



# December

## Clerk's Update

Our monthly activities

20

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23

# This Month at a Glance

These are goals we've been working on since the November Council Meeting

01



**Awarding & applying for Grants**

**Finance Committee considered  
& recommended 2023/24 S137  
Grant awards**

**PTC & Woodland Trust  
Applications submitted**

02



**Engaging the Community**

**Community engagement event(s)  
held**

**History project workshop 2 held**

**Christmas trail**

03



**Setting next years' budget**

**Budget Task & Finish Group &  
Finance Committee have  
undertaken robust review of  
expenditure, income and  
projects for 2024/25**

# 01

## Awarding & applying for Grants

The Finance Committee considered applications from 8 organisations. All were award a grant of varying size, with a total of £4k awarded across these groups.

The Deputy Clerk has now submitted the PTC application and we hope to hear back from HCC in coming weeks.

The Clerk has been successful with her application for further trees from the Woodland Trust with a total of 240 trees coming in March.

# 02

## Engaging the Community

- Twynams field Fat ball making/ tree planting session with Wyvern Football Club on Saturday 2nd December was unfortunately cancelled due to staff sickness, but these have been rescheduled for the New Year. The fat ball making session will be held on Wednesday 14th February during school half term and the tree planting and litter picking with Wyvern Football Club is taking place on Saturday 20th January.
- The Orchard - On 7th Dec, The Clerk and Community Development Officer held a successful community consultation event at the Lapstone pub. Around 12 residents attended this informal drop in 2-hour session, where residents shared their ideas for the space. This is the first of a few idea gathering sessions which will be available for residents, the next one will be on 14th February 24.



# Community development updates cont ...

- Fair Oak infants tree planting: On 8th December – The Clerk, Community Development Officer and member of the Grounds Op's team held an afternoon tree planting for Fair Oak infants school. 150 children came along to each plant a tree and place their personalised pebble next to it, along with their teachers and helpers. Species such as Rowan, Hawthorn and Dog Rose were planted as part of the mixed native hedge which now runs along the bunds by the skate park at Knowle Park.
- Bee and tree corridor – The Clerk and CDO have met with Helen Brown to discuss a number of sites that could be suitable within the parish. These have been collated and Helen will be carrying out site visits in the new year to assess these. If found suitable, it's hoped that these will be planted out during autumn 24.



# In pictures



Fair Oak infants tree planting



Community Orchard  
consultation



Community Orchard inspiration  
station



## Wyvern History Project

The second event took place on Tuesday 12 December, this time hosted by Wyvern College.

Approximately 10 research 'subjects' attended to submit their oral history and completed survey forms designed by the students.

The next step of the project is for the students to circulate their surveys community wide to get a bigger picture.

They will then analyse the results (with help from Mel & Sam) and design a project response for the Cultural Trust competition and then a community showcase event.



# 03

## Setting next years' budget

Budget request = £645k

Precept = £530k

Staff salaries = 2%

Projects agreed: -

- Cemetery Road
- Pembers Hill Drive Play Area
- Horton Heath Community Centre LED Lights
- Full year of community events



This year the Christmas Pallet Trail will be held at New Century Park from 16 December.

Competition: we've hidden a QR code on one of the decorations, finders scan the code with a chance to win a book!

Next year's trail - staff working on ideas for a change up with a twist!!!

# Christmas

## CHRISTMAS TRAIL 2023

NEW CENTURY PARK  
16 DECEMBER TO 29 DECEMBER

Can you find all our wooden Christmas friends ?

Find the QR  
codes on the  
trail to win one  
Christmas book!





# Corporate Updates

Cafe = the building has almost complete the internal works to the cafe and hopes to be off site before Christmas.

External works still need to be complete, the kitchen & serving counter also need to be installed.

Other outstanding works such as entrance mats, tiling of the serving area, artwork, soft landscaping, public art installation will take place during January-February.

It is hoped that the Cafe will be able to open to the public on in March.

Climate change = the Deputy Clerk has now submitted the PTC grant application for solar panels at WCC and the Clerk has applied for further trees from the Woodland Trust.

A review of the climate action plan is currently taking place and will be brought to Full Council shortly.

We hope to offer thermal imaging surveys in February too.





# Action Items for Next Month

These are (some of!!) projects/workstreams that the team will be commencing next month

01

The Cafe finishing touches and soft/formal launch event planning and communications

02

More tree planting and community engagement events at Twynams Field and Community Orchard

03

Cemetery improvements including cemetery road project planning & review of rules/procedures

