

## HYDE PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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\*Councillors volunteer to serve on the parish council, we are therefore covered by Exception 2. to deliver this Newsletter. 2020 No. 1200 PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND  
The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 4) Coming into force - - 5th November 2020 (4)Exception 2 is that it is reasonably necessary for P to leave or be outside P's home (a) for the purposes of work or to provide voluntary or charitable services, where it is not reasonably possible for P to work, or to provide those services, from home;

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Hyde is a very friendly parish where goodwill and offers of help among residents are part of everyday life and have been even more in evidence during the present stressful time. The Hyde Parish Support Network continues to help residents – please contact Penny (653581) or Fizz (653069) if you would like further information or assistance. The Hampshire Coronavirus Helpline **0333 370 4000** offers support on a wide range of issues, including debt and money worries, mental health support, domestic abuse, bereavement, drug & alcohol issues and volunteering.

We rarely have complaints about un-neighbourly behaviour but we have received requests to mention noise, bonfire /barbeque smoke and over-bright outside lighting. As these can be a nuisance to neighbours, we all need to think whether we are unintentionally causing a problem or discomfort to others. If any action becomes a serious nuisance it can be reported to NFDC Environmental Health by email [eandr@nfdc.gov.uk](mailto:eandr@nfdc.gov.uk) or telephone 02380 285411; you will need to supply detailed information and a diary sheet or record of the incidents. Firework offences should be reported to the police. Please see the NFDC website for more information: <https://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/949/Health-and-safety-for-residents>

Outside lighting on houses and outbuildings is unfortunately necessary to deter and prevent break-ins, damage and theft and will be more in evidence during the long dark nights to come – but we must all make sure that porch lights are not brighter than necessary and that security lights are angled downwards and are preferably movement sensitive, as they can be a nuisance to neighbours and to passing vehicles. The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) reminds us 'Light spilling up into the night sky is a waste of energy and money'. The National Park is a 'dark skies' area and we can help to minimize light pollution by using night lighting sensibly. For more information and an inter-active map showing light and dark areas see CPRE's website [www.nightblight.cpre.org.uk](http://www.nightblight.cpre.org.uk)

**Winter reminders:** \* **Be Bright Be Seen** - when walking, cycling or riding. The accident Prevention Trust advises that bright fluorescent clothing is best in daytime, with reflective clothing or tape at twilight and night. Reflective collars for ponies and ear tags for cattle have reduced accidents to livestock, so reflective collars or leads for dogs would help them to be seen. \* Last year, 159 New Forest animals - ponies, cattle, donkeys, pigs and sheep - were involved in known collisions, with 58 killed and 32 injured, the majority occurring at commuter time, between 5pm and 8pm on weekdays during the winter months; the B3078/79 is one of the worst roads for accidents and drivers are asked to reduce speed to 30mph, the NPA is asking drivers to '**add 3 minutes, Pass Slow and Wide, be Forest Friendly**' and to be extra vigilant. \***Ditches** on, or adjacent to your property are your responsibility, so please remember to keep them clear of debris. \*Hedge and tree clippings must all be moved inside your boundary beyond the reach of livestock. Reminder: the garden waste collection service does not operate between 20/12/20 and 4/1/21.

**Verge restoration work**, including the installation of dragons teeth, is being carried out at Ogdens and should be completed in early January, the works are necessary to prevent any further erosion to the SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). The car park is closed until March 2021 to allow the ground to recover. Forestry England has a legal duty to protect the New Forest under its conservation designations and we have been asked to remind residents that unauthorised parking causes erosion of precious protected habitats damaging rare and declining plant and animal species. Vehicle damage to grass verges also has a harmful impact on their grazing value and on the overall landscape. More information can be found at: <https://www.hlsnewforest.org.uk/projects/verge-restoration/>

**Consultations:** New Forest District Council are asking for views on the **Draft Waste Strategy** which outlines changes in the collection of waste, including food waste, recycling and the use of wheelie bins. The draft document and a short survey are on [www.newforest.gov.uk](http://www.newforest.gov.uk). If you do not have internet access printed engagement packs, which include the summary draft document, are available at the Information Office in Fordingbridge or you can have a pack sent to you by calling customer services 0238 028 5000, you can also request a copy of the full draft.

**The parish council's responses to the following recent consultations are on our website:**

NFDC - Planning Requirements: to help residents or business owners supply the correct and sufficient information on planning applications. (Our main point was that measurements should be on plan drawings as well as a scale bar).  
Government - Planning for the Future: proposed changes to the planning system - we replied from a parish viewpoint.  
Safer New Forest Partnership – NFDC, Hampshire Constabulary & other agencies - a short annual survey.

**Telecommunication Mast Update:** the prior approval application for the telecommunication mast at Hyde is under review by the NFNPA, the applicants have been advised that the proposal is felt to be inappropriate for the identified site in terms of design and location. The Parish Council have been asked to meet with the supplier to discuss the requirements of the mast and whether there are more suitable locations within the parish. The Parish Council are learning about the different requirements of the technology and the impact of these differences on the size and siting of a mast. 5G technology appears to require a more specific line of sight which limits the number of suitable locations. Members are concerned that our residents are not fully aware of these differences and that your requirements are for a good, reliable, telephone signal with the ability to make calls and send messages. At present we are only asking anyone in the parish who needs the ability to stream data at fast speeds to let us know, via email to Martine.

***N. W.*** A meeting to introduce ***Neighbourhood Watch*** was held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and it has proved to be a very successful and useful scheme – many thanks to Dai Morgan for all his time and hard work over the past ten years. If you are not a N.W. member please sign up by contacting Dai at [hyde.watch@gmail.com](mailto:hyde.watch@gmail.com) more watchers mean a safer parish.

### **Thoughts on climate change...**

HCC declared a Climate Emergency in June 2019 and set 2 targets for Hampshire as a whole – become carbon neutral by 2050 and the 2 degrees global warming limit. Lockdown may be a good time for us to think about ways we can do our bit to help individually and as a Parish:

#### ***A few quick/ easy ideas to try (if you're not already of course!):***

1. Bulk purchase goods with neighbours - particularly during lockdown (limit journeys to shops, save money).
2. Minimise waste - recycle/ compost/ reuse as much as possible.
3. Become plastic free – check out Surfers Against Sewerage <https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-free-communities/>
4. Buy 'green' goods & energy – protect planet & reward businesses committed to a better future.
5. Reduce harmful activities to wildlife – peat-free compost, stop pesticides, reduce light pollution.
6. Increase tree cover (particularly native) – Friends of The Earth campaigning for UK to double tree cover.
7. Home improvements - try to make your home as energy efficient/ nature friendly as possible (reduce CO2 emissions, future proof, save money – some suppliers may offer discounts for multiple houses). Check out <https://www.passivhaustrust.org.uk>
8. Buy green energy - Friends of the Earth identified Ecotricity and Good Energy as the greenest energy companies and there is also West Solent Solar - people in Hampshire, Dorset & IoW can become members of the co-op by purchasing shares - <https://westsolentsolar.coop/>
9. Use accredited local 'green' businesses to help keep money in local community & promote via word of mouth.
10. Why not start keeping bees? A multitude of benefits – help environment, improve pollination, fascinating to study and a lovely hobby to get kids involved in, you get to dress like an astronaut and eat loads of honey.

***Please contact me if you have any local initiative ideas or need a hand to set them up:***

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