

Sparsholt Community Newsletter

Sparsholt 100 Club – Summers Draw

Your local lottery

Support a good cause looking after our 12th century church at the heart of the village. Now 60 members but we need more!

Please join today and help reach the magic 100.

Subscribe for just £10 per month with the chance of winning one of our quarterly prizes.

The winners of the summer draw held on Friday 29 July at the Plough were:

- The First Prize of £200 went to Mark and Fiona Zarb-Adami
- The three Second prizes of £50 went to Julie Page, Guy Cameron and Ceri Baber

To join please contact our Membership Secretary, Ian Hay at hay588@btinternet.com or telephone him on 01962 – 776468.

Every member counts.

The Sparsholt 100 Club is a lottery registered with Winchester City Council and organised through Sparsholt Parochial Church Council and The Friends of St. Stephen's Church for residents in and local to Sparsholt.

By joining you will help to raise much needed funds to keep our church open and well maintained. Membership of the lottery is limited to 100 subscriptions. You must be 18 or over to join.

Memorial Hall

Now that the School is closed for the Summer break, and most of the COVID restrictions have been removed, the village should be much quieter than usual!

That being so, the Memorial Hall has arranged for much-needed repairs to be carried out to the Hall Car Park. Consequently, the car park will be **unavailable for village parking from MONDAY 23rd August to WEDNESDAY 1st September**, although it is hoped that the work might finish slightly before that date.

Sparsholt Harvest Supper



On Saturday, 23rd October 2021 in Sparsholt Memorial Hall at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets available from Sparsholt Village Shop. Please email Sally Wesley about dietary requirements: sally.wesley@btinternet.com

Events in August

Sunday 1 – HG Volunteers Work Day

Sunday 15 – VJ Day

Sunday 15 – Music Concert

Friday 20 – Memorial Service for Norris Fuller

Monday 23 – Wednesday 1 September – Memorial Hall Car Park closed for repair work

Monday 30 August – Summer Bank Holiday

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2 & Friday 3 September – School Inset Days

Saturday 4 September – Village BBQ & Hog Roast

Monday 6 September – School Autumn Term starts

Saturday 11 September – Village Shop Association AGM

Sunday 19 September – Annual Pet Service

Monday 4 October – School Inset Day

Sunday 10 October – Music Concert

Wednesday 20 October – HG Tree Planting & Bench Installation (TBC)

Friday 22 October – School breaks for Half Term

Saturday 23 October – Sparsholt Harvest Supper

Saturday tba October – Village Autumn Clean Up (TBC)

Sunday 31 October – Summer Time ends & Halloween

View full Calendar [here](#).

Hampshire

Roads Policing Unit Supports National Speeding Campaign With Month of Action

The Joint Operations Roads Policing Unit of Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police are supporting the National Police Chiefs Council Speeding Campaign, running from the 19 July to 8 August.

Throughout the campaign, officers will be carrying out enforcement across the force area, targeting a small but significant minority of drivers who make the choice to speed, increasing the risks to themselves and other road users. In 2019, there were 1,561 collisions where people were either killed or seriously injured across Hampshire and Thames Valley. Of those collisions, 191, around 12%, were recorded as having either excessive speed or travelling too fast for the conditions, as contributory factors.

PC Dave Hazlett, Road Safety Officer for Hampshire & Thames Valley Police said:

“As traffic gradually increases to pre-pandemic levels, the risk of collisions will naturally increase.

“We are urging drivers and riders to simply slow down; not only to drive within the speed limit but also drive to the road conditions.

“There are times when driving to a speed limit maybe too fast particularly on motorways, dual carriageways and rural roads which present higher risks.

“Expect the unexpected and drive at an appropriate speed where you can react quickly to any hazards and stop safely.

“Speeding is one of the fatal four factor that could increase the chance of road users being killed or seriously injured in a road traffic collision.

“It’s not worth the risk.”

