

# Twyford News

**Twyford Parish News**

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## **Our Chairman's Message**

Welcome to this spring newsletter and our second edition. Feedback from our first issue has been very positive and the Parish Council are keen to continue the communication of village news via these newsletters.

By the time you read this newsletter, the new school crossing on Finches Lane will be in place, the tree planting project in Berry Meadow will have been completed and planning for the Hunter Park Fun Day will be well underway.

## **What's On in Twyford**

23<sup>rd</sup> March      Community Lunch  
12.30-2pm      Twyford Community Centre

18<sup>th</sup> April      Defibrillator Training  
7-8.30pm      Twyford Community Centre

28<sup>th</sup> April      Hunter Park Fun Day  
Hunter Park

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May      Waterworks Spring Rally

Twyford Waterworks Open Days  
2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> August 11am - 4pm

There are also several concerts planned to take place in St. Mary's Church - keep your eyes on posters displayed around the village

## **Parish Council meeting dates**

Parish Council meetings are held monthly on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Gilbert Room in the Parish Hall.

Please check our website or TIS for the latest information in case of changes at short notice.

## **The next Parish Council meeting dates are:**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

For information on local planning applications or other useful links, please visit our website:

**[twyfordhants.org.uk](http://twyfordhants.org.uk)**



### What's Going on in Berry Meadow?

The trees are now planted in Berry Meadow in individual enclosures to protect them from cattle grazing.

There are thirty of them - 16 alternate beech and small leaved lime in the Avenue along the Shawford Road and, in the clump at the Norris Bridge end, 5 disease resistant elm and 9 alder.

The idea for tree planting on Parish land came from the Green Fair 18 months ago. The Parish Council took up the idea and decided on big trees rather than little ones and to use them in a more formal design.

By chance the South Downs National Park (SDNP) were promoting tree planting via grants, so TPC applied and have been given these trees and a contribution to the cost of the guards.

A contractor was employed to drive in the 120 posts for the tree guards. Volunteers have done the rest - dug the holes, planted the trees, screwed 360 rails in place and wrapped barbed wire around the lower two rails. Mulch will now be put around each tree.

The total cost is about £4600. SDNP have paid for the trees and £1500 towards the guards; £500 is to come from Twyford Charity and the rest from the Parish Council.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed and helped.



### Have Your Say!

All members of the Parish Council are keen to improve the infrastructure, services and facilities of our area. We all have ideas of our own which we are working through but we're keen to hear your views too. Please email the Parish Clerk with any ideas that you have and keep the conversation going by keeping in touch with your elected Council members and attending our regular drop-in sessions.

## Volunteers Wanted!

The Parish Council need volunteers to help with a few tasks around Hunter Park. We require help to tidy up and mulch the new beech hedges, remove self seeded sycamore saplings, redesign and plant the wildflower flower areas, build some raised beds etc.

If you use the park and would like to help with improving it, please contact Sue Nias by email at [admin@twyfordhants.org.uk](mailto:admin@twyfordhants.org.uk) so we can organise a working party when the weather improves.

## Defibrillator Units

As you may have noticed, there are several defibrillator units placed around the village. **Please make yourself aware of where your nearest unit is** - you never know when you might need to use it!

Their locations are as follows:

Hunter Park Pavilion, SO21 1QU

Twyford Parish Hall, SO21 1QY

Community Centre, SO21 1QG

Phoenix Inn, SO21 1RF

Hartog Dentist, SO21 1PT

Telephone Box, Northfields, SO21 1PA

Twyford Waterworks Museum, SO21 1QA

The Parish Council has arranged another **Defibrillator Awareness Training** session. The last one was



very popular so interested residents should book a place as soon as possible. Places are limited to 20 and bookings will be taken on a first

come first served basis. Details of the training session are as follows:

Thursday 18th April 2024 from 7pm to 8:30pm in the Twyford Community Centre

To book, please contact Sue Nias by email at [admin@twyfordhants.org.uk](mailto:admin@twyfordhants.org.uk) or call 07881 036524

The training is run by SCA (South Central Ambulance Charity) and will cover finding the patient, calling 999, the recovery position, CPR, using the defibrillator unit etc.

### 60th Anniversary of Hunter Park Fun Day

Twyford Parish Council is organising a fun day to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Hunter Park, which was officially opened by Lord Ashburton on 25th April 1964.

Mr Hugh Rudolph Hunter donated a large section of the park in August 1962. The donated land adjoined an area already owned by the Parish Council and the park we know today was created and named after Mr Hunter.

The Parish Council has maintained Hunter Park ever since and have recently made several improvements including new equipment and upgrades to the children's play area and improved footpaths around the park as well as creating a wild flower meadow above the football pitch.

We wish to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of this beautiful facility with a community event on **Sunday 28th April**. If you would like to be involved either as a group, individual or business please email [ingrid.percival.cllr@twyfordhants.org.uk](mailto:ingrid.percival.cllr@twyfordhants.org.uk) or [susancook@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:susancook@winchester.gov.uk)



### Then and Now

Our village hasn't changed much, or has it?



If you have any other interesting photographs of our village, please email them to [admin@twyfordhants.org.uk](mailto:admin@twyfordhants.org.uk)

## **Action on Carbon in Twyford (ACT)**

ACT is an independent group of volunteers, supported by the Parish Council, whose purpose is to promote best practice, educate and lobby on climate issues in Twyford.

