



January 2023

Happy New Year to all our readers! We do hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and managed to enjoy a few days break amidst the clamour of the season.

In the first edition of the year we think about electric vehicle charging and learn about the proposed Whitchurch developments including in our Laverstoke and Freefolk Conservation area and the AONB. It's the time of year to spot redds within the river - the trout spawning grounds. We hear about the support for Hampshire residents being provided by the County Council and Government and also about waste and mineral workings in the county. For all this and more read on!

We have the next PC meeting on Tues 3 Jan at 19:30 and the tea urn will be on for a tea/coffee during proceedings. Everyone welcome. See discussion topics below.

And don't forget you can find a link to the monthly [Overton News&Views](#) here, a few days after the start of the new month. It includes the Overton library opening times. A brand new twice yearly Whitchurch PC newsletter is available at this [Whitchurch PC News](#) link.



Electric vehicle (EV) charging

With concerns over climate change, we have recently been investigating EV charging. Hampshire County Council is currently running some trial lamp post charging in Eastleigh and Winchester. In Overton and Whitchurch there are EV chargers in the car parks at: Gill Nethercott Centre and Bell Street in Whitchurch, and in London Road, Overton.

For those with drives or their own allocated parking in a car park their own charging point is probably the best solution.

However, for those of us who live in areas of on street parking the only solution currently available is a charging cable from home run over the pavement using a cable mat. This is limited though to the cable only being able to run a length of 10m along the inside of the road kerb whilst charging. It also is not possible if the parking is on the opposite side of the street to your property.

There is guidance from HCC on on-street charging but there is currently no permit required, although this may change. [READ MORE](#)



Christmas caroling

After a postponement due to wet and woolly weather we thoroughly enjoyed the carols on the green at noon on Christmas Eve. It was a lovely opportunity to take a pause from festive preparation, sing our hearts out, drink mulled wine and eat one or two mince pies!

There was another lovely opportunity to sing later on in the day with midnight mass at St Nicholas which was a really lovely event and a first for the village (well in recent years). Thanks to our Deacon Charlie Seligman for establishing what hopefully will become a regular feature in our Christmas calendar - no pressure!



Discussion topics 3 Jan

Come along and have your say! In the Jan PC Meeting starting at 7.30pm in Lady



Hiring Lady Rose Hall

Do you have a special celebration coming up? If you're looking for a party venue don't forget our very own parish community hall on Laverstoke Lane. Lady Rose Hall is approx 125sqm, has seating for 80 and can accommodate up to 120 people. It makes an ideal children's or adult party venue!

It is also available for hire for hobby or sports classes. Currently we have a Boxing class on Mondays from 18.45-19.45 and Yoga on Weds evenings 19.30 - 20.30. (See below for contact details.) Outside of these slots, availability is from 18.30 in weekday evenings through to 23.00 and all day through to midnight at weekends.

The cost is £15 p.h. excepting Fri and Sat 19.00-midnight session rate of £85.

For more info or to book contact Nicky on laverstokeclerk@gmail.com or ring 07725 368012.

Rose Hall discussion will include:

Celebrating the Coronation

Precept for 2023/24

Planning app: 22/03114/FUL Location:

The Watership Down Inn, Freefolk Priors, RG28 7NJ. Proposal: Removal of existing sheds and siting of a caravan for office ancillary

Tree Application: T/00545/22/TCA

Location: Bombay Sapphire Distillery, Laverstoke Mill. For Tree Works to trees growing in a conservation area. Proposal: Fell T1 Acer



Warm hub, Overton

Volunteers are manning a warm hub up every Thursdays 10-12:00 in St Mary's Hall, Overton. All are welcome with just a small donation requested for tea and cakes. It was initially started by Borough Councillor Steve Williams for use during the cold months but it is now likely to continue into the summer due to its popularity as a social gathering.



Say no to Genko

Ahead of planning applications being made in Whitchurch, 'North Whitchurch' a team working on behalf of landowners group Genko, held a residents meeting in November. 3 parcels of land are proposed to be developed. One is to the North of the railway line within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Here they are proposing a railway car park and cafe, however the rest of the huge field is owned by the same landowner...

