

March/April 2016 Cllr. Peter Armstrong

"Clean for the Queen" Update.

Parish – Approx. 60 Volunteers in three areas and Applemore College students and some Tesco staff. Over 100 bags of rubbish and other items (shopping trolleys, tyres, punchbag, etc).

District (so far) – Over 500 Volunteers with 1000 bags of rubbish.

National - 250,000 volunteers and 300,000 bags of litter.

At the end of April I have a meeting with District Officers who have been liaising with the Forestry Commission and National Park and will be looking to build on what has previously happened with ongoing work and continuing a yearly effort to highlight this ongoing problem.

Community Bank (Credit Union)

Articles are currently going out locally which have been produced by the Credit Union. If anyone would like them to send out via their network please let me know. They also have a schools officer and are willing to go to a business, church, charity, group, Youth Group to do a presentation at a suitable time.

The District's Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel after a presentation by the Credit Union have "requested that officers work closely with the Union to ensure further service points are set up within the District as well as communicating with Council Tenants about the money advice and rent direct schemes available".

New Forest Business Partnership – See Outside Bodies Report

Update on Netley View Estate

The Daily Echo and The Forest Post recently ran an article on the improvements on the Estate. The District invested over £300,000 during 2015/16 with over 50 dropped kerbs/driveways completed, 120 New fences, 3 new car park areas and tree and shrub planting. The bulbs planted by the Parish have made a real difference to the frontage of the Estate and the play area is also now a great addition. It has been good to see the Estate getting improvements it has needed for years.

The Action group of Parish, District and County representatives that I have been co-ordinating has been disbanded and the Local Residents Group assured that if any help is needed it would be available. HCC have said they would do extra work but this is dependent on funding and officer time.

Residents' Concerns and issues - Main issues are some housing association problems + the recent Forest Lodge Home Farm HCC Planning Application. On the later it is important for fellow local residents to write to planning@hants.gov.uk . Subject HCC/2016/0196 regarding planning objections/ conditions which relate to hours of operation, dust, noise, screening and more to ensure if passed the planning conditions are as rigorous as possible. I have initiated discussions with the Parish and the applicants agent. Been in touch with County officers (& met them on site). * I am also one of the residents/householders who has received the planning letter due to my proximity to the site.

District Responsibilities

Attended on behalf of the District a consultation organised by the Forestry Commission regarding ongoing work in their New Forest enclosures along with many other organisation across the area. They have exciting plans for the next 200 years but the consultation was about the next 10 years and the proposed management of the enclosures which included timber removal, management of the unique wildlife and more.

Attended an Easter art exhibition at St Andrews.