

New hotels to be built at Community Meadow (for insects)

The Gardening Club will be constructing several Bug Hotels in the Community Meadow over the coming months. The hotels, made from pallet wood and branches, twigs, bamboo and other materials to provide excellent habitats for insects to overwinter.

Sturt Pond Footpath

The Parish Council and Milford Conservation Volunteers recently met with Hampshire County Council's Access Team to discuss ways of upgrading the footpath which runs alongside Sturt Pond. The Access Team are now looking at costs and options and we will report the outcome in a future edition.

Downton Quarry Visit

Representatives from the Parish Council, residents and Shorefield Country Park visited Downton Quarry recently, to see for themselves the work being carried out there and the quarries plans for the site over the coming years. An extension to the work was recently granted which will take about 10 years to fulfil.

Next meetings

Parish Council: 6th November. There will be a joint Parish Council and Planning Committee meeting on 7th December. Agendas will be available 5 working days in advance. Due to Covid restrictions,

meetings are via Zoom. To find out how to have your say on agenda items, visit our website. The link for the meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86361470069>

2021 meeting dates will be available on our website in December and will be published in the next edition.

Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition

As you will see from the Christmas decoration Team's report in this edition, everyone is busy trying to give the village a real boost this Christmas after such a difficult year. The Parish Council is running a Best Dressed Christmas Window competition for all the shops, restaurants and business in the

village and we are asking you to vote for your favourite! Have a wander around the shops and then just fill out the form below and drop it off to the parish office by 21st December. Alternatively you can vote online: surveyMonkey.co.uk/r/FLZ82VC

Or scan the code:



Winners will be published in the next edition.

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and Healthy and Prosperous New Year



I would like to vote for:

As Best Dressed Christmas Window 2020

Return to the Parish Office, 22 High Street, Milford-on-Sea SO41 0GG by 21/12/20.

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Sea Wall Recovery Work Update

At the October meeting of the Parish Council, the Seawall was discussed with Steve Cook, NFDC Coastal Engineer and David Martin, Environment Agency (EA) Flood and Coastal Risk Management Team Leader and over 50 members of the community also attended.

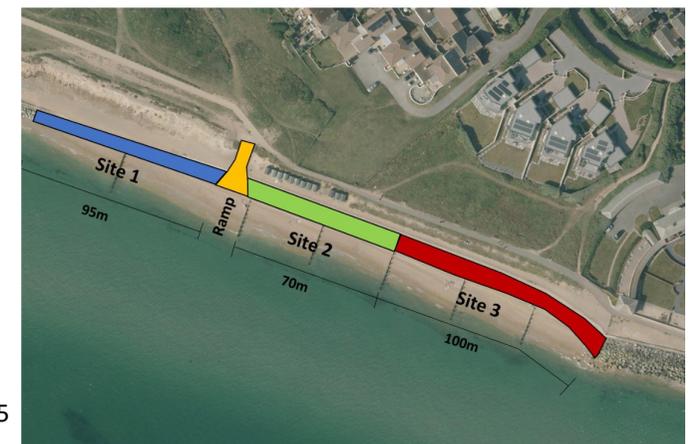
Mr Cook reported that most of the 9,000 tons of large rocks had been delivered to the site and 75 metres of wall has already been built. Most of the rock was being transported by road due to weather conditions. In addition to this, finance had been secured to provide an additional 3000 tons of rock armor; this would provide some further protection to the exposed sea wall.

Mr Martin considered the current work is progressing well. He reported that the EA would be working with NFDC to develop a business case for Phase 2 and delivering Phase 2 could possibly take up to 5

years. However, due to the speed of the work already undertaken he was hopeful that if it were agreed, Phase 2 would not take this long.

Mr Cook reported that the exact cost for Phase 2 is not known at present and would be subject to a benefit / cost analysis. Mr Cook suggested there could be a number of different funding sources including specific beneficiaries, businesses, business rates and a levy on Council Tax by the Parish Council.

