



# Parish Picture

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- Planning and the Parish Council
- Consultation starts on New Play Area at Ewart Recreation Ground
- RevitalHythe

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## Your New Look Parish Council Newsletter

The Parish Council wishes to improve communications with the residents of the Parish and as such the existing arrangements have been reviewed.

In future there will be a newsletter four times a year which will be distributed every household. Additional copies will be available at the Councils Offices, the Library, Community and will be available on our website.

The publication will contain articles on the work of the Council its areas of responsibility and how it spends your money. It will also include information on new initiatives and issue that may have an impact on the Parish.

In the first issue we will be taking a look at the responsibilities of the Council, the proposed new play area at Ewart Recreation Ground ,its

role in the Planning Process and an exciting new venture identifying the future direction for the development of the Parish.

The newsletter also contains details of future meetings and contact details for both members and officers

We would welcome your involvement to make sure that the newsletter is useful to you and would welcome any comments.

## New Chairman and Vice Chairman

At the Annual meeting of the Council **Mike Short** was elected as Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming year he takes over from David Smith who has held the post the last two years. At the same time **Mrs Brenda Smith** was elected as Vice Chairman. On the same evening the following Chairman and Vice Chairman of each of the committees was elected:

### Amenities Committee

Chairman: **Chris Harrison**  
Vice Chairman: **Graham Parkes**

### General Purposes and Finance Committee

Chairman: **Bob Podesta**  
Vice Chairman: **Malcolm Wade**

### Planning Committee

Chairman: **Roger Guy**  
Vice Chairman: **Jonathan Bennett**

### Accommodation Committee

Chairman: **Graham Parkes**  
Vice Chairman: **David Smith**



Mike Short



Mrs Brenda Smith

## The work of Your Parish Council



Rear of The Grove



Noads Way Play Area



Prospect Place

Hythe and Dibden Parish Council serves the communities in Dibden, Dibden Purlieu and Hythe, the population of the Parish is around 20,000.

The Council provides a wide range of services these are limited by statute to specific powers and functions some of the main ones are listed below.

- Provision and management of a Parish hall
- Provision of The Grove which is the home of the Parish Council and was purchased by the Council to act as a "one stop" shop for local services. In addition to the Parish Council the building houses the following organizations

New Forest District Council Information Office.

Citizen Advice bureau

Victim Support

New Forest Disability Service

Prime

The HANDY Trust

Honorary Consul of the Netherlands

- Provision of play areas and equipment.(See following article on provision of new equipment at Ewart Recreation Ground).
- Skate Park at Netley View
- Provision of a seven day a week inspection and litter collection service to the play areas and key open spaces.
- Maintenance of open spaces and recreation grounds (including areas such as Prospect place and the rear of The Grove).
- 16 bus shelters are provided and maintained around the Parish.
- 67 Public seats, many donated by members of the public, on highways

and public open spaces are maintained by the Parish Council.

- Provision of Clayfields Sports Centre, Claypits Lane. In order to minimise the cost to residents day to day management is undertaken by New Forest District Council.
- Management of woodlands (We look after in excess of 6000 trees).
- Provision of hanging baskets and floral displays.
- The Council considers and comments on around 300 individual planning applications per year.
- Provides representation on outside bodies such as Hythe Ferry Users Group, Dibden Allotment Charity.
- The Council supports a number of local organisations through grant payments and include such organizations as the Citizen Advice Bureau, Community First, Victim Support. Details on how to make a grant application can be obtained from the Council Office.
- The Council supports the HANDY Trust which the Council set up to work with the young people of the Parish. The Trust now employs two youth workers in the Parish. This support includes the provision of offices, administrative support and a financial grant.
- The Council is working in partnership with both the County Council and District Council on the refurbishment of the Promenade, the refurbishment of the pier head and a new day care centre on Challenger Way, Dibden. The Parish Council has also committed funding towards the Promenade and day care centre.

*"It is important that we provide a facility that meets the needs of the community."*

## Consultation Starts on a New Play Area at Ewart Recreation Ground

The Council has set up a play equipment working party to establish and follow through a schedule of refurbishment of most of its play areas. The first site that was completed was at Noads Way.

The next area on the schedule is the play area at Ewart Recreation Ground. The Council is keen that members of the public are actively involved in the whole refurbishment process and have an opportunity to comment on the plans.

Chris Harrison, Chairman of the Amenities Committee, said " This Play area is at the heart of the Parish and as such It is important that we provide a facility that meets the needs of the community"

As the first part of this process, the Council has sent a questionnaire to all the neighbours of the site seeking their views. In addition Parish Council staff along with the staff from the HANDY Trust have visited the local

school to gain their views on the area.

