



North West Bassett Residents Association - Newsletter to all Residents - Summer 2018

Membership of NWBRA

It's that time of year again when we seek your support by joining as members of the Association. We have been absorbing higher running costs in recent years and so at the AGM in April we took the decision to raise the cost of household subscription to £5 from £3. The extra income will allow us to continue to print and circulate this Newsletter as well as host the AGM at St Michael's Church Hall. Please support us by completing the slip at the bottom and sending it off to our Treasurer, John Pye.

Parking

Parking issues never seem to go away and this time the matter of grass verges has been raised. To protect those roads with grass verges from damage by vehicles driving and even parking on them, what do you think is needed to maintain the value of properties and the overall quality of our area?

We would like to get the views of residents of the affected roads and also our worthy Councillors as to the best manner in which this may be achieved i.e bollards or, as suggested by Councillor Beryl Harris, ornamental trees.

The Neighbourhood Forum

The Forum is the body chaired by Cllr Les Harris and oversees the management of the Neighbourhood Plan. At a recent meeting we learned that some of the money the Council receives from planning applicants, can be used in NW Bassett if we can come up with projects to improve local infrastructure. Residents have to agree the project proposals but if we don't come up with ideas we may lose the money. So let us or Cllr Harris know what you think. Finally, the Forum is considering repeating a survey to update the records on Tree Preservation Orders, last undertaken in 1963. Watch this space.

Crime Issues

As described in The Echo, there has been a series of burglaries where keys have been 'fished' through letterboxes to gain entry, and cars then stolen. In some cases thieves have entered houses through insecure doors and windows and then stolen goods, car keys and cars. The Southampton areas most targeted so far have been Bitterne and Sholing, and police have already made several arrests. We are asked to ensure that windows and doors are kept locked when appropriate, and that keys to doors and cars should be kept away from the door itself.

There are reports of fake texts from British Gas & Argos advising people that they are due a refund and providing a link to obtain it. Also phishing phone calls by people claiming to be calling from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. These are fake - the OPCC would never cold call. There are also reports locally of scam telephone calls saying they are from BT and the recipient's internet connection is about to be taken down. To prevent this, you are told to provide personal details. This is a scam as well, don't be caught out!

Local Stuff

The council has agreed to repaint the Turn Left sign at the top of Saxholm Way 'when it becomes possible'. They are also planning to fit a screen to better weather-proof the bus shelter at the Saxholm Way Bus Stop into Town.

The Shell garage at the Chilworth roundabout is still not stocking a sufficient number of newspapers. Staff say they have no control over what is delivered.

The NWBRA Committee

We really need a few more Residents to join us on the Committee. If you are interested please contact Bob Merrett at bobmerrett@btinternet.com in the first instance and he can give you some more details.

Clean Air Zone (CAZ)

The City Council is seeking our views on proposals to create a CAZ and charging scheme across the whole of the City. It is aiming to improve air quality, by targeting HGVs, buses, taxis etc but is clearly a major change for Southampton. The consultation runs until 13 September and you can give your views on: <http://www.southampton.gov.uk/CAZconsultation>.

Connected Southampton

As well as the CAZ the Council is consulting on a new Transport Strategy. Details and a questionnaire can be found on their website and consultation closes on the 16 October. This can be found at: <http://www.southampton.gov.uk/council-democracy/have-your-say/>

NWBRA Membership

Subscription Renewal is now due for 2018 and as described above it has been set at £5 per household. Please renew or join and help us keep NWB as we would like it to be.

Name:Date:

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Please make cheques payable to NWBRA and post to John Pye, 23 Saxholm Way, Southampton, SO16 7GX.

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