

Bishop's Waltham *Matters*

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Welcome

The recently elected Parish Council has "hit the ground running" with the following capital projects being completed:

- New fencing at our Victoria Road site.
- Installation of new safety surfacing at Blanchard Road and selected areas in the Priory Park Play Parks.
- New flooring in The Jubilee Hall entrance area.

Other projects approved include:

- A new security CCTV system at Hoe Road Recreation Ground.
- A pedestrian track to complete the circuit of Priory Meadow.
- Installation of a Defibrillator at our Hoe Road site.

However, I am sorry to report that two popular members of staff have now left the Parish Council. Felicity "Flic" Harris, our Halls Manager, and Michael Thomas, our Accredited Community Safety Officer, were both with us for approximately three years, and have had a positive effect in their relationships with members of the community during this period. They will both be greatly missed by all their colleagues and Councillors. We wish them all the very best in their new roles.

Terry Wilson - Chairman



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World Car-Free Day

Plans are afoot to celebrate World Car Free Day in Bishop's Waltham by closing off the whole town centre to traffic on Sunday 22nd September 2019. Many towns and cities throughout the country will be doing the same. Community organisations and shops will be encouraged to take advantage of the space available, whilst families and individuals will have the opportunity to play and relax in a quiet, traffic-free and pollution free environment.

The proposed road barriers will be at the following locations:

- The Crown roundabout
- Little Shore Lane (by the Jubilee Hall)
- Bank Street
- Lower Lane (Corhampton Road end)

There will be free access around the town centre via Shore Lane, Free Street, Corhampton Road and the Winchester Road. It is proposed that access to the car parks and for residents will be allowed.

World Car Free Day, which is celebrated on September 22nd, encourages motorists to give up their cars for a day. Organised events, which vary by location, give motorists and commuters an idea of their locality with fewer cars.



Neighbourhood Litter Picking

The Parish Council has a selection of litter picking items for loan to residents. If you would like to organise a local litter clearance exercise around your area, contact the Parish Council office for litter pickers, hoops, sacks, hi-viz vests and gloves.



Local Housing for Local People

The Parish Council is looking to identify possible sites for affordable housing for local people which can all be considered for their suitability and availability.



This process will ensure that, if the parish decides to proceed with an affordable housing exception site for local people, that the right site is developed.

The Council invites landowners to submit details of their plot of land which could be purchased as planning exception scheme prices (approx. £12K per plot) either online parishclerk@bishops-waltham-pc.gov.uk or in person to Bishop's Waltham Parish Council.

Information that is required about the site:

- Site details
- Name and contact details of site promoter
- The name the site is known as
- Address
- Size
- Ordnance Survey reference

No site too small!

Landowners might find the information on the following page helpful: <http://www.harrah.org.uk/landowners/>



Tree Dedications

To preserve the rural character of our town, the Parish Council is promoting the planting of new trees in appropriate

places. If you would like to plant a tree in memory of an individual or for the anniversary of a significant event, please identify a suitable location and give details to the Parish Council office. The Tree Wardens will review the site and the recommended species before the permission of the relevant authority or landowner is obtained. The sponsor would be asked to pay for the tree and a small plaque.

Priory Meadow Footpath

If you have taken a walk around Priory Meadow recently you may have noticed the work carried out to re-surface and widen the footpath leading out of the Meadow and around the stables.



What a great improvement!

Environment

In looking at ways to improve and maintain our local environment, the Parish Council are currently considering the following suggestions: wild flower/tree planting, wild flower corridors, waste recycling, emission monitoring, holding a designated cycling day and how to become more energy efficient within the Council.

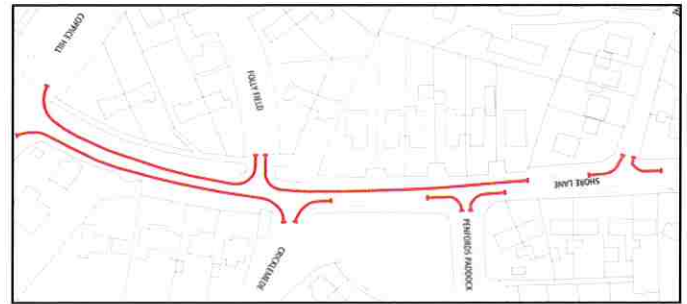
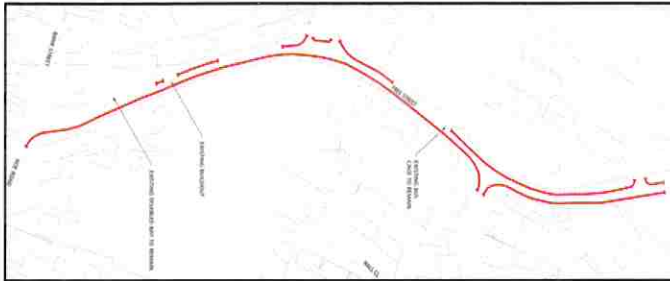


These are just some of the ideas being looked at - if you have any ideas or concerns over your environment, please contact the Parish Council we would welcome your comments.