Another of the developments is proposed within the Laverstoke & Freefolk conservation area! This is for 5 exec homes to the western side of the Gables.

As this will eat into our conservation area, it could potentially set a precedent for more of our conserved land to be developed. Your PC is watching closely for the planning application for this.

To read what the landowners say of the North Whitchurch development [READ HERE](#)

To hear what the opposing Whitchurch Conservation Group say [READ HERE](#).



Redd alert

Stroll along a chalk stream in winter, and you might see a wildlife wonder in progress. At this time of year, the cool, clear water is alive with amorous brown trout and salmon. In this blog, we explore the process of salmonid spawning and some of its hurdles.

[READ MORE](#)



Hants minerals & waste

Hampshire's five minerals and waste planning authorities are asking residents, local groups and businesses to help scrutinise proposed changes to Hampshire's Minerals and Waste Plan to ensure that it will continue to ensure provision of a steady and adequate supply of minerals and sufficient waste infrastructure, as well as maintain communities, protect the local environment



Winter residents support in Hampshire

Hampshire's most vulnerable residents

will not be left out in the cold this winter, thanks to a range of measures to help people with the costs of food, fuel and other essentials. Using its latest round of Household Support Funding from the Department for Work and Pensions, Hampshire County Council will be investing more than £7 million in a wide variety of schemes and initiatives targeting households facing hardship, between now and March 2023.

The initiatives will expand on what was offered in the previous funding round to include support for foster carers registered with the County Council, unpaid carers, care leavers, and people with disabilities. It will also widen the support available to reach out to those who may not be eligible for other assistance but are nevertheless in need.

Details can be found by emailing connect4communities@hants.gov.uk or visiting the [connect4communities website](https://connect4communities.hants.gov.uk).

and address the impacts of climate change. The consultation allows residents to comment on local sites that have been identified for minerals extraction and transportation. Sites for waste processing, recycling and disposal facilities are also indicated in the Plan - so that the millions of tonnes of household and commercial waste generated across the county can be dealt with as efficiently and sustainably as possible.

The proposed updated plan and the response form can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update.

The consultation will close at 17:00 on Tuesday 31 Jan 2023.



New sign in LRH remembering old club

The PC were delighted to put up this lovely sign in the LRH lobby. It is to commemorate the fantastic club for the older people within our villages that ran for over 50 years. Thanks to Mady Oram the chairman for letting us display it.



Parish Council

PC Meetings

Note the PC meeting has moved to 1st Tues of month. Next meeting dates -:

3 Jan

7 Feb

7 March

Laverstoke and Freefolk PC meetings take place in Lady Rose Hall starting at 7.30pm with up to 30 mins public time. Anyone is welcome to attend to ask questions, make suggestions or air views on local issues during the public time. Time will be split equally between the number of people wishing to speak. After public time parishioners are unable to interrupt the Council meeting.

Note: no meeting is held in August unless a



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(& to alert BS you are collecting Defibrillator).

Neighbouring web-sites:

[Whitchurch Town Council](#)

[Official Whitchurch web site](#)

[Original Whitchurch web site](#)

[Overton Parish Council web site](#)

Our Local Sports Clubs:

[Whitchurch Tennis Club](#)

[Overton Black Arrows Archery Club](#)

[Overton Rugby Club](#)

Our church:

[St Marys Laverstoke](#)

Our Local Day Care Centre:

[Kingfisher Day Care Centre for](#)

[Elderly](#) or

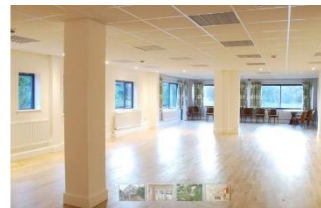
kingfisherdaycentre@gmail.com

Millennium Green:

[landfreefolkmillenniumgreen](#)

To Report problems with:
roads, footpaths & verge

[Hantsweb](#)



Classes in Lady Rose Hall

Ladies Boxing: Mon 18:45 - 19.45

Contact: Brandon Elliott on 07402 366067

Yoga: Weds 19:30 - 20:30

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