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Parish Council Update - Winter 2023/24

New Parish Councillor

The Parish Council recently co-opted Hordle resident Malcolm Warne Holland to fill the councillor vacancy left after the May uncontested election. Malcolm previously served as a parish councillor some years ago and was instrumental in writing the Village Design Statement, which forms an integral part of local planning policy. We would like to welcome Malcolm back to the council and we look forward to working with him over the coming years.

Path to Happiness at Dudley Avenue

The new gravel path has been installed at Dudley Avenue Rec, linking the toddler play area to the BMX track. This area gets very wet in the winter and we hope this will encourage even more people to use this great facility.



We would also like to thank local resident Julian Bailey for making and donating the new bike repair station on the viewing platform by the BMX track, which is perfect for those on-the-go fixes.

Remembrance at the parish war memorial



At the time of writing, the annual remembrance service was due to take place at the parish war memorial on Everton Road.

Organised by the Parish Council and Hordle All Saints church, local groups and organisations including the Brownies and Cubs/ Beavers, WI, HCA have been invited to lay wreaths. Also included is the Twinning Association, with representatives from Hordle's twin town of Yerville in Normandy, who have travelled specially to be present and lay a wreath. This year a Tommy silhouette joined the commemorations and will be making a regular appearance in the years to come.

Golden Hill Woods Need YOU!

The Golden Hill Working Party has reconvened for the winter months, to help look after the woods. Working to a Management Plan that aims to create a wider range of habitats for wildlife and manage the woods in a sustainable way. The volunteers meet fortnightly on Wednesday and Saturday mornings on dry days. The friendly group are always welcoming of new members and all tools

are provided. If you would like to volunteer, pop along one morning or



contact the parish office. A full list of dates are displayed on the entrances to the woods or on our website: hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk/golden-hill-woods

Rest Awhile at Hordle Rec

A new bench has been installed at the top end of Hordle Rec in response to residents' requests. We hope everyone residents will enjoy resting and taking a moment to enjoy the view on a sunny day.



Pitch Improvements at Recs

Also at Hordle (as well as Everton Rec), the Parish Council has undertaken verti-draining work to improve the playing surface for the football teams. This treatment improves drainage as the ground has a tendency to become very waterlogged here. We have more improvements in the pipeline for the spring and we will keep you updated with developments.

Hedge Cutting

This is a perfect time of year for everyone with hedges to give them a good trim, especially if they border the highway. In addition, residents with ditches bordering the highway should clear them at this time of year to prepare for the coming winter, under their Riperian responsibilities. For more details: hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge.

Potholes

If you spot a pothole on your travels, you can report it quickly and easily online directly to Hampshire County Council: hants.gov.uk/reportaroadproblem

Grants for Local Charities and Groups

Grants for local charities and organisations are available from the Parish Council. Small awards (usually under £500) are made 3 times a year; the next round is scheduled for 28th February 2024 and details and application forms are on our website. Past recipients include Hordle Volunteer Driver Group, Hordle Art Group, Everton Pavilion, Tiptoe Green Trust, Hordle Community Association, Hordle Scouts, New Forest Disability Service and the Twinning Association.

Post Office Services in the Parish

Christmas is coming and posting dates are nigh. The Post Office van visits Hordle Pavilion car park on Vaggs Lane on Fridays 11.30am - 1.30pm and Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm. There is also the Post Office on Wainsford Road in Everton which is open every day. Please use your local services!



Next Meetings

Tuesday 19th December, 16th January & 20th February at Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane @ 7.15pm. See the website & noticeboards for agendas and minutes.

Merry Christmas!

The Parish Council would like to wish all the residents a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. It would like to thank everyone who has contributed their time and effort to our parish over the past 12 months which has made our community such a lovely place to be.