Hampshire COVID-19 weekly summary



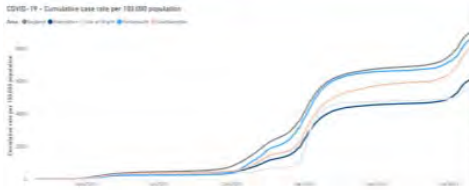
For the latest information about COVID-related statistics, please visit:

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/corprhantsweb/Covid19/Keep-Hampshire-Safe-Infographic.pdf>



HAMPSHIRE
CONSTABULARY

Lab-confirmed cases (per 100k population)



Total case rate
6,192.8

Last week: **5,963.5**

Hampshire case rate
239.6 ↑

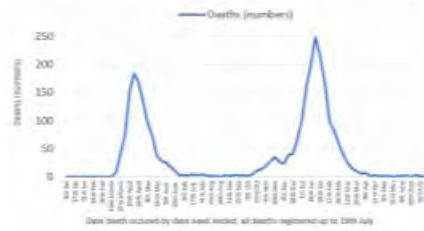
Last week: **444.7**

England case rate
305.1 ↑

Last week: **532.1**

Most recent data in the graph above is from 27 July. This is because there is a lag in reporting of confirmed cases on the UK dashboard

COVID-19 associated deaths



Total deaths
2,863 *

Last week: **2,960**

Deaths in hospitals
1,697

Last week: **1,695**

Deaths in the community (including care homes)
1,166

Last week: **1,165**

Death(s) in the last 7 days
2 ↑

Last week: **0**

*1 death reported in the last week with registration delay

Hospital admissions - NHS Trust

Total patients admitted (as at 25 July) Total patients in hospital (as at 27 July)

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

3,354 **28** ↓

Last week: **3,317** Last week: **31**

Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust

4,856 **48** ↑

Last week: **4,812** Last week: **27**

Isle of Wight NHS Trust

753 **7** ↑

Last week: **750** Last week: **3**

Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust

4,491 **41** ↑

Last week: **4,426** Last week: **31**

University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust

4,294 **39** ↑

Last week: **4,258** Last week: **19**

Data source: coronavirus.data.gov.uk

Hampshire vaccination data

Total vaccinated with at least one dose
1,039,025

Vaccinated with at least one dose in the last seven days
6,289

Total vaccinated with at least two doses
860,258

Vaccinated with at least two doses in the last seven days
29,391

People vaccinated with at least one dose by age group
85.7%

18-24	79.8%	25-29	72.9%
30-39	79%	40-49	87.3%
50-59	92.1%	60-69	94.4%
70-79	96.6%	80+	97.2%

Data source: NHS England. Latest date of data: 25 July

Winchester

Winchester Heritage Open Days – Friday 10th to Sunday 19th September

Well, what a year we've had – not just Covid but also Winchester Heritage Open Days, these now under the umbrella of the new and exciting Hampshire History Trust, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation! Hampshire History Trust that aims to celebrate the rich and diverse history and heritage of the county of Hampshire. Expanding Heritage Open Days into a wider 'festival', running community projects such as a Blue Plaque project and further developing the brilliant HistBites podcasts. For more information visit the Trust's website <https://hampshirehistorytrust.com>



This is the sixth year of the open days and they will again be a mix of digital and in-person events, building on the success of these in 2020. Yet again, it is the community behind the open days that has enabled us to produce another fantastic programme for this year. As ever, the organisers have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm, willingness and positivity of many organisations and individuals to be involved. The programme is designed to draw people's interest into Winchester and its surrounds through an amazing choice of talks, tours, exhibitions and family fun – all for free! Digital events will include pre-recorded walks and talks, live streaming of lectures and performances, and specially commissioned films and audio available on Winchester Heritage Open Days very own YouTube and podcast channels. There are also great in-person events for everyone to enjoy. And this year's festival theme is 'Edible England' so do keep a look out for events celebrating our culinary heritage and culture.



