



Parklands People – March 2019

Parklands Residents' Association Newsletter

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All information in this newsletter is believed to be correct at the time of writing.

Look out for more news on our noticeboard on the outside wall of Parklands Post Office.

Parklands Residents' Association Get-Together and A.G.M. Saturday 30th March at 2.30pm St Wilfrid's Community Hall, Sherborne Road Everyone welcome

Everything PRA achieves is because someone has an idea, we think it's a good idea, and one or more people do something. Every so often we need to stop and think and ask ourselves what we want to do next and how we do it. So this year's Annual General Meeting is intended to be a relaxed affair, looking at:

- community spirit and good neighbourliness in Parklands and how we encourage it;
- our environment and amenities and what we need to maintain/improve;
- our relationships with other organisations and how these help residents.

These are what PRA is based on - our objectives - and why our volunteers do what they do. So this year's "meeting" is actually a get-together, to have a chat about what's important to us and where we live, so we know what things you'd like PRA to focus on in the year ahead and get some ideas how to do it.

We'll also explain what PRA has been up to over the last year and we will need to elect a new Committee (PRA members only can vote – subscription is £4/ household or £2/single-adult household* and can be paid on the day, if you choose). And there'll be tea/coffee/squash and cake for everyone, to help our conversation along.

Please come along!

We need different perspectives so PRA works for everyone.

Would you consider helping?

Whether as a one-off or a role on our Committee, there is always something that needs doing and people who need help.



Not seen our newsletter for a while?

We aim to produce 3 newsletters a year, but didn't manage that last year, so this is our first newsletter since March 2018. We have managed to stay in touch through our Facebook group and e-mailing list, as well as occasional posters on our noticeboard outside Parklands Premier Express & Post Office. If you don't have access to the internet and want to stay in touch between newsletters, maybe a friend or neighbour can let you know about the things that interest you? Or please let us know, so we can try to help.

*** Membership** PRA membership is open to households in Parklands (area includes Westgate west of Sherborne Road); non-residents are welcome to subscribe as Friends but are not eligible to vote. To join, **please complete and return our membership form**, printed on the back page. PRA has adopted a formal **Privacy Policy** which sets out how we process your data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations that came into force in 2018. A summary is included on the form; a full copy is available on request.

Thank you to Karen Baker who retired as our Membership Secretary last summer. For new membership enquiries/renewals, please contact new volunteer Lynne Brechin (tel./text 07425 321860, or email lsbrechin@gmail.com).

Do you live in Westgate or cul de sacs off Westgate?

This may be the last PRA newsletter you receive. Parklands adopted Westgate west of Sherborne Road when Westgate did not have its own Residents' Association, and started to deliver our newsletter elsewhere in the Westgate area to be neighbourly. With the blessing of Westgate Residents' Association this has continued, but now that WGRA is firmly re-established, you have other ways of receiving relevant news. PRA is in regular contact with WGRA, but please let us know if you'd also like us to keep in touch direct.



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Working Together to Keep Parklands Safe

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

There have been a few funny goings-on in the last year! There were a spate of thefts from vans; vandalism (to vehicles, tree pushed over, playing silly beggars with litter bins, graffiti); suspect cold-callers; breaking and entering/burglaries (February 2019); arrests; and, most worryingly, intermittent reports of people dealing drugs (which led to the removal of the book swap in The Ridgeway telephone box due to misuse). It is clear that Parklands people have had enough and **the best way to fight back against the baddies, to ensure that crime/drug dealing/antisocial behaviour can be dealt with, is to report things.**

If a crime is being committed call 999; if it has already happened call 101 or report online (<https://sussex.police.uk/contact-us/>). If you wish to remain anonymous, please contact Crime-stoppers 0800 555 111 www.crimestoppers-uk.org/

If you see suspicious behaviour then please email Sussex Police chichester@sussex.pnn.police.uk; if possible give exact locations, times, days and description of people and vehicles involved.

