

HOUSEHOLD WASTE: NEW PERMIT SCHEME FOR TRAILERS

In Petersfield, we are fortunate to have our very own Household Waste & Recycling Centre (HWRC), commonly known as 'the tip'. This is a valuable facility for all householders who occasionally need to dispose of excess rubbish or unwanted items.

However, HWRCs are expensive to run. Hampshire County Council is seeking to find ways to make them more financially sustainable given the pressure on other parts of our budget such as Adult Social Care and Children's Services.

Unlike many counties, Hampshire allows commercial waste to be disposed of at HWRCs (as well as domestic waste). Commercial waste disposal is chargeable and it therefore brings in some welcome revenue to HCC. If you need to take building materials such as plasterboard to the HWRC you should be prepared to pay a charge.

From 1 June 2019, Hampshire residents will also need a permit to use a van, pick-up truck or trailer longer than 1.8m to transport their own household waste for disposal. The permit will cost £15 and will be valid for 12 months or 12 visits, and provides access for vans and larger vehicles at any of the 24 HWRCs across Hampshire. Residents wishing to apply for a permit can do so at: www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling

There are many local companies who offer waste clearance services and this is an effective option when clearing out a home for moving. You can find local companies by searching for "Petersfield Rubbish Clearance" online.

It is possible that other charges will need to be introduced at the HWRC in the future, but these charges will not be high;

for example we are considering a £1 entry charge per visit. We are encouraging people to be responsible about their waste, and we are cracking down on fly-tipping. You can read more about our campaign by searching for #responsiblerubbish.

We want to make sure that we keep our HWRC here in Petersfield - residents who do need to take out a £15 permit will be helping to make sure that we do.

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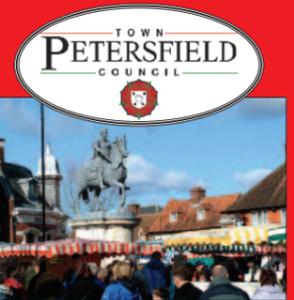
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PTC NEWS

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A Message from the Town Mayor

It is my privilege and honour to serve you once again as your Town Mayor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our previous Mayor Mrs Hilary Ayer for all the years of hard work and dedication which she has given to the people of Petersfield.

We wish Hilary and Bob a very happy and well deserved retirement.

The May elections meant that we welcome seven new Town Councillors but we were sad to lose good friends and colleagues and here I mention Mary Vincent who served the town council for many years and we will miss her knowledge and experience.

Our new councillors come with good ideas and enthusiasm and we look forward to working with them in the years to come.



I had great pleasure in opening the Borough Hill Play Park recently as one of my first engagements. Tested for us on the day by a lively group of youngsters from Petersfield Infant School who all gave it a hearty thumbs up! (I myself was very relieved to find that the zip-wire wouldn't be ready on that day, as my colleagues had a gleam in their eye and a determination to put me on it!)

Unfortunately it was only a week after the play park opened that our grounds staff found evidence of smoking and drug paraphernalia at the play area and we may have to think of extending our CCTV to Borough Hill.

Since my last term as Mayor we have regrettably had a sharp increase in antisocial behaviour on the Heath, Avenue Pavilion and Love Lane Skate Park. CCTV is being put into these areas in an attempt to curb it. There is no doubt that young people get bored and when they are bored they can get up to all sorts of mischief. I personally think that they need somewhere to 'hang out' along the lines of a coffee bar with a pool table and music etc.

Now to the future. The playing fields are being extended and the last of our grounds contracts will finish next year which brings all of our grounds work in house with great savings.

The Pond Bank Stabilisation project should start in the Autumn at long last! And this will improve the stability of the banks around the lake and there will be a greatly improved boardwalk.

We will be having further consultations on the Festival Hall improvement plan and I look forward to hearing your views on that.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the year ahead. My charities this year will be the Rosemary Foundation and Salvation Army projects.

Introducing your new Town Councillors



Here are Petersfield's new Town Councillors who will serve the town over the next four years.
(from Left to Right around the table)

JC Crissey, Jamie Matthews, John Lees, James Deane,
John Palmer, Neil Hitch, *Town Clerk*,
Lesley Farrow, *Town Mayor*
George Watkinson, Zoe Parker, Phil Shaw, Peter Bisset,
Peter Clist, and Steve Dewey.

