

# Wickham Parish Council News

October 2004

## Grant Applications

Does your organisation need extra funding? The Parish Council may be able to help.

Successful applications will be included in our budget for 2005/6.

Please send applications to the Clerk by the end of October 2004.

## Affordable housing for local people.

12 houses (1,2 and 3 bedrooms) are planned for local people on land adjacent to Dickson Park. The Parish Council is compiling a list of potential applicants; please contact the Clerk if interested.

Hampshire County Council has been raising awareness of the dangers to motorcyclists using the A32. (11 deaths between Chawton and

Wickham in the last 3 years.) HCC offers Edge 44 a rider assessment designed to refine riding skills and learn how to deal with an accident. Book by phoning 01962 846787 or email [edge44@hants.gov.uk](mailto:edge44@hants.gov.uk)

Website  
[www.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety](http://www.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety)

## Redevelopment of the Animed site.

A planning application has been received for the demolition of existing veterinary and horse hospital buildings etc and the construction of 23 flats and houses.

The Planning Committee will be discussing the application at its meeting on Monday 11th October 7.30pm at Wickham Community Centre.

Everyone welcome to attend.

## Forest of Bere Project

A major conservation project has been set up to 'enhance and protect the quintessential character of the Forest of Bere', which stretches from Eastleigh to West Sussex.

The project will involve working in partnership with local councils and other organisations, and most importantly with local communities.

The Forest of Bere was never a landscape filled with ancient woodland but would have included farmland, open heath, wooded areas and managed coppice.

The history is fascinating; Bere was one of the last Royal Forests to be sold (not until 1810) with evidence that it was the worst managed of all Royal Forests.

A website is being developed with a detailed history of the area and information on how to get involved with the project.  
[www.forestofbere.org](http://www.forestofbere.org)

## Meetings October

**No Full Council Meeting in October**

**Planning Committee**  
Monday 11th October  
7.30pm  
At Wickham Community Centre

[www.wickham.parish.hants.gov.uk](http://www.wickham.parish.hants.gov.uk)

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