If emailing, you may like to copy in our Chichester District Council Community Warden, Sue Long (slong@chichester.gov.uk). Several people have told us that they have shared concerns with her; all conversations/communications with Sue are confidential to her (the rest of us won't have any idea who said what); and they help her to work effectively, including in partnership with Chichester Police to look after us all. Why not put her contact details in your 'phone, just in case: tel. **07715 053912**? (She has an answer message, if she is not on shift, with details of other contacts in her absence, if appropriate.)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - Looking Out for Each Other

We know that Parklands people look out for each other and that our Facebook group acts as an informal neighbourhood watch, sharing information quickly about matters of concern and encouraging group members to talk to friends and neighbours who do not use Facebook. BUT this does NOT have the on-street visibility and the commitment to keeping in touch of having a formal Neighbourhood Watch. An outsider visiting Parklands does not see up-to-date NHW signs that tell them we are a community where people look out for each other and illegal activity is likely to be spotted and reported - we have a few, faded signs, and almost no on-street deterrent.

In our Summer 2016 newsletter, we set our aspiration for Parklands to be covered by a network of Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinators, each willing to keep in touch with what is happening and with their neighbours and to share the information they receive in a way that works for them. We asked: **could you be a Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator, either by yourself or working with a friend?** At that time, we needed a minimum of £24 to fund each street sign, but lack of response meant we did not proceed with working up a plan of where best to place them and how to fund them, although we recently heard that at least one of our roads still has an active Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator.

You can find out more about Neighbourhood Watch at www.ourwatch.org.uk/about-us/ or tel. 0116 402 6111, or let's talk about it at our Get-Together/AGM on Saturday 30th March.



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW)

Are you fed up with some drivers ignoring speed limits in Parklands? Do you want to do something about it?

"CSW is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices.

"Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds. In cases where education is blatantly ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences is collated (even across county borders), enforcement and prosecution follow.

"CSW Online is working on behalf of the Police and communities to organise and coordinate CSW activity. Speeding is not just a local phenomenon - neither is Speedwatch.

...
"Volunteers receive appropriate training, and are supported by neighbourhood policing team (NPT) staff. The scheme aims to cater for the problem of real or perceived speed related offending, and through partnership with the community it is to be used in circumstances that are necessary, justifiable and proportionate in order to:

- Reduce death and injury on the roads
- Improve the quality of life for local communities
- Reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- Increase public awareness of inappropriate speed.

"Speedwatch activity is not about interfering with neighbours' behaviour; it is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the community."

This text is taken from the CSW website, where there is also a video to answer frequently asked questions:

www.communityspeedwatch.org

For us to have a CSW presence in Parklands, people need to volunteer and get involved. The first step is to Register for Community Speedwatch via the website and to undertake the online training. This makes sure everyone involved understands how the CSW scheme works. When registering, ask to join our existing group, Chichester - Parklands Community Speedwatch. When we have a sufficient number of volunteers to get started, Chichester Police will arrange for us to receive further compulsory training (in person), site approval (where we can monitor), and any further

information we need to get the group up and running.

Drugs, alcohol, and getting help

"County lines" is a tactic used by groups or gangs to facilitate the selling of drugs in an area outside of the area they live, reducing their risk of detection and almost always involving exploitation of vulnerable people. A group/gang may target a vulnerable person living in the area and take over their home as a base to sell drugs. This is known as 'cuckooing' and almost always involves violence, intimidation and the offer of money or drugs. If someone new has moved in with a neighbour recently and there has been unusual activity, they may need help.

West Sussex Drug and Alcohol Wellbeing Network is a free, confidential, friendly and non-judgmental drug and alcohol service for adults aged 25+ (including offenders), families and affected others. If you are interested in getting help from the service or you'd just like to ask some questions, please call 0300 303 8677 or email WestSussex.Contact@cgl.org.uk.

