

# Parish Pages

## A NEW WAY TO GET NEWS.

Amport Parish Council aims to reach all members of the parish and we are looking at starting a monthly newsletter with parish news.

This newsletter is a trial run and if we find it is a success and that there is engagement from this newsletter we will endeavour to do a newsletter the beginning of every month.

We also want to offer this newsletter in digital format but in order to make this a success we need the parishioners to sign up to receive this and accept the GDPR rules in order for us to send this to private email addresses.

If you are interested in getting this digitally then please can you sign up on the Amport Parish Council Website [www.Amportparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.Amportparishcouncil.org.uk)

We would like to encourage local businesses to contact us with events that they want to publicise for the following months.

Please send any requests to: [Tessa@amportparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:Tessa@amportparishcouncil.org.uk).



## January meeting in brief

The Bob Horne Bench has been replaced.

Potholes – ONGOING – the Parish Council is very aware of issues with the state of our roads and is in constant communication with Highways about this.

Wehyll Area Notice Board – the Parish Council is looking at putting a new notice board near Fairways. There is also a new dog poop bin that has been put in place in this area too.

The Parish Council is looking at putting a new picnic bench on the green so keep an eye out for this.

There is now a defibrillator at the school.

### In this newsletter you can expect:

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# WHATS ON IN THE PARISH

## The Hawk Conservancy Trust

The trust will be open again for visitors from the 10th of February and a few events are happening:

### Evening Owls at the Hawk Conservancy Trust

Selected evenings throughout Spring 2024

Doors open at 5.30 pm | Flying display commences at 7 pm.

### A Valentine's Date?

Looking for unique experience gifts for Valentine's Day this year? The Hawk Conservancy has all Lovebirds covered! Choose from a wide range of experience gifts for Valentine's Day.



## Breach Farm Brewing

The brewery every Friday, and Saturday. There are food vans on these nights.



## Amport Fete

The date for the fete this year is on Saturday **6th July** So make a note in your diary! Anyone who wants to help or volunteer please get hold of Tamsin at [amportfete@gmail.com](mailto:amportfete@gmail.com).

## Equine Pasture Management Event

Watercress and Winterbournes have organised an in-person talk about equine pasture management. Monday 26th Feb in War Memorial Hall, Duck Street, Abbots Anne; 6 – 8pm; refreshments available. Learn about different aspects of equine pasture management, including:

- How grasslands work, and how to enhance and manage them under different conditions.
- Choosing a seed mix with equine welfare in mind.
- Prevention and control of injurious plants.
- Environmental management (including hedgerows, watercourses, and manure management).

Booking is essential. To book please contact Amanda Ingham on 07305 072073 or email [amanda@skylarkfarmadvice.co.uk](mailto:amanda@skylarkfarmadvice.co.uk)

## SOUTHERN WATER

The very high recent rainfall has adversely affected river levels and groundwater levels to an unprecedented level. SW has reluctantly decided it had no option but to reinstate tankers in the catchment including at "Furzedown Lane WPS" – the misnamed site at the foot of Wiremead Lane – and at Mullens Pond (only 1 tanker) in order to prevent sewage discharge along the Pillhill in Wiremead Lane (including by Waterloo Cottage), at Manor Farm in Abbots Ann, and elsewhere in the catchment. At present, we do not know how long these tankers will be required in the Parish and elsewhere but they are being reduced on a daily basis.

Much discussion is taking place with SW regarding the possibility of overpumping in local rivers. Please refer to the Amport Parish Council website for the latest information.

## MEET YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

**Chris Harris**- Chairman & responsible for the Village Green & The Fen.

**Stephen Coke**- Vice Chair & responsible for finance, principle & process.

**Sally Baker** - responsible for school liaison and resilience planning.

**Alan Montagu** - responsibility as Solar Farm liaison officer

**Tessa Hawkings-Byass** Projects Officer, footpaths officer, communications

**Peter Harvey**- Projects Officer & children's play area

**Diana Stephenson** responsible for Neighbourhood planning/Village design statement/parish plan.

**Peter Waller**- responsible for resilience planning

**Clare Hemmings** - Weyhill representative

**Derek Douch** - Weyhill representative

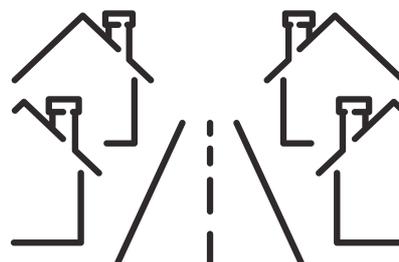
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# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WHAT IS THIS??

A neighborhood plan allows residents of a parish input on changes and policies set out in their parish. This is for YOU! The parishioners.

It will allow you to choose:

- Where you want homes built and how many
- What any new building should look like.
- What green spaces you want to preserve
- Protection of important trees, views and hedgerows
- Designation of wildlife corridors, Protection of local historical buildings



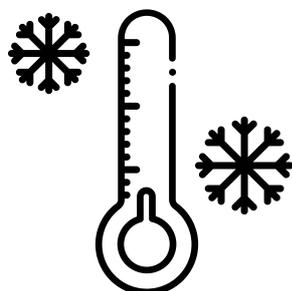
The neighborhood plan is led by a steering group consisting of volunteers in the community.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

So please get in touch with Diana on [diana@amportparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:diana@amportparishcouncil.org.uk) if you are interested.

The Amport / Fox NDP Community Engagement Meeting is now set for **Tue 27 Feb 24, at Amport School between 4-5pm**. It is a drop-in session where everyone is invited to provide their feedback. The location is ideal for residents of Amport village, but any parishioner will be more than welcome.

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## Resilience Plan

Amport Parish Councillors - S.Baker and P.Waller have been working hard on preparing a resilience plan for the parish.

This is a way to have people and plans in place should there be adverse weather, power cuts etc.

Please have a look on the website for a draft of this.

## 20 MPH ?

Hampshire County Council have reached agreement on allowing 20mph limits in some areas.

It will soon be possible for parishes to request these but costs to implement will be the responsibility of the parish.

We would like to get parishioners' thoughts on this going forward.



## Amport and Monxton Village Hall—UPDATE

The construction of the foundations / base for the new hall are on track and it is planned that the oak frame will be erected very shortly, before the roof and windows are fitted.

We will endeavour to keep you updated in this newsletter as to how this is progressing. There is still a shortfall in funds for completing the village hall so anyone who has any fundraising ideas please get in touch.

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WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO MISS OUT!

If you are unable to attend a meeting but would like to raise a concern, please contact the Clerk by email at clerk@amportparishcouncil.org.uk or by telephone on 01264 773796

## MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parish Council meets on a Monday at 0730pm at the Amport School. Anyone is welcome to attend any of these meetings. (see below dates)



19 Feb

18 March

15 April

20 May

24 June

15 July

16 September

21 October

18 November

*Thank you for reading!*

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