



# The Brock News

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## Your Parish Council

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Parish Council meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month, except August and December, in the Village Hall at 7 pm. Planning committee meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of the month. Time is allowed for the public to raise any concerns and ask questions at the beginning of the meetings.

## Chairman's Notes

A New Year with the potential for a newly formed Parish Council.

Just over 100 years ago the government were persuaded to extend the right to vote following the consequences of World War I. On May 2nd local elections will take place in Brockenhurst so this is not only your time to influence what the Parish Council does for the village but also provides you with the opportunity to stand for election. It is important that the Parish Council is diverse, not only representing but also reflecting society. Currently we only have one lady on our Parish Council so, as there are many ladies who are leading and very effectively contributing to local organisations, I do hope you see this is as an opportunity to help your community.

On the 3rd November we held a well-received WWI commemorative concert attended by many of you and Dr Julian Lewis MP, who mentioned it in a speech in Parliament. I would like to publicly thank not only the Committee who helped to achieve this, but in particular Janet Courtice, the main organiser of the event. Whilst a proportion of the profits were donated to the local branch of the Royal British Legion, they in turn made a donation to the Poppy Appeal. I would also like to commend the traders in Brookley Road for their significant efforts which they had made to commemorate the Centenary in their window displays.

Not unusually the traders came up trumps again with their window displays for the Christmas Fun Evening when Santa was rescued from Tesco's in front of another huge crowd. The next village event for your diary will, of course, be the Pancake Races on Shrove Tuesday which this year is on March 5th.

Whilst the Parish Council has a budget of £10,000 in 2019 for the Christmas lights and to cover these events, I am very pleased to report that yet again there will be no increase in the Parish Precept this year. At £42.49 per Band D property it will remain not only below other comparable villages but also well below the average level for the Forest.

Parish Councillors were concerned by the withdrawal of the school crossing patrol on Sway Road but were able to help in bringing about funding from a local charitable trust. This funding is time limited, however, so if you have any ideas about future provision please contact the Parish Clerk. The school, like many other organisations throughout the village, including ourselves, is looking for volunteers. We all really appreciate those of you who give up your time to take part and run activities and events in our village. I know the Clerk will also be pleased to hear from you if you have time to give, particularly with marshalling duties at events.

Best wishes

**Pete Wales**


**Parish Council Elections -  
Thursday 2nd May**

Parish Council (and District Council) elections are to be held on Thursday 2nd May. This is your opportunity to influence what happens in your village and to serve your community.

If you would like any information on the work of the Parish Council please contact the Clerk, using the details on the back page.

Nomination forms are available now on <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/18797/TOWN-AND-PARISH-COUNCIL-ELECTIONS-2019>

The forms cannot be returned to NFDC until 22nd March at the earliest, and must be delivered by hand. **The closing time and date for the submission of nominations is 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 3rd April.**

**New Forest Bike Project**

The NF Bike Project provides Bicycles, free or heavily subsidised for local people in need, and at local market rates to the wider public; helps in teaching bike maintenance and cycling skills; offers a wide range of new and reconditioned used parts and accessories to help keep people and their bikes on the road at an affordable price and support for (re)cycling and sustainability in the New Forest. Their workshop is in New Milton and they serve the New Forest and East Dorset area. Unwanted bikes can be donated for refurbishment or salvage of parts to help fix others. For more information please contact them on [www.newforestbikeproject.org](http://www.newforestbikeproject.org) T: 07818 403114

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**Nalder Trust - a Registered Charity** • •  
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The Nalder Trust has now been registered as a charity, which will allow us to reclaim gift aid on donations that we receive. The Trust arises from a bequest by Miss Nalder in 1993 to provide housing for elderly people in the village. The original purchase was three flats at Homeforde House and a fourth one has since been added. These homes have given great security and

comfort to those who have been offered them. If you would like to donate to the Trust, either as a bequest or a donation please contact the Clerk using the details on the back page. If you would like to apply to go on the waiting list for a flat please contact New Forest Villages Housing Association on 020 7820 7930.

**Village Agent**

Ros Vall is your local Village Agent, and as a volunteer she can help older people to find information and services. She has access to accredited Information and Advice at Age Concern Hampshire, as well as links to Hampshire County Council's Support Services, such as transport, benefits, Blue Badge Scheme, money matters, Attendance Allowance, help in and around the home, personal care, cleaning, scams, keeping warm, and many more queries you may have. She can be contacted on 07748 697442 or Age Concern Hampshire 0800 328 7154.

