

North West Bassett ~~NEWSLETTER~~ Residents Association



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WELCOME to another of our Newsletters!

This issue is being distributed to NWBRA members only, and we are pleased to inform you that the membership currently stands at 100, which is slightly up on last year. We will be actively recruiting again next year.

Quite a number of members, and non members, have responded to various items in our previous newsletter. Where this has taken the form of an enquiry we have endeavoured to point them in the right direction - usually to the appropriate City Council Department, or the Actionline telephone number. Our local Councillors can also be contacted by e-mail, or by addressing correspondence to them at the Members' Room in the Civic Centre.

Enhancing our Environment And Project Protect

A GREENER OUTLOOK!

We are lucky enough to live in an area of Southampton that still has plenty of trees, both in gardens and on Council owned land. The Council has a dedicated tree management team. If you have questions about trees or hedges the team is able to help and advise. The team can help with:

- Tree Preservation Orders
- Questions about high hedges
- Tree replacement on council property
- Tree sponsorship

Did you know that if a tree on Council land outside your property dies (e.g. on a grass verge) the Council will normally plant two new ones? To contact the tree management team visit www.southampton.gov.uk/leisure/southamptonparks/trees/default.asp
Email: trees@southampton.gov.uk or phone 0800 5 19 19 19

Project Protect

This is on-going and we hope to provide an update in our next Newsletter

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GARDEN - NOT PAVING!

Did you know that the planning regulations have changed and that proposed paving over of garden areas will now require planning permission, as will garden decking? To find out more phone 023 80832603 or email planning@southampton.gov.uk. The thinking behind the new regulations is to do with problems that rain water run-off create. It is all about protecting the environment.

POTHOLE! - HELP US TO HELP YOU

No doubt you have noticed the increasing number of potholes that appear in our roads, not to mention some of the pavements that need repair. NWBRA has complained to Council Officials, and our Ward Councillors, about the lamentable lack of attention given to the poor state of the roads in our area.

What we need is for **YOU** to complain to the Council, preferably by letter or email Actionline@southampton.gov.uk (and copy to our Secretary). If enough of you complain about the potholes nearest to you then we can take the matter up officially - yet again - but with more credibility.

HELP US - THEN WE CAN HELP YOU!

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Implementing a Planning Enforcement Order on a property in our area is proving to be a protracted experience. However, we are in regular touch with the relevant Planning Officers who have visited the site on a number of occasions. At present legal proceedings have been initiated pertaining to part of the site. However, yet another new Planning Application has been submitted for further extensions to the main property.

PARKING AND CONTRAVENING REGULATIONS

Parking densities on some roads in the area have prompted questions from a number of residents. Specifically, whether this is a consequence of business related activities rather than personal vehicles. For clarification on this problem

contact your local Councillor or use the free Actionline Tel. no. 0800 5 19 19 19

CRIME

Although burglary is not a major issue in this area, the opportunist thief does strike from time to time. The unattended van has provided the chance for "easy pickings". A timely word of caution might be appreciated by tradesmen when working at your premises.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

The current Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator is:
Jardine Jarrett
Communities Regeneration Division at
The Council Tel.No.023 80833988

SOCIAL EVENTS AND AMENITIES IN THE LOCALITY

Did you know that a number of activities are going on locally?
St Michaels` Church Hall provides the venue for organisations such as the Brownies, Scottish Country Dance Association, Weight Watchers, Keep Fit and others. A pre-school is well established, and for those well beyond their formative years, Tea Dances take place monthly—last Friday of the month. Concerts have also taken place in the church to raise funds for the Organ Restoration Appeal.
Information on the above can be accessed at:
www.bassettparish.hampshire.org.uk
e-mail nsbparish@btconnect.com
Tel 023 80769317

PHOENIX FILM CLUB

This excellent Film Society meets every Wednesday during term time in Building 32 on University Road. Information on all films can be accessed at www.thephoenix.org.uk
Or telephone 087 0765 0763

FINALLY

We send all our members

**Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes
For a Happy New Year**

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