



# Wickham Parish Council News

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Knowle falls within the civic parish of Wickham and Wickham Parish Council is your local council representing you in local issues and looking after a number of community open spaces and facilities within Knowle.

The Parish Council owns and maintains the village hall and village green, the skatepark, multi-use games area, and the play areas at Victoria Mews, Consort Mews, Barbastelle Walk and Greater Horseshoe Way.

In addition the Council owns and manages Knowle Cemetery and Dean Copse which are accessed from Mayles Lane.

Find out more about the work of the council and how to contact your local councillors by visiting [www.wickhamparishcouncil.org](http://www.wickhamparishcouncil.org)

## Knowle Village Hall

Are you looking for a venue for a party or a meeting room? Knowle Village hall provides excellent facilities for regular sports and social users as well as one off hire for parties and events.

For more information have a chat with caretaker Kirsty Raggett contact details on the website <https://knowlevillagehall.com>



## Brian Sharp and Wickham Parish Garden awards

Are you proud of your garden? Does your neighbour have a fantastic garden? Nominate gardens for our 2017 awards. Contact Nicki, photos welcomed.

## Great British Clean Up

Thank you to Kirsty Raggett who masterminded a huge clear up at Knowle as part of the Great British Clean Up events.



The team included Collette and Mike Little, Hannah Carlton, Katherine Lemon, Shannon Biddiss, Chloe Strange, Kirsty Raggett and Halle Strange



Shocking amounts of litter collected!

## **Wickham Annual Assembly**

The annual assembly was held on 11<sup>th</sup> May at Wickham Centre and is a chance for local organisations and residents to get together and celebrate all that is good about Wickham and Knowle. If you couldn't make it we hope to see you at next year's event!

During the evening awards are made to local people and organisations that go above and beyond to serve the community.

This year's recipients were Kirsty Raggett, Mike Little and Kat Lemon & Knowle Youth Project.

## **Knowle Citizen of the Year Kirsty Raggett**

Kirsty is an outstanding citizen of Knowle Village. Her enthusiasm shows no bounds even when faced with disability and a busy schedule she's great example to her peers and colleagues. Kirsty has volunteered at Knowle Youth Project for over 12 months quickly becoming a valuable member of team. Her enthusiasm and caring nature extends across the community; as a trustee at the youth club, an active member of the KVRA and as a local litter picker in the village. Kirsty does a fantastic job running the Village Hall, which is the hub of community activity thanks to her dedication.

Double congratulations to Kirsty who was also awarded a Winchester City Council Mayor's Award at a special ceremony held at the end of March.



## Knowle Citizen of the Year Mike Little

Mike is the eyes, ears and action at Knowle, if there is a project or an event Mike is there leading or helping.

Mike is a founder leader and trustee of Knowle Youth Project providing activities and a safe place to socialise for young people in Knowle. He is also treasurer for Knowle Village Residents Association.

Mike has been the lead for the development of Knowle Haven as a community garden and ecological open space. The Haven celebrated its opening event on 1<sup>st</sup> May and was a fantastic success with a huge number of local people attending. This project will provide an ever improving open space for people and wildlife to enjoy thanks to Mike and his team.

Mike has updated and published an emergency plan for Knowle.

If there is an accident in the village and help is needed Mike is there. From looking after casualties to clearing dangerous flytipping blocking the road at 11pm Mike is there.

Mike does all this whilst managing ill health which makes it all the more amazing, thank you Mike for being there for Knowle.



## **Services to Youth People - Leader Kat Lemon and Knowle Youth Project**

Knowle Youth Project provides a safe place for local children to meet, enjoy a varied programme of activities and socialise with friends. This wouldn't happen without the large number of volunteers led by Kat Lemon.

The Youth Project also works outside of the weekly club night and recently helped run the opening of Knowle Haven and no doubt will be key players in future community events.



## **Thank you to volunteer litter pickers**

Our volunteer litter pickers were also thanked at the Assembly including Mike Little, Kirsty Raggett and Alan Ediss.

The Parish Council provides litter picking equipment to residents who would like to help keep the area tidy. If you would like some kit please contact Nicki.

## **Planning issues**

The Parish Council has responded to the outline application for Welborne. To view the planning documents visit Fareham Borough Council's website and search on Welborne.

Planning permission has been granted for three Knowle sites accessed from Mayles Lane:

Case No: 17/00597/FUL Two houses adjacent to 5 Totsome Cottages

Case No: 17/00958/FUL Five houses on the site of Park Cottages

Case No: 17/00959/FUL Six one bed flats Knowle Business Park

To view the plans visit [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk) and use the case number in the search box.

These properties will be 'affordable' houses managed by Winchester City Council.

To apply for social rented or shared ownership housing register with Hampshire Home Choice [www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk](http://www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk)

### **Summer events**

#### **12 noon Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Ickle Pickles Knowle Village Summer Party**

Knowle Village Green

Family event raising money for neonatal babies

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September Taste of Wickham Festival**

Wickham Square

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

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