However, there is no legal requirement for residents to contribute to the Phase 2



works and NFDC would be taking the lead in securing future funding.

The Chair asked what further assistance the Parish Council could give; Mr Cook suggested that the Parish Council become a key member in any stakeholder advisory group. Also, that NFDC would continue to report on progress made and will engage in building good working relationships within the community.

It was agreed that a working group of Parish Councillors would be formed and would invite other interested parties to its meetings as and when required.

The Parish Council thanked Steve Cook and David Martin for attending the meeting.

Open Space at MOS1—The Swifts

The Parish Council has agreed to adopt the public open space adjacent to the new housing development “The Swifts” on the MOS1 site (excluding the car park which NFDC will oversee). The land will have space for a limited number of allotments but the Parish Council will be holding a public consultation in the New Year to ascertain how else parish residents would like to see the land used such as sports facilities, play facilities and nature areas, for example. We will publish details in future editions of how you can contribute your ideas to the process.

Free Parking in the village in December

NFDC will be suspending parking charges in the Sea Road car park on Saturday 5th December, as part of the annual Small Business



Saturday campaign to encourage people to shop locally in our independent stores. In addition, NFDC is proposing that the both following weekends: 12th and 13th December and 19th and 20th December, as free parking days. This will be confirmed in the coming weeks so keep an eye on our website for further details: milfordonsea.org.uk or our Facebook page.

Desilting at Milford Bridge

The Environment Agency is due to start desilting work at Milford Bridge in November. Approximately 15 metres upstream from the bridge will be dredged as well as from under the bridge itself. As on previous occasions the silt removed will be placed in nearby undergrowth.



While the work takes place a traffic management system is likely to be in place on the bridge. In addition, a works compound will be erected on the woodland side of the triangle car park.

Police Beat surgeries

The next Police Beat surgeries are being held on the Village Green on: Wednesday 4th November and Wednesday 2nd December, both 10am -11am. Come and meet your local police team and ask them questions about policing in the local area.



Campervans at Keyhaven

As mentioned in the last edition, the issue of overnight camping at the Ancient Highway in Keyhaven is now being addressed. NFDC has now begun a consultation into the introduction of a new short stay amenity car park leading to the Ancient Highway from 1st January 2021. NFDC is proposing following changes for short stays:

- £1.00 up to 1 hours (winter only: 1st November—28/29th February)
- £2.00 up to 2 hours
- £3.00 up to 3 hours

The classes of vehicle which may use the car park is all vehicles except goods vehicles over 3.5 tonnes and passenger vehicles adapted to carry more than 12 vehicles exclusive of the driver.

If you would like to comment on these proposals please do so *by 20th November* to:

David Hurd, Enforcement Manager, Marsh Lane Depot, Marsh lane, Lymington SO41 9BX or by email: david.hurd@nfdc.gov.uk.

There are no current plans to introduce parking restrictions in New Lane or Saltgrass Lane but this will remain under review.

Crisp packet recycling

Sadly the Parish Office is no longer able to accept crisp packets for recycling due to safety and logistical reasons. We would like to thank all residents who have contributed to this in the past. Batteries, however, are still being accepted.



Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Hampshire County Council is running a survey to find out where its residents would like to see electric car charging point installed. The survey is very quick and will provide the County Council with useful planning information so please do take a moment to complete it. You can find it on their website: www.hants.gov.uk/transport/ev-charging-points



Plant a Memory in the Community Orchard

There are still spaces available for fruit trees to be planted in memory of a loved one or in commemoration of a special event or anniversary. Planting will take place in the coming months—for more details just contact the parish office.



Studland Common Update

Studland Meadow, Common and the Orchard have all been flailed and new fencing is being installed to help contain the cows. In addition, the Parish Council has now authorised the placing of 3 more memorial benches at various locations on Studland Common. The benches will be individually handcrafted in wood and will be similar in design to Iris' and Colin's benches which are already *in situ*. Contact the Parish Office for further details.