

Cllr Peter Armstrong - January Report

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As of writing this report a two page article has been published in the Herald. Two more businesses have signed up in Hythe and Dibden. Please encourage others to do the same. A letter signed by Cllr. McLean has gone out to all businesses who originally signed up to thank them. The first meeting of a small group representing Parish, District and local businesses is taking place (update report at Parish meeting). All ideas welcome for future meetings. More BNF cards are being sold at reception at The Grove and through local businesses.

Also NFDC is offering a free BNF card to all households who sign up to the text it scheme for collection of glass.

### Planning

Members of the District planning committee received training regarding Green Belt land.

Something that may be of interest to residents on the Waterside and those in Totton – The District has no Green Belt land in the Waterside. Green Fields do not mean Green Belt designated land.

The designated Green Belt areas under the District Council's jurisdiction for Planning purposes are found south of Ringwood and along the South Coast (New Milton along to Lyminster).

### Keep Britain Tidy 2017 – The Great British Spring Clean

The District Council will once again be getting involved and supplying litter-pickers, bags and picking up the rubbish. Their Insurers have agreed to cover the events with a District Councillor taking the Safety briefing before an event.

Hythe and Dibden are booked for three events on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 10-12 (same as last year).

Please ring 023 8178 1395 to sign up/get more information.

### Other News

The new Cemetery at Calshot has been given permission by the National Park Authority.

In due course a small number of small electrical disposal bring banks will be situated in the District to avoid so much having to go to the three Recycling Centres.

An informative talk was given to the District's Environment and Scrutiny Committee by Integra. More alignment is being looked at across the Hampshire Authorities as to what is collected and the potential of collecting more items for recycling. Officers from the various Districts have also been meeting to look at ways to raise recycling rates and educating the public.

Currently 9.5% found in black bags is recyclable with the current scheme in the New Forest.