

MILTON MATTERS

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Milton Neighbourhood Forum

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Milton is great for Healthy Walkers - see page 12

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NEXT FORUM

Wednesday 5th March 2008 7.00 pm
Meon Junior School, Meon Road

AGENDA

How prepared is Southsea for future flooding?
Listen to a panel of those responsible for flood protection
Future uses of St. James' Nelson Villa -
Report on East Shore Contaminated Land

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th June – Picnic on the Green

FLOODING IS a THREAT

We have been warned by the **Environment Agency (South)** in its Annual Report that new and existing Portsmouth homes remain at threat from flooding . As we all know, this is due to rising sea levels and the changes in climate bringing more torrential rain to Britain.

We have been warned by **Southern Water** that the Portsmouth drainage systems which carry both sewage and rainwater, need £10m improvements with a holding tank under Bransbury Park and back-up pumps at Eastney.

Our **City Council's Topic Panel B** undertook an in depth review of sewage, clean water supplies and flooding in May 2007 and produced a report on how these should be dealt with in the future. Their recommendations included

- The Council support Southern Water's efforts to move to a split drainage system (sewage/rainwater)
- A city-wide joint working group be formed to plan for flood prevention reporting to the Executive annually.

- A new flood report Help line for the city
- Working with other agencies to promote sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) and planting and replanting of trees as a priority.
- Reduce the impact of hard surfacing in Portsmouth
- Southern Water to run Bag And Bin It for fats (which we heard about last year when they handed out bags at our Forum)
- Southern Water to inform the local community when there are discharges of screened storm water into Langstone Harbour
- Colas and Southern Water to work together to prevent highways and local floods
- Building Control and Planning services to be integrated to ensure early input into the planning process
- The Council will work in partnership with the water companies to promote water efficiency measures and proper use of the wastewater system

Flooding /S a Threat - Cont

- These measures be included in the Local Development Framework (which replaces the City Plan)

These were all welcome initiatives and resulted from consultation throughout the city and with other agencies. Many of the recommendations had no resource implications for the City Council.

But in practice, we saw the **Development Control Committee** turn down Southern Water's application to invest £10m in additional buildings and plant to help prevent Portsmouth flooding in the event of heavy storms and high tides.

We have seen the **PUSH** group of regional local authorities meet to discuss where the 80,000 new homes will go in Hampshire. Of these, 14,700 are destined for Portsmouth in these locations:-

570 Queen Street Car Park
530 Pompey Centre
1,200 Somerstown
500 Portsmouth Station
1,500 Tipner
2,000 Port Solent
8,400 in smaller developments

Did the Environment Agency attend the PUSH group meeting in January 2008? Has the City Council made sure all Councillors, Officers and Committees are working to the recommendations of the Topic Panel? Is Southern Water going to walk away from Portsmouth and spend its £10m elsewhere?

How is the Working Group progressing with its workload? Which of the initiatives have already been put in place?

Cllr. Terry Henderson is the Chair of Topic Panel B, Cllr. Darron Phillips is Chair of Development Control Committee. **We have invited them, Southern Water and the Environment Agency to the next Forum on 5 March to answer your questions on How Prepared is Portsmouth for a Future Flood?**

The Environment Agency Report states 'We have the highest ecological footprint per person of all the UK regions, which reflects the way we live. If we are to meet the need for more homes in the South East while protecting our fragile environment we have to do more to reduce this'.

FORUM PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

September 2007

The Chair mentioned recent topics discussed in Committee **then welcomed speakers on the evening's topics.**

RESIDENTS' PARKING UPDATE

Michael Robison, Deputy Parking Manager for Portsmouth Council, confirmed that the recent survey of residents about parking schemes indicates that as there was an overall response rate of 41% schemes will not be proceeding in the majority of the area and a letter is being sent to residents to confirm the results.

