NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2024

Hyde Parish Council

above: an old photo from two years ago, but a reminder of what can happen in an emergency: floods, power cuts, burst water mains, etc. See inside for information about the forthcoming Parish Emergency Plan.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING…..

Monday 9th December 3.30pm **Christingle** at Messy Church - all primary aged children and parents welcome

Sunday 15th December - **Carols by candlelight** in Hyde Church at 5.30pm - followed by refreshments

Sunday 22nd December - 3.00pm - **Carols on the Common** (War Memorial Hall if wet)

Christmas Day - 25th December - 10.00am - **Christmas Family Communion** at Hyde Church

INSIDE: emergency awareness - parking strategy consultation - cycling in the New Forest new proposals- information & safety morning - watercourses and drainage ditches - elm trees

EMERGENCY AWARENESS

A card is included in this Newsletter with the main numbers that are likely to be needed in an emergency or other situation. We hope you all find this useful. Please put it in a handy place for ease of access.

As residents, we are all being asked by Hampshire CC to be aware and ready for emergencies. Your Parish Councillors will be producing a new **Emergency Plan** for the Parish. We will be asking for volunteers to join a working group in times of emergency; more on this to follow.

Our website for Hyde Parish Council is full of information on how to deal with various emergencies and subjects relevant to living in the New Forest. **Please do use our website www.hyde-pc.gov.uk**

We urge you to be aware of weather conditions, and have your own personal home plan should it be needed. There are areas in our parish which are vulnerable to flooding, so have a think about how you can protect your property. Be ready **BEFORE** any emergency might occur. Our website has lots of advice and information.

For anyone who is not aware, our main hub in an emergency will be **The Memorial Parish Hall** on Blissford Hill. In times of lengthy power cuts this will be where the electricity supplier will put a generator and provide help. If there are problems with mains water, this would be a distribution centre for bottled water.

We urge all who are eligible to register with SSE for their priority service in times of power cuts. The number is on the new card. This will give you extra help.

PARKING STRATEGY CONSULTATION

New Forest District Council is holding a public consultation on its new district-wide parking strategy. This will be done in two phases, with the first phase being a survey ending 1 December 2024, to be followed by a consultation on the draft strategy, likely to start in February 2025. The final parking strategy is set to be completed by May 2025.

The NFDC wants to identify parking demand and supply in its car parks, across the district, over the next 20 years. This will help to make sure parking facilities for cars and other vehicle types are at the right level. and allow more access to towns.

It also wants to know about how it can make long-term improvements to how people travel in the district. To do this effectively, the new strategy will look at the parking currently available in car parks it operates, and will also consider public transport, and active travel, such as walking and cycling.

You can take part in the the consultation by going to
https://www.newforest.gov.uk/ParkingConsultation

Hyde Parish Councillors want to know why free off-road parking is available for shoppers in Ringwood (Market Square, Waitrose, Lidl), but not in Fordingbridge.

CYCLING IN THE FOREST: NEW PROPOSALS

Forestry England has presented "A proposal for promoting responsible cycling and improving the New Forest off road cycle network" to the Verderers Court. The Parish Council believes the issues are such that parishioners should be made aware of the proposals and advised to send any comments to Forestry England or the Verderers

For details, go to www. verderers.org.uk and enter 'Forestry England Presentment' in the search box.

The main proposal affecting the parish is a new cycle route from Fritham to Ogdens via Latchmore Bottom, Hasley and Sloden Enclosures and Fritham Plain. As the car park at Ogdens is mostly closed, cyclists will park at Abbotswell and come down the hill through the river, which is totally unsuitable and not on the designated route anyway. The track past Don Dibden's farm is also unsuitable most of the year for a cycle track. Much thought needs to be given to how new gravel tracks will impact on this unspoilt, tranquil area of the forest, much enjoyed by walkers and horse riders for its beauty and wildlife, where cattle and ponies roam freely. As there is already a good cycle track from Abbotswell, with a car park, this proposal raises questions about how to balance the promotion of recreation with the protection of the Forest's special character.

DISEASE FREE ELMS

In the 1970's Dutch Elm Disease rampaged though the UK wiping out the 45m high trees – they still exist in hedgerows but once the tree gets to a suitable girth, they are re-infected and the cycle of decline continues.

These were among the biggest trees in the landscape – and sole source of food for the white-letter hairstreak butterfly.

But all is not lost! We now have six different hybrids (Wingham being one) in the UK with a successful program of re-introduction in Kent, Sussex and the IOW.

Christmas is coming – if you have the space on your own land or garden, why not buy one and leave a lasting legacy. Search https://disease-resistant-elms.org/ or contact Cllr. Harris for further advice hpcaharris@gmail.com

RESIDENTS INFORMATION & SAFETY MORNING

Hyde Parish Council is holding an Information and Safety Morning for residents with PC Stephen May at Hyde Village Hall. Date for your diary:

Saturday 15 February 2025 – 10.00am to 12.00pm.

All residents are welcome and there will be a chance to ask questions as well as listen. Refreshments will be available.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Hyde Parish Council meets on 2nd Monday of each month at 7.00 pm at ***Hyde Memorial Hall.***

The next meeting: ***9th December,*** *then 13th January, 10th February and 10th March.*

Meetings are open to all.

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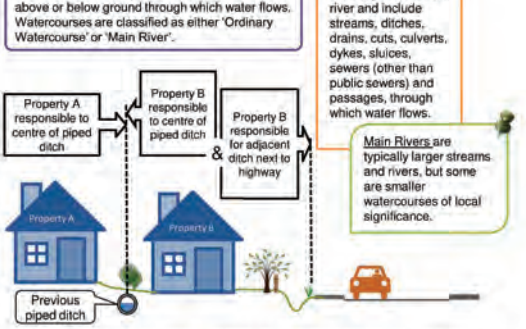
Do you own land that has a watercourse or drainage ditch on or adjacent to it?

Answer: Yes –You are therefore a '**riparian landowner**' and you are responsible for maintaining those watercourses

What is a watercourse?
Watercourses are any natural or artificial channel above or below ground through which water flows. Watercourses are classified as either 'Ordinary Watercourse' or 'Main River'.

Ordinary Watercourses are watercourses that are not part of a main river and include streams, ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices, sewers (other than public sewers) and passages, through which water flows.

Main Rivers are typically larger streams and rivers, but some are smaller watercourses of local significance.



What can land and properties owners do to reduce the risk of flooding?

- Identify your ordinary watercourses/ditches/piped watercourses – check deeds if required
- Check whether they are clear from debris and vegetation and if not clear them

As a landowner you have a right to protect your property from flooding – consider how you might do this and prepare a plan.

More information:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding
National Flood Forum provides information on preparing for a flood:
https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/

Hampshire County Council

www.hants.gov.uk

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For more information about the parish, rules and regulations, current business, agendas and minutes, etc., see the website **www.hyde-pc.gov.uk** or contact the Parish Clerk if you do not have internet access.