



## Elvetham Heath Matters...

### Message from Marilyn

As 2013 is almost over, we thought we would issue a brief newsletter to bring you up to date with some of the projects we are working on and a message from our local police, which is on the reverse.



Next year on Thursday 22nd May, elections will be held for some of the Parish Councils in Hart. Residents will have the opportunity to choose seven candidates to serve on Elvetham Heath Parish Council. We currently have five Councillors, but have been successful in our bid to increase the number. Parish Councillors are not paid, and give their time voluntarily. If you would like to put yourself forward, please contact the Clerk.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and a happy new year.

### News in Brief

#### Carols in the Key

Join us at 5pm on Saturday 21st December for a good sing around the Christmas tree in The Key. We will be singing festive songs and carols, so wrap up warm, bring a torch and all the family. Elvetham Community Choir will be on hand to lead the singing.

#### Road Adoptions

Unfortunately things aren't moving as quickly as we would like with this issue. Responsibility for the culverts is causing the delay, but hopefully this should be resolved shortly and we will be back on track.

#### Village Fete 2014

Save the date for the 2014 village fete. It will be held on the village green on Saturday 7th June. If you would like to be on our organising committee please email [sally@elvethamheath.org.uk](mailto:sally@elvethamheath.org.uk). We will be organising a meeting early in January.

#### Allotments & Key Centre Garden

After months of planning, the allotments are ready and have been allocated. We are just waiting for the water supply to be connected and then the digging, planting and growing can start! We also hope to see lovely flowers and plants in the new Key Centre garden, so look out for those in the Spring.

#### Our Website Won!

We are delighted to say that our website, launched in March this year, won the 2013 e-Mango Shield for Best Local Council website, beating many hundreds of others. It was developed by Emily Graham, one of our residents, and we hope is informative for everybody who lives on, visits or is thinking of moving to, Elvetham Heath. We are still developing the content, so if you would like to see something included email the Clerk.

#### Pavilion Conversion

The 100th Elvetham Heath Scouts, Beavers and Cubs have taken possession of their new home. As a result of working together with Fleet Lions Club, we have been able to bring this project in considerably under budget and would like to express our thanks for their hard work and commitment to the project.

#### Dog Warden

A reminder that we pay for extra time from Hart's Dog Warden Lynne Byfield to try to help tackle the problem of dog fouling. Lynne can set up CCTV in hot spots, will find persistent offenders and will also respond to reports of dogs who are a nuisance or who are causing safety issues.

Your councillors are: Marilyn Robson Emma Watmore Nicky Bond George Brown Ben Thomas  
Parish Clerk: Jan Hyatt

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# Message from PC Dan Lehec

## Fleet Safer Neighbourhood Team

### Police Warning

#### Following Recent Distraction Thefts

There have been recent reports in Hampshire of thefts where offenders have distracted the victim in order to steal their bank cards and have then withdrawn money from the victim's bank account.

It is alleged that the offenders have watched the victim use their card to pay for shopping in order to gain the PIN number before stealing the card.

These incidents have often occurred in supermarket car parks while the victim is loading shopping into their car.

We have some tips to help you keep your belongings safe when you are out shopping:

- Never leave your bag on the trolley unattended and always ensure your bag is zipped up.
- When you enter your PIN at the checkout, take steps to ensure no one can see the number you enter and be wary of any person paying particular interest in what you are doing.
- If you are distracted for even a moment whilst putting shopping away – ensure you know where your handbag/wallet is and be wary of any stranger asking for assistance.
- If asked for directions or to look at maps/items – ensure you lock personal items in the vehicle first
- Never leave valuables on display in your vehicle.
- When filling up with fuel, lock your vehicle when re-fuelling and when you go to pay.
- Never carry your PIN with your cash dispensing cards.
- If you are approached by anyone suspicious, report it to the police as soon as possible.

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