For more information and 'how to book' please visit our website <https://www.winchesterheritageopendays.org/the-2021-festival>

Here's a taste of what's on:

- *Winchester College tours*
- *Unlocking the secrets of Abbey Gardens and Mill*
- *2Time Theatre's 'Pies & Prejudice'*
- *Moon Roast Coffee Heritage & Roastery Tour*
- *Workshop tours at The Watercress Line*
- *Hyde900 medieval tile-making workshop*
- *Whitchurch Silk Mill Food Festival*
- *Discover England's Lost Spices*
- *High Street Trail*
- *In Jane Austen's Footsteps: Chawton Village Guided Walk*
- *Museum Open Days*
- *Edible England exhibitions*
- *Hospital of St Cross Open Day*
- *Romsey Signal Box*
- *Winchester Muse Poetry at St Lawrence Church*
- *Gilbert White's Brewhouse*



Winchester Food Partnership

Here is an important message from The Winchester Food Partnership:

We have teamed up with a number of organisations and the University of Winchester to better understand the difficulties that people face in accessing or cooking good, fresh food; and we would like to invite you to take part in one of a number small discussion groups.

The study is looking for anyone (over 18, all ethnicities, backgrounds and both single people and families) to share their experiences; whether your personal issues are a lack of local shops, mobility issues, low finance, lack of time to cook, picky family members, or you would like to improve your cooking skills.



The study wants to understand what are the local issues faced by people who would like to eat more fresh, good food; so that as a local organisation we can help tackle the local issues. Some of the other organisations involved would like to develop more community food projects, some want to increase local shops or fund more subsidised fruit and veg boxes, some want to run more community cooking classes; but we need to know what the community needs.

Additionally, the information gathered will help inform local council and public health policies. The information you provide is completely confidential. If you'd like to find out more, or register click the following link:

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/winchester-food-partnership-15117/access-to-good-food-study/>

Winchester City Council: Summer Sport Programme



PROGRAMME OF SUMMER SPORTS



This August, Winchester City Council in partnership with ActiveMe 360 are providing a **3-week summer sports programme** in your local area. Each day will be packed with fun games, and an opportunity for you to take part in a range of different sports.

EURO 2020 Football - 2 August - 6 August

- 9.00 - 10.30am Bishops Waltham & Weeke
- 11.00 - 12.30pm Colden Common & Kings Worthy
- 1.00 - 2.30pm Stanmore
- 1.15 - 2.45pm Denmead & Whiteley (KS1)
- 3.00 - 4.30pm North Walls & Whiteley (KS2)
- 3.30 - 5.00pm Knowle

Tokyo 2020 360 Tokyo 360 - 9 August - 13 August

- 9.00 - 10.30am Bishops Waltham & Weeke
- 11.00 - 12.30pm Colden Common & Kings Worthy
- 1.00 - 2.30pm Stanmore
- 1.15 - 2.45pm Denmead
- 3.00 - 4.30pm North Walls
- 3.30 - 5.00pm Whiteley (KS1 & 2)

360 sports Multi Sports - 16 August - 20 August

- 9.00 - 10.30am Bishops Waltham & Colden Common
- 11.00 - 12.30pm Stanmore
- 11.15 - 12.45pm Denmead
- 1.00 - 2.30pm Kings Worthy
- 1.30 - 3.00pm Knowle
- 3.00 - 4.30pm North Walls
- 3.30 - 5.00pm Whiteley (KS1 & 2)

Venues	
Bishop's Waltham	Priory Park, SO32 1SQ
Denmead	KGV Playing Fields, PO7 6EH (opposite the pavilion)
Knowle Village	Knowle Village Green, PO17 5GR
Whiteley	Meadowside Recreation Ground, PO15 7LJ
Weeke	St. Mathews Road, SO22 6DR (behind Weeke Primary School)
Stanmore	Somers Close Recreation Ground, SO22 4EJ
Winchester City Centre	Devils Island North Walls Recreation Ground SO23 7DD
Colden Common	Colden Common Recreation Ground, SO21 1RP
Kings Worthy	Eversley Park, SO23 7NJ

**Suitable for girls and boys aged 6 –13 years
£2 a session!**

For further information or to book your space please visit: activeme360.com/book-online

For further enquiries please email: hello@activeme360.com



Sparsholt

A local link to the Olympics

Did you know there is a local link with the Olympics? Chris Dean went as the Coach for the Olympic trap shotgun team. He is the one in the middle!