Double Yellow Line Programming

Free Street

To alleviate the current traffic congestion along Free Street, Winchester City Council is proposing to extend the double yellow lines as shown in the diagram.



Shore Lane

In preparation for the additional traffic that might result from the Coppice Hill development, Winchester City Council is proposing to extend the double yellow lines as shown in the diagram.

Hoe Road Phone Box

The BT phone box at the entrance to the Hoe Road recreation ground is to be decommissioned by BT and sold to the Parish Council for a nominal sum.

It is planned to relocate it to the town centre and refurbish it as an information point about the town, with leaflets available.

The future of the phone boxes in St George's Square and on Beeches Hill are uncertain at present.



Bishop's Waltham to Botley Rail Trail

A project working group has been in existence for many years to open up the route of the old railway line as a multi-user non-vehicular recreational trail. The project is still at the stage of negotiating the route and the land ownership issues.

If you can help, and have skills or experience in project management or local planning, and have an enthusiasm for seeing this project come to fruition, please contact the Parish Council office.



Parish Council Surgery

Each month, three of your Parish Councillors are available for any comments or queries that you may have as a resident or visitor to Bishop's Waltham.

The surgery time is 10am-12pm on a Friday or Saturday morning. We are located on the High Street or occasionally at the Country Market in the Jubilee Hall.

The Parish Council surgeries give us a chance to find out how people feel about local issues.

The main topics of concern are the issues about parking in the High Street and in some other areas of Bishop's Waltham. We are often able to allay people's worries about particular issues.

If you feel the Parish Council surgeries could be held in other locations, we would be happy to consider your suggestions.

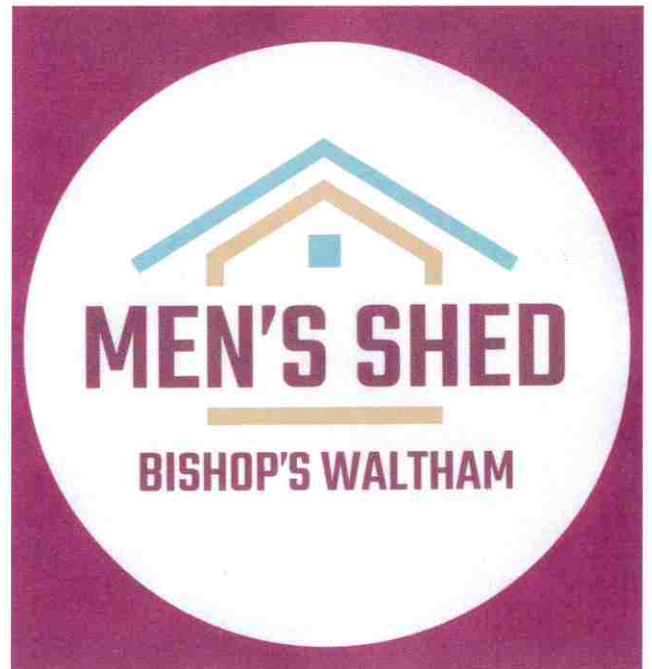


Spotlight on: Bishop's Waltham Men's Shed

The Bishop's Waltham Men's Shed is now up and running. We have a group of about 10 regular members and another ten who come when they can. New members are very welcome. So far we have chosen the logo and the colour of our t-shirts, tidied the workshop, had some ideas of items to make, and carried out some small jobs.

We were very lucky to be offered a venue by the Bishop's Waltham Cricket Club (bottom of Albany Road, past the Allotments), which is appropriate for the Men's Shed needs. We would like to thank the Cricket Club for this generous offer which has enabled the Men's Shed to get started straight away.

At the moment the group are meeting only once a week on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm. Do consider coming to meet them for a cuppa, sitting in the sun with a wonderful view to decide if you would like to join them. If you would like more information, either call Helen Hills on 01489 893498 or email: helen.menshed@btinternet.com



Contact Us

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

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The Parish Council Office is open to the public Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 2pm
(at any other time by appointment only)

Council and Committee Meeting Dates

(7pm at The Jubilee Hall unless otherwise stated)

September 2019

3rd Finance, Policy and Resources Committee
10th Parish Council
17th Halls and Grounds Committee
23rd Community Development Committee
24th Planning and Highways Committee

October 2019

1st Finance, Policy and Resources Committee
8th Parish Council
15th Halls and Grounds Committee
21st Community Development Committee
22nd Planning and Highways Committee

November 2019

5th Finance, Policy and Resources Committee
12th Parish Council
19th Halls and Grounds Committee
25th Community Development Committee
26th Planning and Highways Committee