A survey of residents of **Kingsley Road** indicated that 59% of them were against a parking scheme. A scheme will proceed in **Vernon Avenue** with effect from 24th October 2007, although many residents are concerned about commercial parking in the area whilst the building works at the former Renault garage are undertaken.

There was discussion on the use of painted "car boxes" similar to those in use in Middlesex Road in Eastney (which are not viewed as being particularly successful). It was confirmed by Michael that any decision to introduce or reject a residents' parking scheme does not prohibit further discussion in the future (all schemes can be revised).

LOCAL TRAFFIC ISSUES

Brandon Breen from Portsmouth City Council's Traffic Management Section spoke about issues previously raised with Simon Moon at the February 2007 Forum. Questions and points discussed included:-

Why is Catisfield Road not considered for one-way status? Brandon confirmed that certain roads were on a "reserve list" for one-way status and Catisfield Road could be looked at next year when funding is available. There is no evidence that one-way status encourages speeding.

Why have Bonchurch Road, Edgeware Road and Mariners Walk not been considered for one-way status? Brandon confirmed that these roads could be considered next year with Catisfield Road.

Will 20 mph speed limits remain in force? Lower speed limits will remain because traffic accidents have reduced.

Poor signing in Shelford Road: Brandon explained that it was often necessary to adjust sign positioning for the convenience of drivers.

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LOCAL TRAFFIC ISSUES - CONT

Velder Avenue: Brandon confirmed that plans were being considered to improve traffic flow out of the City by reverting to a two-lane traffic outflow from the Velder Avenue traffic lights. He agreed to investigate why there is road boxing for southbound traffic only at the Moorings Way traffic lights.

Euston Road: residents pointed out that this is used as a rat run with their cars suffering frequent damage and there should be a scheme to consider changes (either for one way status or no right turn from the road into Velder Avenue)

MILTON BEAT PRIORITIES - UPDATE

Inspector Steve Hutchings spoke about the recent unfortunate death of a resident in the flats at 265 Milton Road. There is no evidence that this incident is associated with any other problems locally, but residents are obviously concerned about potential fire-raising incidents (there have been fires started at the Locksway allotments). The Copnor fire appliance was the first vehicle to arrive at the scene and this perhaps supports the view to retain Copnor Fire Station. Anti-social behaviour problems are less as a result of partnership working with the local authority, and the total number of crimes is down in the last six months across Southsea. Criminal damage cases are down by 34 %, vehicle crime is down 17% and anti-social behaviour crime is down by 30 %

There is a Tasking Coordinating Group (TCG) which is working with agencies to deliver better services, and the Football Foundation is making £47K available to provide additional youth activities in Milton – the dilemma is how to spend it wisely. PS Helen Terrett spoke about police staffing. A new PC is joining in November 07 so there will be 2 PCs and 3 PCSOs for Milton. She emphasized that witnesses are still being sought to the Milton Road fire. The police are continuing to target anti-social behaviour especially in The Haven and Glasgow Road. She mentioned that various roads in the area will be targeted in the next month in a crack down on speeding motorists within the 20 mph zones.

Warren Amor, Senior Warden with the Community Warden Service spoke to reassure residents that his team of seven people was working to assist residents. He stressed that residents should tell the wardens of their needs and expectations and his team is happy to assist with home-safety visits etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Couch, Treasurer, stated the balance at the bank is £2982.83 and that various items of equipment have been purchased by the Committee for use at events such as the community day St James Field. He mentioned the high cost of producing "Milton Matters", which averages at £596.50 per issue, and the need for income to be obtained from advertisers to help with financing the printing costs

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The current committee are due for re-election and in the absence of any new nominations the existing Forum Representatives were re-elected to serve 2 yrs.

RESIDENTS SUGGESTIONS

It was agreed to put a book in Milton Library so that residents could put their ideas and concerns into the book when they were passing and the Forum would take these up.



The book is in place – it's up to you!

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Quote from resident of Vernon Avenue "Our Residents' Parking Scheme is great! We can find a space to park when we come home even late at night!"

