



Hordle Parish Council

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Parish Council Update - April/ May 2024

Change of Councillor

Cllr Floss Morgan has stepped down from the Parish Council after 5 years of service. Floss made a great contribution to the Parish Council—she was a stalwart of the Speedwatch team, making the roads of our community safer by reducing traffic speeds. The Parish Council would like to thank Floss for her years of service.

The casual vacancy left by Floss was advertised on our website and noticeboards and at the time of writing, the co-option of a new councillor will take place at the Council's meeting on 16th April. We will let you know the outcome in the next edition.

Litterpick Cleans Up

Thank you to all the residents who turned out for our annual litterpick event on Saturday 23rd March. Despite the rain, 15 bags of rubbish were collected from Everton and Hordle, making our villages an even more lovely place to be.

War Memorial Gardens

The Parish Council has started to replant the War Memorial Gardens in Hordle with a wildlife-friendly native Bird Cherry and Witch Hazel. We will add to these as the year progresses.



Do you know a Hero?

We are on the lookout for residents who have gone above and beyond helping our community over the past year. If you know someone who is an unsung hero, do let us know as we would love to recognise their efforts at our Annual Parish Assembly on 14th May. Just drop us a line by 7th May at the parish office or email: clerk@hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk



Annual Parish Assembly

Come along and find out about the work of the Parish Council over the past year at the Annual Parish Assembly on 14th May at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Vaggs Lane. Everyone is welcome and as well as the the Parish Hero awards there will wine and nibbles, making it a great opportunity to chat with councillors and ask questions about local issues.

SS9 - Consultation for 9 more homes plan

Grosvenor Capital is consulting on its plans for 9 more homes on the remaining field of SS9 off Cottagers Lane in Hordle. This is in advance of a formal planning application. Details are on our website (scan the QR code) or you can email: daniel@gillingsplanning.co.uk



Save a Life - Be Defib Aware

Did you know that the Parish Council is guardian of 3 defibrillators around the parish? The defibs are located at Hordle Pavilion, Everton Stores and River of Life Church in Tiptoe. In an emergency, knowing where they are could make the difference between life and death.



Grants for Local Charities and Groups

The Parish Council has granted over £2000 in total to a variety of local groups over the past year. Groups benefitting from grants include Brockenhurst Young Farmers who meet in Tiptoe, Hordle Driver Group, Everton Pavilion, The YOU Trust and Victim Support. The next round of grant funding is scheduled for June and application forms are on our website: hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk/grants.

Tiptoe Fayre—11th May

The May Fayre at Tiptoe is back on the green at Wootton Road this year (weather permitting) 12 noon - 4pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this traditional community event which raises funds for the upkeep of the green. Pop along to the Parish Council stand and meet your councillors and, very importantly, there will be plant and cake stalls too (donations for both are very welcome and can be made on the day).

Hordle Environment Group (HEG) update

Most of the autumn/winter shrub pruning has been achieved. The small amount left will be checked for early nesting birds before work commences. The native daffodils planted in 2015 behind the bug hotel in Charnock Close are now rapidly increasing. Bluebells planted last autumn are growing well. Celandines provide excellent ground cover and their bright yellow flowers are enjoyed by bees. Thank you to the volunteers who keep

Yerville Gardens and Charnock Close looking good, along with the HPC Groundsman.

Golden Hill Update

Working Parties commenced in October. We are not as far forward as expected due to the wet weather. However, it was pleasing to see that all of the newly planted hazel whips had taken bar one.

A glade (open area allowing light in for low growing plants) close to the east entrance off Ashley Lane has been re-opened. We wait to see what germinates and it also gives space for the hazel planted 10 years ago. Other glades have mostly had to be left due to them being under water. The bottom path is getting attention.

Work stops at the end of March but monthly surveys of flora and fauna will be undertaken over the summer. This time we have last year's information allowing us to compare notes.

Spring flowers are brightening up the path edges, namely primroses, and dog violets. Snowdrops have increased in numbers and are busy setting seed for future years. We regularly hear a variety of birds.



Thanks must go to our band of willing volunteers and especially Nick who keeps the website up

to date (hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk/golden-hill-woods) and Keith our bird expert.

We always welcome new volunteers - do get in touch with the Parish Office.

Next Meetings

Tuesday 16th April, 21st May & 18th June at Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane @ 7.15pm. The Annual Parish Assembly is on 14th May at 7.30pm in Hordle Pavilion. See the website & noticeboards for agendas and minutes.