Chris retired from competing after winning a silver medal in the Commonwealth Games, but has carried on his passion of shooting by becoming a coach for British Shooting.

The Trap team secured a Bronze medal on Thursday after an extremely close final, the massive pressure to succeed on the day after 5 years of training and the intense heat of 40 degrees made for a nerve wrecking last few shots, but Matt Coward Holly was relieved to come away with a medal. Only 26 years old and his first Olympics. No time for a rest as Paris is only 3 years away!



Sparsholt Music Concert

First Concert
15th August 2021, 3pm

Our inaugural classical concert will be in Sparsholt Village Hall at 3pm on August 15th. Please come and offer your support!

Further concerts for 2021 will be held in October and December. Please visit our [and](#) [pages](#) for more information.

Tea and cake will be available after the concert.

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Tickets are available from the 2nd August from the village shop for the concert in the village hall at 3pm on August 15th (£5 cash). Or via bank transfer online through the website: <https://www.sparsholtmusic.org/>.

Please get your tickets in advance as there is limited availability.

We look forward to finally getting together for an afternoon of music and merriment! Bring change for tea and cake. Let us know if you would like to donate a cake!

Aluminium recycling bin

Recyclers of Sparsholt! I'm so excited to have joined a local scheme to raise funds for the Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance and to reduce waste by collecting aluminium foil, cans and cable for recycling.

There is a well labelled black bin next to my side gate and I invite any local people to collect, clean and deposit aluminium cans (drinks cans squashed please) aluminium foil (scrunched into tennis ball sized lumps or larger) or any old electric cables (chargers, extension leads, strings of fairy lights).

All of these items will be sorted, weighed and recycled with all proceeds going to this super local charity.

So to recap! 1. Collect, clean and squash any aluminium waste. 2. Drop in small black bin just before my side gate at 20 Woodman Close. 3. Feel smug for reducing your waste and raising money for charity!

Thank you
Bonnie Stagg
07818564956

Parish Council

Parish Pages

Thank you to those of you that took the time to feedback on the 'Parish Pages', a dedicated source of information for Parish and Town Councils - we are pleased to announce they are now LIVE!

www.hants.gov.uk/community/parish-pages

Don't miss two new opportunities to get involved:

Countryside Access Parish Delivery Partnership
Get support for projects that will help improve your local rights of way (e.g. minor surface improvements, changing stiles to gates, tools and training for established groups).

Find out more here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/parish-pages/parish-partnership-fund>

Parish Pollinator Pledge

Pledge to help improve your local area for pollinators – Find out more here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/parish-pages/parish-pollinator>

The current focus of the Parish Pages is on information provided by the Countryside Service, but we hope to develop the Parish Pages further in future and include information from other services across the County Council. Based on your initial feedback, two other areas we will be looking to develop, is a news section, that will include an opportunity to share projects that Parish and Town Councils are involved in (to hopefully inspire others!) and a section with images, videos, and content ready to share with your communities on common problems and important messages.

If you have any feedback or ideas on what you would like to see on the Parish Pages please use this form to LET US KNOW.

Link to form: <https://tinyurl.com/parishfb>

Take the plastic challenge



This August we are taking on plastic pollution by launching the Plastic Challenge!

Many people don't realise that our plastic litter can impact marine life, even if we live many miles away from the sea. Some 2 million tonnes of plastic enters the sea from rivers in the UK every year.

Globally, plastic kills a million seabirds and 100,000 sea mammals, turtles and fish per year. That's why it is so important for us to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Responsibly Dispose of our plastic and only ever flush the 3 P's - pee, poo and paper!

When you sign up to the Plastic Challenge, we will send you weekly emails with information, resources and motivation to get you started on your plastic-free journey. We will also be including a challenge for you to take part in that week!



The first 50 people to complete all the challenges and a short survey will win some plastic-free goodies!

To take the Plastic challenge, please visit <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/plastic-challenge>

Controlling and Cleaning up after your dog

There has been an increase in dog fouling of the village foot paths. This is a public health concern and we would ask all owners to please control your dogs at all times and take your dog poo home with you. There is a dog poo bin in the Ham Green area.