News Update

Centurion Way Users Group - Volunteering

Five volunteers trained with West Sussex County Council as Work Team Leaders and a number of working parties turned out last summer to trim brambles, shrubs, nettles, and any branches infringing on headroom, on the section of Centurion Way from Westgate up to the Chichester City/Lavant Parish boundary (further north these tasks are undertaken by the volunteer Lavant Parish Task Force). Not only did they enjoy doing a good job, but many people commented how much their efforts were appreciated. **If you could help, either on a regular or occasional basis, please contact Mark Hillman (halfrey52@yahoo.co.uk or tel. 07840 289955).**

Community Street Audit

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our Community Street Audit walks in December 2017 and Spring 2018, and to those people who returned our survey form on your experiences of getting around Parklands and nearby without using cars. Due to changes in staff at charity Living Streets, we have not yet received the final Audit report, but look forward to sharing its findings, and working on ways to improve the experience of non-car users, when we do.

Defibrillator news

PRA spent about £200 on repairing the public access defibrillator housed outside the Co-Op, after it was vandalised on Saturday night 25th November 2017. (A temporary replacement was provided by our supplier whilst our own defib. was out of action.) **We would appreciate donations towards replacing this money spent** (please contact our Treasurer, Clive Goodyer).



Flooding -

West Sussex County Council needs our help

Since summer 2018 a West Sussex County Council Flood Risk Engineer has been working with an engineering consultant to model the surface water drainage network for Parklands and surrounding areas, including East Broyle, Westgate and Fishbourne Road East. Understanding water flows will enable WSCC, as the Lead Local Flood Authority, to bid for funds to design and implement improvements.

WSCC's next step is to understand how flooding affects us; what we know about where the water runs; and whether or not we are paying Southern Water for a surface water drainage service we don't receive. (WSCC is still working to clarify billing arrangements with Southern Water.)

We need as many people as possible to complete the WSCC survey which is available online at:

<https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/highways-and-transport/72a82ee1>

For a paper copy, please give your address to Paula (tel. 07788 140698) to pass on to WSCC. **The initial closing date for responses is 15th March 2019, but we expect this to be extended, as not everyone will hear of it before then.**

The best information will produce the best result, so please take this opportunity to explain if and how flooding affects you/your home/our streets. The survey includes the chance to upload/include photos (the more detail about date and location, the better), and contains maps for you to check if a surface water sewer or culverted watercourse runs through your property.

Chichester Proposed Parking Management Plan

During March, West Sussex County Council is undertaking an informal consultation on proposals for a Chichester-wide parking management plan. There will be exhibitions on Wednesday 20th March, 10am-4pm at Chichester City Council's Council House in North Street and on Monday 25th March, 2-8pm at Swanfield Community Centre on Swanfield Drive. For more information/a consultation form, please see www.westsussex.gov.uk/chiparkingplan or call the contact centre on 642105. The feedback WSCC receives will be used to prepare a formal Traffic Regulation Order for statutory consultation later this year, so **please take this opportunity to explain how parking affects your life**, whether as a car driver, a pedestrian (with or without mobility aids) or a cyclist and influence the draft proposals for the better.

Whitehouse Farm -

development expected to start this year

Outline planning consent was granted to developers by Chichester District Council in April 2018 for the first 750 homes and related development west of Centurion Way. There is a contractual agreement requiring the provision of facilities at different stages of development, including a Country Park (field south of Newlands Lane Cottages) and a central green link (path) before any home is occupied.

CDC has gone on to approve various details since then, including archaeological investigations (photo left) and reptile capture and relocation (involving long stretches of plastic fencing, and a "destructive search" in the field west of Bishop Luffa School in November). Engineers have also been undertaking groundwater investigations. Details of the main access road from Old Broyle Road, the Country Park and related green spaces, and the Sustainable Urban Drainage Scheme received planning consent in December.

WSCC has received a formal application to build the new estate access roundabout on Old Broyle Road.

Developers have not yet confirmed whether they will pursue on-site sewerage treatment, but in the meantime Southern Water received planning consent in September 2018 from West Sussex County Council for the alternative pumped mains system: almost 10km of sewage pipeline and associated infrastructure (air vents/valves, washout chambers, haul routes, etc) running from south of Salthill Lane, to Tangmere Wastewater Treatment Works, and a pumping station at the southern end of the field south of Salthill Lodge. The plans include a temporary works compound on the green alongside Sherborne Road/Gilbert Road/Otter Close/top of Carleton Road.

