



Elvetham Heath Parish Council



SPRING 2016

Elvetham Heath Matters...

Annual Residents' Evening

Wednesday 20th April. 7.30pm

Join us for a glass of wine and find out what we have been working on this year, ask us questions, make suggestions, and meet those who live around you...

You can ask any questions either on the night or by emailing the Clerk in advance. This meeting is for you, the residents of Elvetham Heath. Come along and have your say! Our councillors will be there, and we will have information from local volunteer groups. We normally have Hart District and Hampshire County Councillors here to talk to as well.

Road Adoptions

There has been a small amount of progress with road adoptions recently. Hampshire County Council required a lot of testing and investigations to be done on the culverts, which Persimmon carried out, and now more is required. We heard from Persimmon's agents that they are currently tendering to get this work done, although we don't have a timescale. Hampshire County Council has provided one of the quotations to carry out the work. As soon as this work is underway, remedials on the roads can be carried out. Meanwhile they have repaired the potholes to make the surfaces safer.

Brickyard Plantation

Permission was recently granted for 45 dwellings at the Brickyard Plantation site, which is within our Parish. This will be accessed via Pale Lane and is the land between the edge of the current development and the motorway bridge. The developer will be holding a public exhibition in July to give more details. As soon as we have a date for this, we will give an update on our Facebook page.

ELVETHAM HEATH VILLAGE FETE

Land Zorbs
Obstacle Course
Surf Simulator
Tea Cup Ride
Last Man Standing
Inflatables
Food Stalls
Pimms Tent
Beer Tent

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE
1-4.30PM

Artisan Sellers
Community Stalls
Childrens' Colouring Competition

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Your councillors: Marilyn Robson (Chair) Nicky Bond (Vice Chair) Chris Alden
George Brown Michelle McDarmid Emma Watmore Richard Woods

Parish Clerk: Jan Hyatt clerk@elvethamheath.org.uk 01252 819204 www.elvethamheath.org.uk
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Out and About

Community Orchard

We are proposing to plant a community orchard along the sides of the cycle path which links St Swithin's Road with the nature reserve. The intention is to provide an avenue of blossom in the spring which can be seen from Elvetham Heath Way. We plan to have twenty two 4ft fruit trees planted and the council is looking for local residents or groups to sponsor the trees. The cost of each tree would be £30. If you would be interested in sponsoring a tree or would like more information, please contact the parish council office, or you can sign up at the Annual Residents' Evening.

Fly Tipping

We are regularly having to pay for fly tipping to be taken away from certain areas on Elvetham Heath. This has got worse recently and the costs are mounting. This is money that would otherwise have been spent on grounds maintenance, towards more play park equipment, or even things like more benches in our open spaces. Most recently we had asbestos materials dumped and these were costly to have removed by specialists. If you see anybody fly tipping, please let us know details!

Parking on Grass Verges

Now that the grass verges are under our maintenance, we urge residents to help us look after them. Please be aware that we may charge people for repairs where damage is done due to repeated parking on them. We have written to several residents recently where building works are taking place and there is an expectation that the grass verge can be used as a driveway. Residents collectively pay a lot of money to keep everywhere looking good, and we feel that it's unfair for these areas to be ruined by individuals. Where cars have been regularly parked on the grass verge in the past, we always received complaints from residents who passed by and thought it was wrong. Now we have control of these areas, we will take action.

Street Lights & Potholes

On adopted roads, you can report potholes and defective street lights via the Hampshire County Council website. You will be given a reference number and status update reports via email. The website link is:

www.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems

Allotments

We maintain 19 allotments on Elvetham Heath, which are available for our residents. They are currently all occupied and we have a waiting list, but in case you think you might like one in future years, it would be worth putting your name down now. If you would like to be added to the list, please email clerk@elvethamheath.org.uk

Wooden Fences

There are a lot of wooden knee rail and mid height fences around Elvetham Heath, which were originally put in by the builders to form a barrier whilst the shrubs and hedges became established. We have recently noticed that some are now rotten and they have been removed. They are not intended to be replaced in most circumstances. Therefore, where they are our responsibility, we will remove them if they are damaged/dangerous. If any residents are keen for a fence to remain, they may mend it or replace it provided it is like for like, but please check with us first.