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The question of dog fouling has come up again so we asked where the 1996 Dog Fouling Act applies in Portsmouth. ALL LAND WHERE THE PUBLIC HAVE FREE ACCESS including St. James Hospital is covered as well as streets and pavements. This means that dog mess must be collected by the person in charge of the dog and deposited in a bin. It is an offence not to collect it.

Where must dogs be kept on a lead? In Cemeteries, on Allotments and wherever the Parks have put up a sign.

What should I do if I see someone who does not 'poop scoop'? Full details on page 7.



DOG FOULING IN THE NEWS AGAIN!



There are over 800 dog bins situated around the city at various leisure and highway locations. The Council also employs a small team of six Enforcement Officers who as part of their role, investigate the problems of dog fouling in specific areas, they also work closely with the Community Wardens who will pass information to them and the Police's PCSO's who are now also authorised to give out Fixed Penalty Notices to anyone caught not cleaning up after their dog. However they cannot solve this problem on their own and need the assistance of local residents.

The current maximum fine is £1000 but anyone caught is offered the chance to discharge his or her liability of appearing in Court by accepting a **Fixed Penalty Notice**, which is currently **£50**. In general the Council takes the problem of dog fouling extremely seriously and promotes responsible dog ownership in a number of ways

This can be simply setting a good example by residents who own dogs. However the most effective way is by providing, specific information on those who do not follow the law. The description of the dog or its owners, address that they are seen entering or leaving with the dog, or vehicle registration marks and most importantly of all the actual time periods when the offences take place such as ' between 15.30 and 16.30'.

With that information to work from Enforcement Officers are then in a much stronger position to visit the location with a greater probability of catching the owner not cleaning up after their animal and to take the appropriate action against them.

Ring City Helpdesk -92834092 to report dog fouling. All information passed to the Enforcement team is treated with the strictest confidence. 

POSITIVE FUTURES/UP FRONT PROJECT

This project has been running in the Milton and Eastney community for just over a year now and has seen over 700 young people involved in school inclusion, weekly and holiday sessions.

The weekly sessions are listed on the opposite page. Other activities are available in the holidays to reward young people who are already involved in the project. Holiday activities include trampolining, fishing and horse-riding.

In the new year, the Project has welcomed two new workers:

Vicky - Accreditation/Participation Co-ordinator, who has been assigned to gain young people from Milton and Eastney to gain qualifications of interest and Key Skills.

Lauren - Trainee Social Inclusion Project Worker, who will work alongside the existing team, supporting programme delivery.

As well as the new timetable and staff, the team has very recently moved into newly-built offices on-site at Bransbury Park. There are plenty of exciting future prospects linked with the project too... **The Young People involved in Milton Youth Forum have recently applied for and been successful in a £20,000 bid to convert the squash court at Eastney Community Centre into a base for the Youth Forum and Accreditation, Study & Participation Building for the Community. Congratulations on this achievement which will make a real difference!!**

Don't forget too that there are sessions for the 5-10 year olds, on Mondays and Thursdays after 4.30 pm. phone Tom Lloyd on 0771 524126

Contacts for 11-16 year olds -

Julian Wadsworth 07824415169, Jo Savage 07824415170
Jamie Harris 07824415171



The timetable of open-access activities currently is:-

Monday

Street Dance (10-16 yrs)	3.05 - 4.05	Milton Cross School
+Squad (10-16 yrs)	4.05 - 4.35	Milton Cross School

Tuesday

Football (Girls 10-16 yrs)	4.00 - 5.15	Bransbury Park Astroturf
Boxercise (Boys 10-14yrs)	4.30 - 5.15	Eastney Community Centre
Boxercise (Girls 10-16yrs)	5.15 - 6.00	Eastney Community Centre

Wednesday

Football (Boys 10-12 yrs)	4.00 - 5.00	Bransbury Park Astroturf
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Thursday

Hockey (10-13 yrs)	4.00 - 5.00	Bransbury Park Astroturf
Cheerleading (10-14 yrs)	4.30 - 5.30	Mary Rose School, Locksway Road

The new sports pitches including the Astroturf in Bransbury Park, provided by Barclays Trust are also available for Clubs and Groups to Book.