If you have any views on the refurbishment we would be pleased to receive them. Please forward them to Sean Spencer at the Council offices.

It anticipated that following the design and further consultation on the proposal work will commence on site early in 2006.

## Planning and the Parish Council

The Parish Council is asked to comment on around 300 planning applications per year. They can range from a rear conservatory to a major new development such as the former "Dreamland" site.

When an application is received it is reviewed in the office to assess whether there needs to be wider consultation on its impact than is carried out by the District Council.

If it is felt that that wider consultation is needed then letters are sent to those affected informing them of the application and in some cases where

there are potential implications for wider area the Parish Council will arrange for a public meeting to be held.

In order to deal with the workload the Council has a Planning Committee which meets around 24 times a year.

These meetings are held prior to each meeting of the Council, Amenities Committee and the General Purposes and Finance Committee.

Applicants and other interested parties are welcome to attend the meeting. However, in the interests of natural justice

neither the applicant nor other interested party is allowed to speak on the application.

The Parish Council does not make the final decision on applications this is left to the planning authority which in the case of the Parish could be the New Forest District Council or in the future in respect of parts of Dibden will be the New Forest National Park Authority.

The Parish Council only has a four week time period in which to make comments.

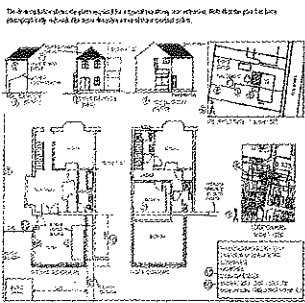
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## Planning and the Parish Council - Continued

### Example Plans



contrary to the planning Authorities Officer's recommendations the application will be considered by the Planning Authority's Development Control Committee.

The comments made by the Parish Council are limited to material considerations.

The District Council also

informs the Parish Council of the Planning Decisions.

The Parish Council also gets involved in the strategic planning of the area and is regularly consulted on the Local Development Plan (Previously known as the Local Plan) which is produced and maintained by the District Council

The Parish Council can also produce a Parish Plan which may become Supplementary Planning Guidance for future developers within the Parish.

Hythe and Dibden has embarked on this process through the Market Town Initiative. Further information on this project are set out in the RevitalHythe update.

## Your Council in Action - Future meetings

**"All Council Meetings and Committee Meetings have time set aside for public participation."**

The Council and each of its committees meet eight times during the year. All meetings are held at The Grove with exception of the Annual Parish Meeting which is held at the Parish Hall.

Prior to each Council and Committee meeting a Planning Committee is held.

Planning Committee meetings start at 7.00 pm whilst those of the

Council, Amenities Committee and the General Purposes and Finance Committees start at 8.00pm.

All Council Meetings and Committee Meetings have time set aside for public participation.

The Council welcomes questions, comments on issues concerning the Parish.

The following are the

scheduled meetings for June, July and August

- 20 June General Purpose and Finance Committee
- 27 June Council
- 11 July Amenities Committee
- 25 July General Purpose and Finance Committee
- 1 August Council

Further details can be obtained from the website or Council Office

## Don't Accept Antisocial Behaviour

Although the New Forest is one of the safest place to live in the Country, from time to time some of us suffer the effects of antisocial behaviour.

Obviously in the event of an emergency you should ring 999 however there

may be times when you would like to report the problem in confidence.

In order to facilitate this the New Forest Community Safety Partnership and the Hampshire Constabulary have developed a form

that can be filled in and returned to the Police Station.

Copies of the form are available from our office or can be downloaded from our website

**Don't Accept the Unacceptable**

WE know there are problems with **Anti-social Behaviour** in your area and we need YOUR help to tackle it

You can tell us in confidence about anything you have heard or seen. Phone:

Police 08459 45456  
New Forest Community Safety 023 8925 5149  
Hampshire Community Safety Officers 0845 806 1747

New Forest District Council

## RevitalHythe

**"Cinema Coordinators  
and Dibden Purlieu  
events team wanted"**

The Parish Council like other market towns in Hampshire such as New Milton, Romsey and Alton has decided to take part in the Governments Market Towns Initiative, using the "Healthcheck" process.

This enables a community to look at its Strengths, Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats (known as a SWOT analysis) to the Parish as whole.

The "Healthcheck" looks at 4 Main areas economy environment, social & community and transport & access. It was decided that the project needed a name.

Following a competition the name "RevitalHythe" was chosen for the project which will include Dibden and Dibden Purlieu.

Following the completion of the Healthcheck an action plan will drawn up that will ensure the revitalisation, regeneration, and evolution of a vibrant community for the future.

For the project to be success it is important that the final outcome represents the views of the community.

We would dearly like to have more members of the local community involved in process and are currently looking for volunteers to undertake the tasks opposite.