Morrisons Trolleys

We are still being plagued by Morrisons shopping trolleys, particularly in areas near The Key. If you have parked in The Key Centre's car park when shopping at Morrisons, please remember to return your trolley to the trolley bays at the store. We are concerned that stray trolleys in The Key not only look unsightly, but may cause damage to parked cars if left abandoned. We have had several reports of damage like this and would like to avoid it happening again.

Segways and Hoverboards

We are noticing an increase in people on 'personal transporters' such as Segways and hoverboards around Elvetham Heath and have been made aware of some near miss accidents. We just want to remind you that using them in public areas is illegal. In particular children are arriving at play parks on them and using them on the footpaths around The Key. These are public areas and are therefore part of the country-wide ban. Please don't allow your child to use them anywhere other than in private driveways.

Elvetham Heath Artisan and Craft Market

Elvetham Heath Market's expansion in October to provide both Artisan Food and Craft has proved a popular addition to the monthly calendar! From May 2016 we will be moving the Indoor Craft Section into the large hall at The Key Centre enabling us to accommodate 20 indoor stalls as well as an ever expanding Food and outdoor Craft section on the paved area outside The Key Centre weaving down to The Key Car Park. We have free Parking in The Key or the Park & Ride area across the road.

We would like the market to continue to grow, so if you know of a stallholder who might be interested, tell them to get in touch! We are especially looking for more outdoor stalls.

Follow us on Facebook ([Elvetham Heath Farmers' Market](#)) and Twitter ([@EHMarket](#)) to keep up to date with our news!

#supportyourlocal traders and those from further afield each month



**ELVETHAM HEATH
MARKET**
ARTISAN FOOD AND CRAFT

Diary Dates

Meetings

18 April: Full Council Meeting
20 April: Annual Residents' Evening
16 May: Full Council Meeting/AGM

Dates of the Full Council meetings after May could change at the AGM, but are currently planned to be the 3rd Monday of the month.

Events

18 June: Village Fete 1 - 4.30pm
16 July: Summer Concert 12 - 7pm
17 December: Carols in the Key

Visit the market

2nd Saturday of the month
10am - 1.30pm
The Key

Remaining Dates for 2016:

14 May
11 June
9 July
13 August



10 September
8 October
12 November
10 December

Free Parking

Music Acts for Summer Concert

Are you a musician or a singer who likes to perform in front of a crowd? Are you in a band or know somebody local who is? We have a couple of slots available at our summer concert and would like to hear from anybody who thinks they could put on a good show! We're sure Elvetham Heath and Fleet has talent!

and Finally...

Communicating With You

In between these newsletters, we often have news or information to share and that this is communicated via our website, our monthly page in the Elvetham Heath Directory and on the Elvetham Heath Parish Council Facebook page. We encourage you to keep up to date with what is going on! If you have any information that you feel may be useful to other residents, please let us know.

Citizens Advice Bureau Self Help Kiosk

In the reception area of The Key Centre, there is a Citizen's Advice self help information kiosk which anybody can call in to use to search for information and help on the internet. The building is usually open from 9am to 9pm and there is no need to book time on it. For example, you can apply for housing benefit on it, or for Universal Credit.

Dog Poo Bags

We have a supply of dog poo bags which you are welcome to call in and collect from the parish office. These are provided free of charge by Hart District Council. If you see a persistent problem with dog fouling, you can ring the Dog Warden on 01252 770678 or on 08456 770678 out of hours.

Our Opening Hours



Parish Council Office

Opening Hours
Monday - Friday
9am - 1pm

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Your Local Authorities - Who Does What

Parish Council The Key Centre The Key GU51 1HA Tel: 01252 819204 Email: clerk@elvethamheath.org.uk	The Key Centre (for bookings phone 01252 623700) The Key car park Turner's Way car park Grass verge maintenance Recreational facilities – play areas, pitches Outdoor green space except nature reserve and ponds
Hart District Council Civic Offices Harlington Way Fleet GU51 4AE Tel: 01252 622122	Refuse collection Street cleaning Fly tipping Housing Parking matters (except The Key & Turner's Way car parks) District leisure facilities Licensing Tree preservation orders Planning matters Watercourse maintenance Community Safety Initiative Elvetham Heath nature reserve Council Tax
Hampshire County Council Based at Hook Compound for local highways matters Tel: 08456 035633 All other depts based in Winchester Tel: 01962 841841	Highways including gritting and signage Street lighting Public rights of way Education and learning Libraries Consumer advice and protection Social care Community transport