

Sea Wall Update

NFDC is co-ordinating stakeholder groups including the private land owners and local residents, to explore options to rebuild the sea wall near the White House. Talks are ongoing with regards to programmes of works and potential funding streams for this major project. Further information will be available in the coming months and we will update you in future issues.

Annual Report Published

The latest edition of the Parish Council Annual Report is now available. You can pick a copy up from the parish office or on the website: www.milfordonsea.org.uk/key-achievements

Highlights include:

- 10-year Natural England Higher Level Stewardship grazing agreement continues with the clearing of scrub sections at Studland Common and stump grinding.
- Continuation of a 10-year Programme to manage the Pleasure Grounds.
- To turn land bequeathed into a Community Meadow.
- Reduction of all Parish owned hedges to 4.5ft in height (over three years).
- Continued upgrade of footpaths, culverts, bridges ditches and revetments in the Upper and Lower Pleasure Grounds.
- Additional Play Equipment at Toddler Play Area at Hurst Road Playpark, including surface repairs.
- Continuing to upgrade and repair benches along the Cliff Top, Keyhaven and the Village Centre.
- Improvements to the Centenary Garden (At Milford Bridge)

Removal of Scrub and Hedge
Encroachment at Barnes Lane Recreation Ground.
Introduction of a Speed Indicator Unit.

New Booking System at Hampshire Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC)

Hampshire County Council has introduced a booking system for residents wishing to use one of its Waste Recycling Centres.

The booking system has been set up in response to the severe traffic queues seen at some HWRCs since they reopened with new social distancing measures in place. Slots are released daily from 9am to 6pm for visiting sites 2 days in advance. Dates further than 2 days ahead will show as unavailable.

You can only make 1 trip to one HWRC in a week (Monday to Sunday). If you visit an HWRC without an appointment you will be turned away.

To book a slot visit the website:

hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/book-appointment

You can also call on **02380 179 949**, Monday to Friday 9am to 5:30pm.

Forthcoming dates

Planning - Monday 6th July, 3rd August & 7th September.

Parish Council - Monday 20th July, 17th August & 21st September

Agendas will be available from the website and on village noticeboards 5 working days in advance. To comment on an agenda item email or write to the parish office.

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Summer 2020

Covid-19

This year has been one like no other in living memory. The Parish Council has kept working through out the past few months in order to ensure the parish is well-maintained and key elements of Parish Council business are dealt with. In line with national guidelines, face to face Parish Council meetings have been replaced with business being transacted largely by email, with the public still able to have their say. Agendas can be found on noticeboards and on the Parish Council website: milfordonsea.org.uk. When meetings are able to resume they will be publicised in these same places. For a list of forthcoming dates can be found at the end of these pages.

The Parish Council would like to thank Jenny and John Whitley who have done an outstanding job with the their team of dedicated volunteers to help keep the vulnerable members of our community supplied with shopping and medical prescriptions. The Parish Council would also like to pay tribute to the number of Milford businesses who have been able to transform the way they operate to adapt

to this new world. With things hopefully returning to a more normal way of being over the coming months, the Parish Council will continue to ensure the parish is a pleasant place for everyone who lives, works and visits.

If you need assistance, don't forget you can call the **Coronavirus Hampshire Helpline** on **0333 370 4000**. This a helpline to provide information and advice, as well as give practical support to frail or vulnerable Hampshire residents,. The Coronavirus Hampshire Helpline can be contacted seven days a week, from 9am-5pm

Parish Council Chairs Elected

The following councillors have been elected via email into the positions below within the Parish Council:

Chair of the Council: Cllr Bob Bishop
Vice Chair of the Council: Cllr Anne Cullen
Chair of Planning Committee: Cllr Sue Whitlock
No member has been elected Vice Chair of the Planning Committee.

Hanging Baskets Suspended

The Parish Council has been notified by Hampshire County Council, that hanging baskets are no longer permitted to be hung on cast iron lampposts. This is following a serious incident in Gosport where a cast iron lamp column failed. Unfortunately, all of the lamp posts in the village centre are cast iron. This, coupled with the unavailability of plants due to the Covid 19 crisis, means that unfortunately this year there will be no floral displays in the village centre. The Parish Council will be working to find alternative locations for floral displays so that in 2021 the village will be blooming lovely once again.

Phone Box Adopted

When BT announced its intention to remove the phonebox adjacent to the Needles Eye Café on Hurst Road the Parish Council stepped in to adopt it instead.



The phone will be disconnected but the box will be refurbished by the Council and can be used for a variety of village purposes (the phonebox on the village green has been used as a book and puzzle exchange during the pandemic). If you have an idea of how to best repurpose the

phone box for the benefit of the community, please contact the Parish Council.

MCV Win Royal Award

The Parish Council would like to congratulate the Milford Conservation Volunteers who have won the highly prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The MCV do an extraordinary amount for the parish, work which is much appreciated by the Parish Council and village alike. The groups is currently repairing the

MEG bridge in the Pleasure Grounds along with the boardwalk to Blackbush Road and the boardwalk by the pond. Read more about their current projects in their pages of the Village Voice or visit their website: milfordconservation.org



Barnes Lane Rec Improvements

The Parish Council would like to thank Andrew Smith and Josh Mantock from the Football Club for their work at Barnes Lane Recreation Ground. New white posts and containers have been installed and they have reduced the hedges bordering the rec significantly.



Rogue Trader Alert



The Parish Council has received reports of local residents being approached by roofing contractors for work that doesn't need doing. And being charged an exorbitant rate to carry out the work. If you are approached by such people decline their offer. Trading Standards points out that this practice is not illegal so it is up to householders to be vigilant.

In addition, please be aware of a scam involving a phone call claiming to be from the NHS Test and Trace Service, informing you that they have been in contact with somebody who has tested positive for Coronavirus; they need to self-isolate and take a test. The caller refuses to disclose who the householder has been in contact with but asks them to confirm their address so a testing kit can be sent to them. The caller then asks for payment card details to cover cost of the testing kit. The NHS Test and Trace service is free and:

- will not ask for bank details or payments
- will not ask for details of any other accounts, such as social media
- will not ask you to set up a password or PIN number over the phone
- will not ask you to call a premium rate number, such as those starting 09 or 087.

You can read more about NHS Test and Trace and what to do if you have been in contact with someone who has Coronavirus at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

District Council Phone Number Change

From 3rd August, you will no longer be able to contact New Forest District Council on 023 80 28 5588.

If you call that number you will hear a recorded message to advise you the number is no longer in use. All other NFDC telephone numbers remain unchanged and **023 80 28 5000** is the customer services number. If you call customer services you will hear a list of options. Please listen carefully so you can select the right one for the service you are looking for. Your call will then be automatically put through to the service you want, or you will be connected to customer services.



You can also email NFDC at customer.services@nfdc.gov.uk

Flytipping On The Increase

Sadly, one result of the pandemic has been an increase in the instances of flytipping. If you see rubbish that has been flytipped, contact the District Council to report it - 023 28 5000 - giving as much information as possible.