On 31st January 2019, developers held a pre-application exhibition for its next intended planning applications—two parcels of about 80 homes near the Old Broyle Road, and football/rugby/cricket pitches and sports pavilion with car access from Clay Lane. Few residents recalled seeing a flyer for this event, but attendance was good, with much thanks to PRA spreading the word. Information is on the development website at <https://westofchichester.consultationonline.co.uk/part-1-residential-reserved-matters-applications/>

There has been no further progress with off-site highway plans, including traffic calming and the Southern Access Road.

SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

Saturday 16th March - 12th Chichester Scout Group **Jumble Sale** at the Scout Hut, Sherborne Road, **opens at 1.00pm**. (Jumble usually collected Thursday of that week.)

Saturday 23rd March - St Wilfrid's Church **Spring Fayre**, 2-4pm at St Wilfrid's Community Hall.

Saturday 30th March - **PRA Get-Together and AGM**, 2.30pm at St Wilfrid's Community Hall, Sherborne Road.

Easter Saturday, 20th April - PRA's **Family Easter Trail**, in the morning. At the time of writing (mid-February) the format of the Easter Trail has still to be organised and we have not yet confirmed sponsors. **Please contact Dawn (tel./text 07788 140698) if you would like to take part** (including the number and ages of children) **or could help us organise/run this event**. It is intended that families will be able to take part for free, with a raffle and refreshments for purchase, if you choose, to help pay for this and future PRA events.

Thursday-Saturday 30th May - 1st June – **The Noise Project** (a collaboration between Parklands-based churches supporting our community). Volunteers will run **free rubbish collection services** on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st May (for enquiries, or to book a collection, **please 'phone 07522 857001 after 1st May**). Free fun day, including activities and refreshments, takes place on Saturday 1st June on Sherborne Road green.

Thursday 20th June - the **Happy Circus** at **Parklands School**. Bouncy castle, raffle, tombolas, food, bar, etc from 4.30; circus 5.30-7.30pm. Tickets on sale on the PTA website pta-events.co.uk/parklands or from the school's reception.

Saturday 20th July - St Wilfrid's Church **Summer Fayre** 20th July, 12 noon - 3pm at St Wilfrid's Community Hall.

Please let us know about other events. Next **copy date** is **Friday 31st May** for July delivery. Contact Paula to submit items or to join/share news via our Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/PRAFriends) or e-mailing list. **Local advertisers welcome.**

PRA - being social

Our Easter Trail took us from collecting stones at Whitehouse Farm to having fun painting them at the Scout Hut.

Volunteers planted bulbs in both October and December at Sherborne Road green. All bulbs were donated, as were cowslips, dog roses and alder buckthorn which were planted in The Brewery Field.

Halloween on the Green offered prizes for fancy dress and pumpkins, games and free refreshments, and many residents welcomed trick-or-treaters (with some amazing displays!).

We had a Quiz and Fish and Chips night at the Scout Hut and helped Chichester Baptist and St Wilfrid's churches with the Christmas carols and Quiz (heavy rain meant "carols round the greens" had to take place indoors at CBC instead).

Residents decorated windows to make a life-sized advent calendar for passersby to enjoy in Parklands.



A resident has kindly shared with us her mum's Parklands Social Club membership card (left), which is inspiration to remind us to keep getting together. **What opportunities and activities would you like to see?**

PRA - making a difference

There's always something to do! **We desperately need** one or two organised people with **secretarial skills** to support the Committee with things like Minute taking and organising meetings. All events need both **inspiration** and **helpers**. It would also be great to have access to a wider set of **skills and knowledge**. Please let us know how you might help.

Thank you to both Richard Cole and Sarah Stevens, who retired from PRA Committee last year.



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Membership costs **£4 per household, or £2 for a single-person household**, and runs for 12 months from when you pay. **(Please include a SAE if you'd like a renewal reminder.)**

Please **enrol/renew** my/our membership:name/s

Address:

Contact details (phone/email):Date:

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For any queries, please contact our Membership Secretary, Lynne Brechin by 'phone (tel./text 07425 321860) or email (lsbrechin@gmail.com).