If you not interested in the two roles opposite but still would like be involved then please still contact us.

It doesn't matter what your skills, or lack or lack of them are, it doesn't matter that you don't have lots of free time we would be grateful for any assistance you can give.

### RevitalHythe Partnership

The partnership is a group of volunteers supported by Hythe & Dibden Parish Council whose aim is to identify, and then action, projects that will enhance community life in the parish of Hythe & Dibden.

One such project is the desire for a Cinema in the parish, to help move this project forward and make it happen we are seeking;

### Cinema Coordinators

You need to be able to donate about an hour a week of your time, be motivated by the desire to improve the community, have the ability to 'find things out' and 'make things happen', be a good communicator, love films and be between the age of 16 and 100. Initially for 6 months to get the cinema of the ground, after that it's up to you.

Another project is the desire for Christmas Lights and Community Events in Dibden Purlieu, to help move this project forward and make it happen we are seeking;

### Dibden Purlieu Community Events Team

You need to be able to donate about an hour a week of your time, be motivated by the desire to improve the community, have the ability to 'find things out' and 'make things happen', be a good communicator, problem solver and motivator and be between the age of 16 and 100. Initially for 6 months, after that it's up to you.

**Salary: For the love of it and the satisfaction of making something amazing happen!**

**Benefits Package: The gratitude of the residents of Hythe and Dibden**

For a more information and 'job description' please contact:

Helen Owers

RevitalHythe

The Grove

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Hythe and Dibden Parish Council SO45 6BZ

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Tel: 023 80841411 ext 208

## Questionnaire win £30 Voucher for La Vista Restaurant!

We are asking for your help with the RevitalHythe project. We need some basic information to assist us with the surveys and projects we are doing to make sure we concentrate our energies in the right areas. We would be very grateful if you would complete this and return it to The Grove.

As a thank you we will pick one questionnaire out of the hat and you will win a £30 voucher for a meal at La Vista on Hythe Marina (don't forget to fill in details at the bottom of the page).

Where do you work? \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. Waterside, London, Southampton - if Southampton please tell us which area)

How do you get there? (please tick one or more)

Walk      Cycle      Car      Bus      Ferry      Train

When did you last travel on the Ferry? (for work or for pleasure)

This Week      Last Week      Last Month      Last Year      Can't Remember      Never

Where do you shop for:

	Food	Clothes	Household	Electrical & electronic
Hythe & Dibden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterside (inc Totton)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lymington	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southampton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On Line	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state) _____				

How often do you visit these Markets?

	Hythe Tuesday Market	Hythe Farmers Market	Other Farmers Market
Regularly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you eat out where do you most often go?

Hythe& Dibden   Waterside      Lymington      Southampton      Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you go to a pub where do you most often go?

Please write down 1 thing you Love, Hate and Wish we had in Hythe & Dibden		
Love It	Hate It	I Wish

Name..... Age..... Tel. No..... Post code.....

## Hampshire County Council – Mobile Library Services

Hampshire County Council intends to carry out a review of the service in 2006 based on its use during 2005. Set out below is the schedule of existing services. For further information contact Totton Library on 023 8086 2203

*"Hampshire County Council to review mobile library service."*

Route 10	Route 1	Route 4
Dibden: Cumberland Way 10.40 – 10.55 Claypits Lane 11.00 – 11.25 Hythe Homeborough Hse Brinton Lane 11.35 – 12.05 Ferry Road 12.10 – 12.35	Dibden: Church Farm Close 11.05 – 11.40 Hythe: Howard Oliver House Harvey Gdns 11.50 – 12.35 Dibden Purlieu Orchard Way 2.00 – 2.30 Butts Ash: Gleneagles 2.35 – 2.55 Butts Ash: Grenville Gdns junction Chaloner Cres 3.00 – 3.15 Netley View: Elm Crescent Car Park 3.20 – 3.40 Frost Lane: Fulmar Drive (No 9) 3.50 – 4.05 Frost Lane: Rosebery Ave (No 46) 4.10 – 4.20	Dibden Purlieu: Oak Road Car Park 10.30 – 11.30
On the following Thursdays	On the following Mondays	On the following Thursdays
9 June 23 June 7 July 21 July 4 August 18 August 1 September 15 September 29 September 13 October 27 October 10 November 24 November 8 December 22 December	13 June 27 June 11 July 25 July 8 August 22 August 5 September 19 September 3 October 17 October 31 October 14 November 28 November 12 December	2 June 16 June 30 June 14 July 28 July 11 August 25 August 8 September 22 September 6 October 20 October 3 November 17 November 1 December 15 December

## Your Parish Councillors

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### Dibden Purlieu

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### Furzedown

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