Dog barking

Please bear in mind that in this warm weather, when everybody is enjoying the outdoors, constant dog barking can become a nuisance. Winchester City Council has issued the following guidelines:

Dog owners may behave unreasonably, for instance by allowing their dogs to bark all day or night. If the nuisance persists the Council's Environmental Health department may become involved.

The Environmental Health service has a duty to investigate complaints about barking dogs. Where the noise proves to cause a statutory nuisance to a neighbour under The Environmental Protection Act 1990, a Notice may be served on the person responsible for the dog or on the owner/occupier of the premises where the nuisance arises.

Failure to comply with a Notice requiring the abatement of the noise can result in fines of up to £5000. Alternatively an individual may take private action against a neighbour.

Therefore, we ask dog owners to be considerate to their neighbours and ensure that their dogs do not bark excessively and cause a noise nuisance. Dog training can assist and there are local puppy training courses running in Winchester's District. If you feel that your dog may be causing a problem with noise and you need advice on possible solutions then contact the Animal Welfare Officer (eh@winchester.gov.uk) marked FAO Animal Welfare Officer.

Harvest Time is here

Please ensure that you know where your children and animals are at all times. Combine Harvesters are huge machines currently on the roads and in the fields. They are unable to clearly see small animals and children. Please help keep everyone safe at this busy time.

Playground Fencing

The playground new fencing has now been completed. With the government removing guidelines concerning the management of playgrounds during the pandemic the playground equipment is no longer being sanitised. We would therefore ask parents to please ensure children sanitise their hands before and after using the playground equipment.

Seen around Sparsholt



Ham Green

The July Work Day was a similarly quiet affair to the previous month, due to again only 8 group members turning out for the full morning.

The amount of growth since the previous Work Day was again quite staggering, but everyone worked extremely hard to achieve as much as they did! The sides of both the footpath and the bridleway were mowed and cleared of intruding growth and, the bridleway has now been cleared overhead for the whole of its length.

To show just how quickly nature “reclaims its own”, just have a look at these 2 photos of the upper section of the footpath, where the Ash dieback Phase 1 felling took place:



February 2021 – looking downhill



July 2021 – looking uphill

Next HGCG Work Day

The next Work Day is planned for Sunday 1st August and, the group will be carrying on with similar tasks to those carried out in June & July, trying to keep on top of the amazing amount of growth that we have experienced this year!

For further details of our Summer Work Programme, contact terrydunn9@btinternet.com

Other HG News Items

The HG Replanting Report has now been received and examined by the Parish Council and members of the HG group, to fully understand the findings and to consider the recommendations and options. When the Report has been finalised, it will be made available to read on the Parish website.

At the end of 2019, Stewart Wooles won a competition to name the new HH/Skanska pothole mending machine, the “Dragon Patcher”. The prize was a new bench and specimen tree for the village and, it was decided to install both at Ham Green but, due to various factors and the onset of COVID.....the installation has yet to happen!

But, we do now have a provisional date.....Wednesday 20th October, so fingers crossed that it will finally happen then, albeit rather later than originally hoped!

Parish Council Meeting

There is no Parish Council meeting in August. The next Parish Council Meeting is on **Thursday 16th September 2021** at 7.30pm. Council meetings will take place in the Memorial Hall Sparsholt.

SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

If you need help the support group remains available and can be reached on: **07595 967259**

Contact email address for volunteers and requests for support - supportgroup@sparsholtparish.org

WEBSITES

Sparsholt Parish: <http://www.sparsholtparish.org/>

Sparsholt Shop: http://www.sparsholtparish.org/Our_Shop

Downs Benefice: <http://www.downsbenefice.org/>

New to Sparsholt or if you have a New Neighbour

If you are new to Sparsholt or have a new neighbour, please let Sally Wesley know so that a Sparsholt Welcome booklet can be delivered sally.wesley@btinternet.com

Copy Deadline for August Edition

This is your newsletter so please contribute items of interest, news of events, offers to help and/or photographs. The deadline for the June edition is **Friday 27th August 2021** please submit all items to sparsholt.newsletter@sparsholtparish.org