



# Wickham Parish Council News

May 2015

## **What does Wickham Parish Council do for Knowle?**

Wickham Parish Council owns the community hall which it leases to a local community organisation to run.

The Council owns and manages the village green, car park, games area, skate park and play areas at Greater Horseshoe Way, Victoria Mews, Consort Mews and Barbastelle Walk.

The eight dog bins in the village are also the Parish Council's responsibility.

## **Dean Copse and Knowle Cemetery**

The Council also owns and manages Dean Copse and Knowle Cemetery.

Please could residents keep an eye on these areas, particularly to report any tipping of garden waste in Dean Copse.

Dean Copse is an important area of ancient woodland and tipping garden waste is both very unsightly and could introduce non-native species which damages the natural fragile eco-systems.

Don't miss Dean Copse when the bluebells are flowering!

If you have issues with any of these areas please report them to Parish Clerk Nicki.

## **Recycling**

To help improve the rates of recycling for Knowle and to make recycling more convenient for residents, the Parish Council has arranged for glass and clothes banks to be placed in the hall car park.

If you notice the bins are full or have any issues with the new banks please let Nicki know.

## **Knowle Community Hall Car Park**

The Council owns the hall car park but it is managed by the hall committee. If you would like to use the car park for visitor parking for a party or event at your home please let the hall manager and Nicki know to ensure no one is locked in over night!

## **Annual Parish Assembly**

**6.30pm Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at  
Wickham Centre**

Free event

Everyone warmly invited to this annual celebration of community life in Wickham and Knowle

Displays by local organisations, music and entertainment

Citizen of the Year Awards presented

Buffet, wine and refreshments

## **Vacancy for a parish councillor**

There is a vacancy for a parish councillor and candidates from Knowle would be welcomed to help provide a louder voice for local people.

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May Wickham Fair**

The Square in Wickham will be closed to traffic from 12 noon on Tuesday 19th May until late Wednesday 20th May or early Thursday 21st May to allow the clean-up to be completed.

**There will be no access to Wickham from Mayles Lane on 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

The A334 Winchester / Fareham Road will be closed between the traffic signals at Blind Lane and the Shell Garage roundabout from 5am to 8pm on Wednesday 20th May.

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August Wickham Festival - free entry for Knowle residents**

Take proof of address to the box office for free entry on Sunday to this year's Wickham Festival

[www.wickhamfestival.co.uk](http://www.wickhamfestival.co.uk)

### **Parish Council Online Networks**



We have over 1,000 people engaging with the **Wickham in Hampshire** Facebook page and group and 285 followers on Twitter – WickhamPC

There are links to the Council's Facebook pages and Twitter from the home page of the Council's website [www.wickhamparishcouncil.org](http://www.wickhamparishcouncil.org)

The Council also uses the Knowle Village Useful Information Facebook Group to post.

You are welcome to publicise events on our Facebook and Twitter feeds

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September Taste of Wickham Festival**



Volunteers are needed to help run Wickham Festival, please contact Nicki if you are able to help.

### **Meon Valley Trail**

There will be closures to the Trail – the old railway line - while resurfacing and drainage improvements are being carried out. The team are trying to keep closures to a minimum so you may experience unfinished surfaces when out walking, riding or cycling.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

Held at Wickham Centre, all welcome to attend.

**Full Council AGM 7.15pm Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

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

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