## Planning Update

The "Lloyd's Bank" site has been granted approval to develop five flats with ten parking spaces. This is good news, since the building has not been used for 3 years and was deteriorating quite markedly.

We had a request from a resident to "consider and discuss" plans at parish council. I can assure residents that all plans are considered and discussed at our monthly planning meeting usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month. You are welcome to attend and to address the councillors, whether you wish to speak in support of an application or to object to it. Meetings are at 7pm in the Craft Room at the Village Hall.

When there is a matter for further debate with the NPA or if we have an opposing view to theirs then the application is discussed at the monthly development control committee at Lymington. This is where the parish council endeavours to do what is best for Brockenhurst.

As a planning committee we have a new challenge in the near future. Planning applications are to be electronically sent to the parish for our views. As a consequence of this we will have to project the images on to a screen. I hope that this will work satisfactorily!

**John Korbey**

## Village Gateway Signs

Hampshire Highways have now sent us their amended designs for two gateway signs to go on the A337, northern and southern approaches to the village.

Their original designs were not considered acceptable as they featured the National Park logo rather than the Parish badger.

The signs now show the badger and a 30 mph limit sign, and the words "Brockenhurst welcomes careful drivers".

They should be installed in early summer.

## Defibrillator Awareness and CPR Demonstration Evening - Thursday 7th March

Do you feel confident in using a Defibrillator? Do you know how to help someone having a heart attack? Would you like to know how to administer CPR? These are skills that can be used to help someone in need at any time. We are holding an Evening Demonstration on Thursday 7th March at 7pm in the main hall at the Village Hall. Please come along to learn how to help someone before the emergency services arrive on the scene.

The evening will be run by Mike Jukes of Bransgore Community First Responders, ably assisted

by Anita Whittle, Brockenhurst's newly trained Community First Responder. Anita used to be a Parish Councillor and has now volunteered to help our community in a different role. Depending on the numbers attending it may be possible to give people an opportunity to practice CPR on a dummy but if not it then another evening will be arranged for those interested. We aim to cover CPR for adults, children and infants, Defibrillator use and recovery position, plus some other items. The event should last around 75-90 minutes.

## Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Tuesday 23rd April at 7 pm at the Village Hall, the day after the Easter break. Come along to hear what your Parish Council has been doing over the last year.

The Election for a new parish council, along with District Council, will take place shortly after, on Thursday 2nd May, so this is an opportunity for you to let the council know what you would like them to do in the forthcoming year. We will know at that date whether there is to be a contested election for the ten Brockenhurst ward councillors and one Wootton councillor. Depending on the number of candidates standing we may be looking to co-opt to fill vacancies.

**BROCKENHURST  
PARISH COUNCIL**

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Your Parish Council Office is  
open Tuesday and Wednesday  
mornings, 10 am - 12 noon.  
Other times by appointment.

**Footpath from New Forest Drive  
to Armstrong Close**

The top section of this path, where it runs from New Forest Drive to Broadlands, is to have the surface and drainage improved and the gate replaced so that it remains stock-proof. The gate has collapsed on occasion over the last few years and the time has come to replace it. We have secured grant funding for 75% of the cost and the work is scheduled during March. In order to maintain access for families going to the school, the work will be

done after 9.30 am and will finish by 2.45 pm, over about four days. Please look out for the notices advising the actual days and times on site. The weather will play a part in determining when the work can be done so at present we cannot give a date. The path will have a much better walking surface once the work has been done. The new gate will be wider so access for double buggies and cycles will be improved.

**Newsletter  
via email**

Don't forget that you can have your newsletter delivered straight to your inbox. Please email the Parish Council with your name and address, stating E-newsletter in the subject line.

**Brockenhurst College -  
Home Stay Host  
Families wanted**

Brockenhurst College is seeking more Home Stay host families for their international students, both for term-time and for short-term summer stays. If you could offer a student a typical home setting, with full board and lodging the College would be pleased to hear from you. A fee is paid to hosts. Please contact Paul Sanger on 625305. or psanger@brock.ac.uk

**ANZAC Day Service  
28th April 2019**

Please come and join us for the ANZAC Service at the Commonwealth War Graves in St. Nicholas Churchyard. The Service begins at 3pm and we are usually lucky with the weather but please be prepared for rain.

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2019 Edition**

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