



## Elvetham Heath Matters...

### Introducing your Council

Here are the seven councillors that you voted in at the elections in May!



Marilyn Robson (Chair)



Emma Watmore (Vice Chair)



Chris Alden



Nicky Bond



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Richard Woods

### News in Brief



#### Morrisons Trolleys

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.

#### Glass Recycling Crates

If you are without a glass recycling crate, please call in to the Parish Office at The Key Centre to collect one. These are provided free of charge by Hart District Council and we have a supply for distribution.

#### Bollards!

We have been informed by Hampshire County Council that their budget will no longer be able to cover replacement of all bollards which get knocked over. We realise that some bollards are strategically placed to protect houses from any impact by vehicles. It may be necessary for us to assess whether some bollards can be removed and stored, thus giving us a supply to use to replace those which are vital. Residents will be consulted if any change was to be made outside their property.

#### 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.

### Key Centre Acoustics

During the summer holiday, we made improvements to both the main hall and the Heath Room in The Key Centre by installing acoustic panels to the ceilings. This has improved the sound absorption and reduced the echo, thereby improving the overall experience for hirers of these rooms. This work has been carried out after receiving feedback from our regular bookers.

### Communicating With You

Did you know that 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 Twitter feed and 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.

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## Summer Events

This summer we dodged the rain to put on two great events on the village green. In June we had the village fete and in July it was the summer concert. We hope that these events will carry on annually as the feedback from them has been extremely positive. More news will be available after our Events Committee has met in October.

### Summer Fete



### Summer Concert



After a successful summer, we are now looking forward to our annual 'Carols in the Key' event, singing festive songs and carols around the Christmas tree in The Key. Look out for the banner in The Key and for more details on our website nearer the time.

## Road Adoptions

We are still pressing hard for the remaining roads on Elvetham Heath to be adopted. Work is going on behind the scenes but everything is frustratingly slow. Another meeting is scheduled for the beginning of October, where we hope to have an update on the progress that has been made. If you need to find out whether your road is adopted, there is a database on the Hampshire County Council website, or you can of course contact us and we will be pleased to find the information for you.

## Hart Local Plan

Inside this newsletter you should have found a leaflet explaining that Hart District Council are currently running a consultation about future housing development in the district. Ultimately, a Local Plan will be finalised, which will outline a strategy up to 2032.

In this initial phase, a Housing Development Options Paper has been written and the enclosed leaflet gives a summary of five possible approaches.

### Find out more...

If you are interested in finding out more, there is a drop-in session on **Tuesday 30th September** at the Civic Offices in Fleet. More details are on the back of their leaflet.

### Have your say!

As a Parish Council, we would urge you to give feedback about your preference, as this will affect you if you stay in this area. It is likely that Hart need to plan to provide up to 4,000 new homes and this will undoubtedly have an impact on local services, roads and jobs. Hart District Council are committed to finding the best approach to suit the area and as the current residents, we have valid views about the best way forward.

You are invited to send comments about these five options to Hart District Council by **Friday 10th October 2014**. We have a pile of questionnaires in the parish office in The Key Centre which you are welcome to pick up, or you can find this and more information on Hart's website at [www.hart.gov.uk/local-plan](http://www.hart.gov.uk/local-plan).

### Farmers' Market

Our farmers' market has been running in The Key for several months now and is going from strength to strength. We already have a regular group of stallholders and our Market Manager is always on the look out for new producers. The market is scheduled to run until the end of the year and a decision as to whether the market will continue next year will be taken later this month. Meanwhile we hope that you continue to support the market and it remains a regular feature.

The remaining markets for this year are on:

Saturday 11th October  
Saturday 8th November  
Saturday 13th December



### Play Park Steering Group

We've been talking about this subject for months and now is the time to set the ball rolling. We have done considerable research and met with several companies over the past few months.

We are now looking for two or three parents who would like to join a steering group to help with the planned refurbishment of the play park at The Key. This park is no longer suitable for all age groups of children and we feel that it is important that we include parents in the design process. If you are interested in being part of the steering group, please contact the Deputy Clerk on [sally@elvethamheath.org.uk](mailto:sally@elvethamheath.org.uk)

## Grounds Maintenance

We have received so many complaints over the summer about the state of the highway verges and bushes and it is a constant source of frustration to us. We are regularly in touch with all levels of management at Hart District Council to pass on your complaints. For the last three years, we have been in discussions with Hart District Council and Hampshire County Council about taking on the maintenance of these areas. A very productive meeting has just taken place and it now looks like this could become a reality next year.

However, this may result in the precept part of your council tax being raised very slightly to cover the additional cost. The rise is likely to be in the region of £5 per household per year, which is about the price of buying two cups of coffee in town! We are sure you would agree that this would be money well spent to bring the appearance of Elvetham Heath back to what it should be.

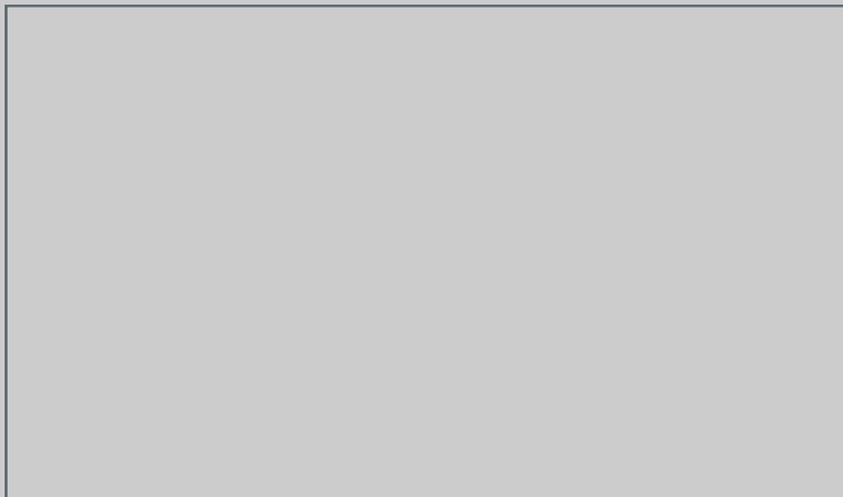
We will keep you up to date with any additional information as progress is made with this.

# and Finally...



## Our Allotments

Since taking occupation around Christmas last year, our allotment plot holders have had great success with cultivating fruit and vegetables and have worked really hard to turn their bare patches of soil into



## Elvetham Heath Nature Reserve

We now have a new Ranger for the pond and nature reserve on Elvetham Heath. Nick Macfarlane is employed by Hart District Council as they are responsible for the area. He would like to hear from anybody who would be interested in volunteering to help out with on-site management. He can be contacted by email: [nick.macfarlane@hart.gov.uk](mailto:nick.macfarlane@hart.gov.uk) or phone: 01252 623433.



## Your Local Authorities - Who Does What

Parish Council The Key Centre The Key GU51 1HA Tel: 01252 819204 Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@elvethamheath.org.uk">clerk@elvethamheath.org.uk</a>	The Key Centre (for bookings phone 01252 623700) The Key car park Turner's Way car park 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 Grass verge maintenance 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