Current availability -

- Monday nights - 2 hours 7.30-9.30pm
- Tuesday nights - 3 hours 5-7pm and 8-9pm
- Wednesday nights - 1 hour 8-9pm
- Thursday night - 1 hour 8.30-9.30pm
- Friday night - all night
- Sat and Sun - all day



For bookings and further information contact;
Mountbatten Centre, Alexandra Park, Portsmouth Tel: 023 9269 0011

WALK FOR FITNESS

Portsmouth offers a great programme of healthy walks designed to reduce the risk of heart attack, stroke, feelings of anxiety and stress and to lower cholesterol

Monday

Victoria Park Walk - meet at Asda - 10 am
Pier to Pier Walk - South Parade Pier - 1pm

Tuesday

Early Bird Walk - Pyramids Centre - 7 am
Stamshaw Foreshore - Buckland Community Centre - 10.30 am
Lunchtime Walk - Civic Offices - 12.15 pm

Wednesday

Canoe Lane/Seafront Walk - Canoe Lake Café - 10 am
Baffins Pond/Milton Foreshore - Stacey Centre - 10 am
Old Portsmouth Walk - Garrison Church - 1.30 pm

Thursday

Hilsea Lines - Scott Road Car Park - 10.30 am

Sunday (2nd Sunday and last Sunday of month)

Milton Foreshore - The Good Companion - 2.30 winter, 3 summer

The walks are free, sociable safe and have a trained volunteer leader. Designed for all abilities, you need sensible lace up shoes and comfortable clothing as walks continue whatever the weather. Bring a drink and carry a rucksack rather than a bag. New walkers come along 10 mins before start.

Stan Spooner leading the Wednesday Milton walk featured on the front cover, told us about his programme of extra walks and events at the Buckland and Stacey Community Centres. These are designed to give a 'club' atmosphere and offer a wider programme with longer walks including IOW, social events such as skittles evening, visit to shows, the Glee Club concert, Barn Dance and quiz nights. He is organising training sessions prior to joining in the walk to support the Rowans Hospice on 21 June.

For more details contact Stan on 02392 863224 stanspooner@uwclub.net

Hello Milton Neighbourhood Forum



I am contacting you from HOME-START PORTSMOUTH re the possibility of us appealing for Volunteers via Milton Matters.

We are a voluntary organisation that offers support to any local parent or carer with a child under school age that is having a difficult time.

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FUN - getting a balance despite the difficulties

Home-Start support is simple but effective - our families tell us so .
Home-Start Portsmouth wants to see a community in which every parent or carer has the support they need to give their children the best possible start in life.

We are recruiting now for our next Volunteer Preparation Course due to start in May 2008 at the Landport Childrens' Centre.

We would really appreciate any help you can give .If you would like more information then please do not hesitate to contact me on TEL 92384027 .

Many Thanks

Heidi Taylor @ Home-Start Portsmouth <mailto:heidit@hsportsmouth.org.uk>

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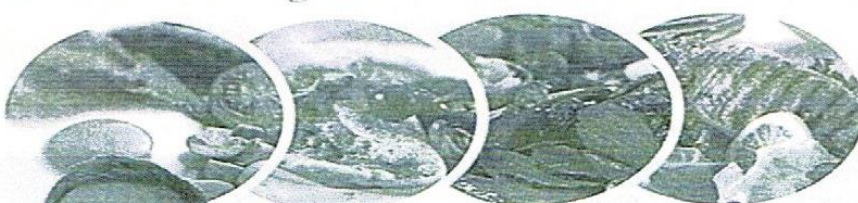
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