

WEST PARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Appearance of West Parley

Our Working Parties meeting on Tuesday and Thursday on a fortnightly basis and on Wednesday during the intervening week and aided by the Community Payback group have worked hard to prepare the Millennium Garden for replanting. They have also worked on the clearing of pavements, started clearing Parley Wood, opening up entrances to the Footpath (Oakland Walk to New Rd), re-turfed the verge bordering the Recreation Ground hedge and re-turfed the verge in Christchurch Rd and many other minor tasks. We are grateful to Mr Trelawney Dampney of Eco-Systems, Chapel Gate, for the kind donation of the turf.

The new "Welcome to West Parley" signs have been erected at the entrances to the village. Signs were made by Express Signs, the company of a West Parley resident.

Floral displays at Parley Cross and opposite the Porsche garage have been replanted and should look good in Spring. Our summer displays attracted a great number of compliments from passers-by.

DCC Weedkilling has been completed on the pavements in October. Any areas missed will be cleared as soon as possible by the lengthsman (see below).

The Community Response Team (formerly the Parish Maintenance Unit) visited West Parley in October and have cut back hedgerows and trimmed verges inside main road pavements. DCC plan to cut back the hedges in the main roads as soon as possible. We have reported the overhanging brambles as a danger to passers-by.

Trees – dead trees have been removed in Christchurch Rd West and 3 new trees planted. More will be planted over the next few months.

We are employing a Lengthman (one day per week) from mid-November to clear our pavements of weeds and cut back the verges. He will start work on the New Rd and Christchurch Rd pavements before moving on to the residential roads. Once we have cleared the backlog of work required we shall invite residents to inform us of other work that they feel needs doing.

Fly-tipping Our Volunteers work very hard and it is disappointing that we are sometimes clearing up garden refuse which has been fly-tipped in places such as under hedges on the roadside, the edge of Parley Wood, the footpath between Oakland Walk and New Road, Parley Barrow and other similar secluded places in the village. This makes extra work and is quite unfair for the volunteers who are probably fellow residents of the persons who dumped the refuse. We shall have to report further instances of this antisocial and unlawful act to the authorities.

Volunteers – We now have over 100 residents working with WPPC to improve the appearance of our village and to communicate with residents. This is in addition to those residents who anonymously carry out this kind of work near their own home.

Waste Collection It would be most helpful if residents could please put out their black bags of waste for collection on the morning of collection and **not** on the night before. Animals frequently rip up the bag and scatter the waste, and this makes it much harder for our dedicated team of litter pickers. Many residents have complained about the mess caused and unfortunately the Waste lorry personnel cannot pick up the scattered waste when they arrive. This also makes the job of our litter pickers so much harder.

Annual Reception for volunteers held on 28th October in Memorial Hall was well attended. Awards were made to the Volunteer of the Year in the various Volunteer sections – Maintaining the Floral Display, Litter picking, Working Party and Leaflet delivery. Christopher Chope MP presented the awards.

The West Parley Parish Plan has now been published and will be ready for delivery to residents in early December. The Parish Plan which records, after wide consultation, the wishes of residents regarding the development of West Parley over the next 5 – 10 years and includes a section about the building of new houses in the village.

EDDC Proposals for New Housing in the Green Belt in West Parley.

The big fields at New Road and Dudsbury Heights are threatened by housing estates. Perhaps 100 at New Road and 260 at Dudsbury Heights. What is the District Council likely to decide in February when they publish their plans? How should we react to it? What has the Government been saying? What are our opportunities to defend the green belt? **IT IS TIME TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING**

We shall hold a PUBLIC MEETING at 7.30PM on FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER at the MEMORIAL HALL

Leaflets inviting you to this meeting will be delivered to each household next weekend. If you would like to offer to assist with the delivery of the leaflets, and have not yet done so, please contact Alan Macdonald (alanmacd@talktalk.net) or telephone (01202) 571349. .

Wild Life in West Parley

Very frequently residents report sightings of a wide variety of species seen in the village. These include foxes, badgers, deer, otters, stoats, sparrow hawks, Dartford warblers, buzzards, to name a few. Please keep us informed about future sightings. We should welcome information from any resident enthusiast and perhaps add a section on Wild Life in West Parley to our web-site.