volunteers have so far monitored approximately 3,400 vehicles from the three locations which have been approved by Hampshire Constabulary. The volunteers are not there to catch people out. They just want all vehicles on our local roads to slow down and to prevent accidents caused by speeding. Speedwatch have noticed that most drivers do slow down when they see the speed indicator. They are always looking for volunteers so, if you can spare a couple of hours a week, then please do get in touch with Bishop's Waltham Parish Council on 01489 892323. More information can be found at www.hampshire.police.uk

# Contact Us

For all enquiries relating to Parish Council matters or facilities, please use the following contact details:

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You can also find more contact information or send us a message via the 'Contact Us' page of our website.

### Council and Committee Meeting Dates

### June 2025

3rd Finance, Policy & Resources Committee

10th Parish Council

17th Halls & Grounds Committee

23rd Community & Environment Committee

24th Planning & Highways Committee

#### July 2025

1st Finance, Policy & Resources Committee

8th Parish Council

15th Halls & Grounds Committee

21st Planning & Highways Committee

22nd Community & Environment Committee

# August 2025

5th Finance, Policy & Resources Committee

12th Parish Council

19th Halls & Grounds Committee

26th Community & Environment Committee (At 6pm)

26th Planning & Highways Committee (At 7pm)

# Bishop's Waltham Matters



Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Bishop's Waltham Matters newsletter. I am thrilled to be writing this as Chair of Bishop's Waltham Parish Council. Having been a resident of Bishop's Waltham for over 30 years, I am honoured to be taking on this role. Working alongside a strong team of Councillors and Vice-Chair Cllr Nicholson, we endeavour to do everything we can to make sure that our town thrives and maintains the same strong community we have today.

2025 is set to be another busy year for the Parish Council with lots of exciting events planned. On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, The Rotary Club are having a Family Fun Day at Hoe Road, KidsTreat makes its return on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July and, of course, we will be hosting 'Party in the Palace' on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July in the Palace Ruins. Make sure to add these dates to your diary! Hopefully, you held on to the What's on Guide from the March edition newsletter so do take a look and see what else is going on around the town over the coming months.

Lots of projects are being worked on such as the refurbishment of the public toilets in Basingwell Street car park by Winchester City Council which is currently being undertaken to freshen up this central town feature. Speedwatch is still ongoing and has been very successful and I am pleased to report that it is reducing the speed of those travelling through our town. I would personally like to thank those volunteers who have dedicated their time to making sure that our roads are safer for the community. We are always looking for more volunteers so if you can spare a few hours a week then please do get in touch.

We are also in the process of upgrading our website to a more user friendly, modern version with the help of our Marketing, Communications and Events Manager so watch this space!

You can find updates about what Bishop's Waltham Parish Council are up to in the monthly Parish News, Bishop's Waltham Matters Newsletter, Facebook and Instagram and our website <a href="https://www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk">www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk</a>

Councillor Tracy Conduct—Chair of Council

### Bishop's Waltham Parish Council New Chair Announcement

At the first meeting of the new council year, Cllr Barry Nicholson announced that, after a busy Council year, he is stepping down from the Chairperson position and nominated Cllr Tracy Conduct, as previous Vice Chairperson, to take up the leading role.

Cllr Conduct was voted in by councillors in attendance as the new Chairperson for Bishop's Waltham Parish Council and has happily accepted the position.

Cllr Barry Nicholson was voted as Vice Chairperson to retain his expertise and calm, dedicated support to the council.

## **VE Day 80 Celebrations**

This event on the 8th May was a National Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day which marked the end of the war in Europe and WWII as a whole on 8th May 1945. Many members of our community attended and it was lovely to see so many enjoying themselves and singing along to their wartime favourites. Our thanks go to English Heritage, The Museum Trust, Guides, Scouts and the military band as well as all those who volunteered and gave up their time to help at this event.



**Lighting of the Beacon** 

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# FOR YOUR 2025 DIARY



#### Party in the Palace 2025

Saturday 19th July 12.30pm-5.00pm. A free event for local residents to enjoy live music and children's entertainment in Bishop's Waltham Palace Ruins.

There will be a variety of food and drinks vendors as well as an ice cream van. Bring blankets, along with camping chairs, and enjoy the party.









# **NEWS AND UPDATES**

#### **Public Toilets Refurbishment in Basingwell Street Car park**

The public toilets at the end of the Social Club are being refurbished this June by Winchester **COMING SOON** City Council and the works will run for approximately 8-10 weeks. The toilets will be completely brought up to date. A baby change unit will be added to provide this frequently requested service. The whole of the Social Club building will be repainted and repairs undertaken to freshen up this central town feature.

#### The Annual Meeting of the Parish

The Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 23rd April was a great success. Lots of our residents came to hear about what Bishop's Waltham Parish Council had been working on and other projects which are in the future pipeline. An informative talk was made by Councillor Williams about Devolution and Local Government Reform. Our Community Partnerships had the opportunity to chat to residents during which light refreshments and drinks were served. Local long-term resident, Gary Pothecary, gave thanks to the Parish Council and volunteers who make Bishop's Waltham such a wonderful place to live.





### Nomination for FA Grass Pitches Award 2024-25



A local parishioner has nominated the Priory Park football pitches for a FA Grass Pitches Award for 2024-25. These pitches are maintained by Parish Council grounds staff to a high standard for the sole use of our football teams, under licence to Bishop's Waltham Dynamos. The club provides a wonderful community for young footballers and their families. The FA representatives visited the pitches in early May and were very impressed with the site. We await news of the outcome of the nomination at the Awards Ceremony in July with fingers crossed.

# We now have a QR code! This code directs you straight to the homepage of our website

#### How to scan the QR code

#### **Android phone or Tablet**

On your Android phone or tablet, open the built-in camera app.

- Point the camera at the QR code.
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- 3. Follow the instructions on the screen to be taken directly to the website.

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# Jubilee Hall Car Park—Season Ticket

No spaces in the Basingwell Street Car Park? Not a problem, did you know that you can park in the Jubilee Hall car park for two hours free of charge? Alternatively, you can also purchase a season ticket for as little as 80p per day.

Please visit our website www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk for season ticket prices or you can call our office at the Jubilee Hall on 01489 892323 or email finance@bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk

# Connecting you to those who can help

Bishop's Waltham Parish Council is responsible for improving the local community. The Parish Council has the powers to spend money on community transport, traffic calming, crime prevention, youth projects, tourism activities, leisure facilities, community centres, car parks, recreation grounds, entertainment, street furniture, street cleaning, allotments, bus shelters and land.

Bishop's Waltham Parish Council works closely with other local authorities including Winchester City Council (District), Hampshire County Council, and the Police.

The image above tells you which authority you will need to report any problems to and below are some helpful numbers you may need.



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