NEW SAVOY CINEMA

The New Savoy Cinema is proud to be presenting the following films:

Tuesday 13th August

2.30pm

MARY POPPINS RETURNS (PG)



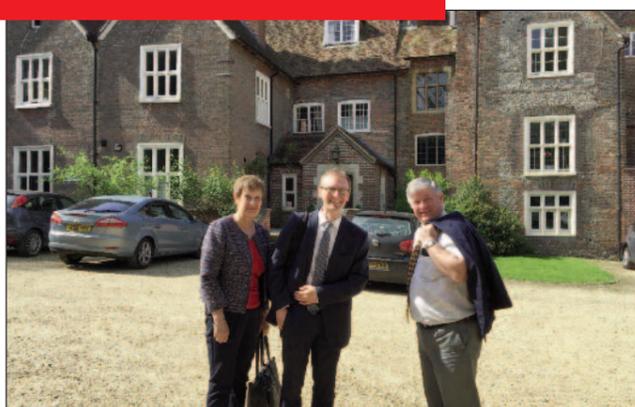
7.30pm

WILD ROSE (15)



Tickets are £5 and available from The Town Hall, One Tree Books and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/thefestivalhall

TSE/PTC Chawton House Visit



The Town Clerk and Project Manager visited one of the area's tourist attractions with TVC Manager Graham Haynes, and Tourism South East Head of Visitor Services Teresa O'Kelly. Chawton House and Library is located in the village of Chawton near to Alton, and is becoming one of the star attractions for people living in the Petersfield area. If you require further information, please pop in to the Town Visitor Centre, where a member of staff would be happy to share details with you.

CCTV



The Town Council owns and manages most of the recreation and play area in Petersfield. We know that these facilities are widely appreciated by the community. Over the past few years there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour at 3 of our main recreation sites – Avenue Pavilion, Love Lane and Bell Hill. As a result CCTV will be installed at these sites and cameras will be positioned in key areas. It is intended that this will deter and prevent anti-social and criminal behaviour. In 2018, the Town Council experienced substantial vandalism to the facilities at these sites, and the cost of managing this damage as well as removing discarded litter is a significant burden on Town Council finance and staff resources which have a direct impact on your household's council tax



Whilst we would not want to pick on one particular group in our community, it would seem that most of the recent anti-social behaviour is being caused by groups of young adults and teenagers, some of which we know are visitors to our town. We would therefore urge all residents of our town to play a part in helping to change the behaviour of those who may currently be involved, or those who may be pulled into these activities in the future. The Town Council will seek to prosecute where anti-social behaviour or criminal activity has taken place.

Petersfield in Bloom 2019 - Judging

This year's annual competition was judged on 11th July, when members of local horticultural societies were invited to join our town councillors on designated routes around their given category or classes.

Each entrant is permitted to put themselves forward for a maximum of two categories which range from the 'environmental award' through to 'most unusual container.'

The judges assess how well the area has been utilised and its visual impact. The design and presentation is just as important, as is the standard of maintenance and general health of the plants.

All competition entrants are invited to the prize giving evening in October when Petersfield in Bloom President and TV Gardener, Pippa Greenwood will be rewarding the efforts of the lucky winners.

Meanwhile we hope that everyone can enjoy the terrific floral displays dotted around the town.

If you weren't involved this year then there's always another opportunity next time around!



Public Consultation - Festival Hall



We are grateful to all those who took part in the public consultation last year in June 2018. All of the feedback we received has been considered, and new drawings have been produced for the public to consider.

There will be a number of ways that you can take part in the Public Consultation, and details of this will be circulated soon. We can confirm that we will be at the Summer Town Festival and Secrets of the Heath, so please make sure that you come and see us and complete a survey form if you are attending. Alternatively, we are hoping to have an on-line survey form for those who cannot make an of the events where the survey is available.

Petersfield Library



Regular activities for Children & Families Saturday Afternoon

Clubs – Drop in between 1pm & 4pm every Saturday for our weekly themed Board Games, Colouring, Craft and Construction Club.

Baby Play Time – Every Friday drop in between 9.30 & 11am for Babies up to 1 year.

Rhymetime – Every Wednesday at 2.30pm for babies & toddlers ages 0-2 years.

Toddertime – For pre-school children – Every other Monday 10.15am

Storytime for Under 8's – Every Saturday at 11am

Chatterbooks Club – Wednesdays (books & quizzes for 8-12 years)

Creative Writing Club – For ages 8-13 years – Wednesday 4.30pm

For more information please call into the library, find us on Facebook, check the website hants.gov.uk/library/petersfield-library or contact us on 0300 555 1387