



Wickham Parish Council News

November 2012

Hampshire Village of the Year

Wickham won village with Best Quality of Life in the 2012 Hampshire Village of the Year competition. The award recognised the fantastic recreation facilities and open spaces enjoyed by the village as well as the numerous shops, services, local support groups and organisations in Wickham.

Team Wickham attended the presentation evening held at Bishops Sutton, travelling in a huge coach as no smaller vehicles were available. We worried Wickham Wives by travelling along narrow country lanes and enduring close shaves with passing buses but hopefully the wine and buffet calmed nerves by the end of the evening.



Wickham was asked to showcase its Community Land Trust project and also the Park Place Allotments. Thanks to Nic Holladay and Judy Lucas from the CLT and Sarah Johnston and Alex Le Page for sharing their experience with other Hampshire villages. Both groups were very well received and Wickham should feel very proud!

Following Wickham's achievements the Hampshire Chronicle contacted the Parish Council wishing to run a special feature on the village which will help to promote local businesses as well.

Who won the overall prize? Vernham Dean won Village of the Year.

Although the village is much smaller than Wickham, half the population took part in the competition and they had an amazing scarecrow project for their Jubilee celebrations which is well worth a look at on their website <http://vernhamdean.com/>

Could we do better next year?

Winchester City Council Local Plan update



The Parish Council has challenged Winchester City Council over the need for 150-250 new homes in Wickham for 2011-2031 and has asked that consideration be given to reducing the number of new houses to 100.

The Planning Inspector will consider the various objections to the proposals for Wickham on 6th November and the Parish Council has a seat at the table.

Parish Council Meetings

Held at Wickham Centre, all welcome to attend.

Committees

7pm Wednesday 7th November

Full Council

7.15pm Monday 26th November

Please see notice boards and website for agendas, dates and times of other meetings

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