Now we are seeing longer days and hopefully better weather, please consider drying your washing outside. It's so easy to just put the washing in a dryer, but it is heavy on the use of electricity. There are many benefits apart from saving electricity. Firstly, it costs nothing! Secondly, sunlight has an antibacterial effect! Thirdly, it smells fresh and needs minimal ironing.

We all need to do as much as we can to minimise our effect on the planet. Our contributions add up and make a difference.

The predictions of climate change are getting scarier at each announcement.

When you are faced with an election campaigner on the doorstep, please make sure that you indicate that your priorities include climate change and their party's commitment to reducing carbon dioxide and methane emissions.



## **Energy Saving Tip**

Waste not, want not! Tonnes of food is wasted in the UK every year and some ends up in landfill, which can add to the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> and methane created in the ground and entering the atmosphere.

- a green Twyford resident says,

*'Make a list. Planning meals with the family in advance and shopping with a complete list are ways to avoid food waste. This can help protect our planet from further harm and can save you money. Our own food bill has reduced by £15 a month and we still have treats.'*



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### What does the Parish Council do?

Twyford Parish Council is currently made up of 13 Councillors who live in the village and are all **volunteers**, giving up their time to support the village residents by acting as a voice for the local community. Key tasks include:

- Overseeing the governance of the parish
- Managing the finances of the Parish Council
- Engaging with residents, businesses, and community groups
- Reviewing planning applications within the parish boundary and providing comments or recommendations to SNDP and other local planning authorities based on the interests of the community.

- Maintenance of Parish owned land including Hunter Park, Northfields Play Area, Berry Meadows, The Meads and the Locks
- Managing the allotments, Speed Limit Reminder Signs, dog waste and rubbish bins on Parish Council owned land, maintaining the bus shelters, some public footpath maintenance
- Representing the village's interests and concerns to higher authorities such as the local government, other public bodies or commercial operations such as Southampton Airport and Southern Water.

The Parish Councillors are supported by the Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

We currently have 2 councillor vacancies, if you are interested in learning more, please let the Parish Clerk know.

### What is Winchester City Council responsible for?

WCC's responsibilities include:

- Car parks
- Cemeteries
- Collection of Council Tax
- Roadside litter bins
- Electoral Register / Elections
- Environmental Health
- Grass Verges / other grassed areas
- Housing
- Kerbside Recycling Collection
- Licencing
- Planning (outside of SDNP)
- Protection of Trees
- Public Toilets
- Street Cleansing
- Street Naming / Nameplates



**What is Hampshire County Council responsible for?**

HCC's responsibilities include:

- Education
- Road Gritting
- Household Waste Recycling Sites
- Libraries
- Museums
- Roads, pavements, traffic lights, pedestrian crossings
- Public Transport
- Registration of Births, Marriages & Deaths
- Social Services
- Street Lighting
- Trading Standards
- Youth Service

**Twyford Surgery Patient Participation Group**

Twyford Surgery is rated amongst the best in Hampshire and as a Patient Participation Group (PPG) we work with the surgery to help to keep it that way. We meet approximately every other month, and also hold events on subjects related to healthcare and well-being. If you are registered with the surgery, you are also members of the PPG, and if you wish to join the committee, just contact our Chair, Marilyn Taylor at [twyfordppg@gmail.com](mailto:twyfordppg@gmail.com).

We would particularly welcome younger patients and their views on how best to develop services and patient care.

Our aims are:

- To represent the views of patients at the practice
- To increase patients' awareness of health-related issues

- To increase PPG members' awareness of patient issues, needs and views in order for the PPG to effectively represent these
- To support the surgery to bring about positive change to health services

Are you interested in learning more about Diabetes and Weight management? Come to an open and free seminar on Wednesday 10th April between 2 and 4pm at Colden Common Community Centre, Patrick Moore Room

Hear the facts from the experts at Twyford Practice who will promote discussion and answer questions.





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### Getting in Touch

The Parish Council has set up several ways to keep in touch with what's going on in our village as follows:

The Parish Council has a service called **Twyford Information System (TIS)** which provides information directly to your email inbox about social events, local charitable fundraising, road closures, local public notices, parish council news and meetings. Sign up today at **[www.twyfordhants.org.uk/intouch](http://www.twyfordhants.org.uk/intouch)**

The Parish Council has the **TPC Website** that contains extensive information including meeting agendas and minutes for the Full Council, Finance, Recreation and Planning committees. Plus lots of other stuff. Logon today at **[www.twyfordhants.org.uk](http://www.twyfordhants.org.uk)**

You can also keep up to date with news and meetings from the Parish Council by following the **TPC Facebook** page. Access this at **[www.facebook.com/twyfordhants.org.uk](http://www.facebook.com/twyfordhants.org.uk)**

### Your Parish Council

**Chairman:** Chris Mitchell                      [chris.mitchell.cllr@twyfordhants.org.uk](mailto:chris.mitchell.cllr@twyfordhants.org.uk)

**Councillors:** Richard Sellars (vice chair), Chris Corcoran, Sue Cook, Angela Forder-Stent, Christine Hill, Stewart Hoad, Wayne Lawton, Jade Pain, Ingrid Percival, Steve Pullen

#### Parish Clerk

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#### Assistant Parish Clerk

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