



Welcome to Brockenhurst Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

January 2023

Welcome to your Brockenhurst Parish Council Newsletter.

We will update you on local news and events on a monthly basis.

We also want to hear from you on any areas of concern or issues you may have relating to Brockenhurst and the surrounding area.

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Note from the Chair ...

At the start of 2023 let me first wish all the residents of Brockenhurst a happy new year. After the years of the Covid pandemic, I feel we can greet 2023 with a new sense of optimism as we look forward to enjoying the beauty of our environment and the activities of village life. I hope we can work together to build community and improve the village for all locals and visitors.

Michael Harris OBE



Brockenhurst Parish Councillors

**Michael Harris OBE (Chair) Rosamund Bowles (Vice Chair) John Korbey Pete Wales Kevin Whittle
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To contact any of the councillors, please use the email below or telephone

Heather our Parish clerk or Tiffany our Finance officer

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Flood Alleviation

The Parish Council have been working with various bodies to achieve flood reduction by identifying watercourses and drains that are particularly prone to blockage so that their clearance can be prioritised. In low lying areas such as Brockenhurst it is particularly important that watercourses and drains are actively managed, especially during periods of prolonged wet weather.

Please see the Flooding section of our [link to Emergency Services](#) webpage for more information.

Bolderford bridge – Update from FE

We have been able to secure temporary Civil Engineering advice and expertise - next Tuesday 24/2/23 a structural and safety inspection of the bridge is due to be undertaken.

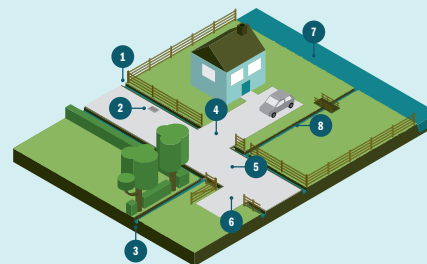
We hope to be able to make some short-term adjustments to re-open the bridge and make it safe for pedestrians and cyclists. Depending on the scale and cost of the repairs that are needed, we aim to get the bridge re-open to walkers and cyclists within the next couple of weeks (weather permitting). We'll continue to work on more medium-term repairs that are needed to allow vehicles to use this bridge once again safely.

Brookley Road Scheme

The latest consultation closed on 14th August'22: 46% positive about the village square concept and 15% negative with concerns on air quality and traffic congestion. Given the community response, whilst Parish Councillors, Brockenhurst Business Association and the Friends of Brockenhurst all have some concerns, any proposal had to satisfy the requirements of the Active Travel Scheme which HCC are using to fund the work. This source of funding does not cover any more general improvement along Brookley Road.

Following many debates and much consultation, the Parish Council have therefore finally approved limited scheme within the given constraints. The earliest completion date is 31st March 2023 but if any snags crop up, work will be suspended over the summer holiday period.

Who is responsible for maintaining watercourses?



- 1 Roadside ditch**
Responsibility of adjacent landowner to maintain.
Maintenance: Remove silt and obstructions regularly.
- 2 Road gully**
Responsibility of Highway Authority to maintain.
Maintenance: All gullies on adopted roads are on a regular cleaning schedule.
- 3 Boundary ditch**
Responsibility of landowners each side to maintain up to the middle point.
Maintenance: Remove silt and obstructions regularly.
- 4 Pipe under driveway**
Responsibility of adjacent landowner to maintain.
Maintenance: Clear trash screens and rod pipe.
- 5 Pipe running from one side of the road to the other**
Responsibility of Highway Authority to maintain.
Maintenance: Regularly rod or jet to remove blockages and build-up.
- 6 Pipe under field access**
Responsibility of adjacent landowner to maintain.
Maintenance: Clear trash screens and rod pipe.
- 7 Watercourse at boundary**
Responsibility of landowners each side to maintain up to the middle point.
Maintenance: Remove any obstructions.
- 8 Watercourse within land**
Responsibility of landowner to maintain.
Maintenance: Remove silt and obstructions regularly.

Report flooding and maintenance incidents to Hampshire County Council at:
hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding

BROCKENHURST PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS COMMITTEE



Pancake Races

Tuesday 21st February 2023
from 3.30pm in Brookley Road



Please provide your own pan & pancake!

Entry forms available from Pot Pourri Gift Shop

Races for:

Parent & Pre-School	KS2 (Junior) Girls	Individual Ladies / Men
KS1 (Infant) Girls	KS2 (Junior) Boys	Walking Relay Team (x4)
KS1 (Infant) Boys	KS3 (Senior) Mixed	Relay Team (x4)



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Town and Parish Council elections

There are 37 town and parish Councils in the New Forest district. All councils are re-elected every four years. The last town and parish council elections were last held in May 2019. The next Town and Parish Council elections are scheduled to take place on **Thursday 4 May 2023**.