

# MILTON MATTERS

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Milton Neighbourhood Forum

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Community Picnic on Milton Green – 21 June 2003

## NEXT FORUM

Wednesday 22 October 2003 at 7.00 pm - Dorothy Dymond  
Lecture Hall, Milton Campus, Locksway Road.

### AGENDA

The Future of the Milton Campus Site – Mike Allgrove, City  
Planning Dept will explain Barratt's detailed proposal for 154 flats  
on this site and the outline planning application for residential  
development and a new special school

Election of Officers and adoption of Constitution

MILTON GREEN  
SATURDAY JUNE 21 2003



Heather storms to victory



Judging in the Grand Arena



## COMMUNITY PICNIC FUN & GAMES

It has actually happened! The area of land at St. James Hospital next to the main drive, opposite the Cricket Pitch, has been saved from being built on and will pass to the City Council for management as Public Open Space in the future.

With agreement of the Hospital, the Forum, supported by members of Langstone Church who loaned and erected an excellent marquee, chairs and tables, arranged a Party in the Park on the day of the Summer Solstice and enjoyed wonderful weather and the support of many local people. Free refreshments were provided from Caroline Scott's donation of her £100 from the News We Can Do It! award. Families came along and picnicked on the grass, you brought your super pets along to the dog show, you bought tickets at our tombola (the proceeds of which go to help publish Milton Matters). City Rangers came to give us lots of information about their service and face painting and didgeridoo playing were provided by the arts team from Victoria Park. The local police came along to give advice on crime prevention and stayed right through (when they were off duty) to enjoy the barbeque at the Old House at Home that evening.

It was wonderful weather and so many of you threw yourselves into the sack race, egg and spoon, welly throwing and all the other old fashioned games. We enjoyed it. Did you? Write to Caroline to let her know if you would like us to do it again next year.

## NEW PENSION CREDITS

Age Concern Portsmouth is encouraging more pensioners to claim benefits. When the new pension credit is introduced in October, half of all pensioners will be entitled to top-up benefits. So, it is vital that older people check what benefits they are entitled to and to claim them.

Contact the Freephone number 0800 009966 for advice

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is Portsmouth's **NEW** emergency out-of-hours service for people aged 65 and over, adults with a physical disability and adults with a sensory impairment

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## FAIR TRADES **CAN HELP YOU**

Finding a builder or other tradesperson for improvement works around the home is not easy as you need reliability, quality and a fair price.

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## **Portsmouth & District Friendly Society Homes**

The homes apparently started in 1866 and were called the Albert Cottages Institution located in the Sydenham Terr. area. In 1915 the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Portsmouth conveyed a piece of land at the end of Glasgow Road and opposite the Bransbury Park open space to the Trustees. It had no dwellings on it and the blocks of flats which look just like a series of large houses were built between the early 1920's and 1961. The foundation stones of the blocks are no longer decipherable

Between 1920-60 there were at least 15 Trustees who were important local dignitaries together with friendly society members and officials. In 1984 it was found the constitution had lapsed and a new scheme was set up with the Charity Commissioners and there are now 9 Trustees – 3 from Portsmouth City Council and 6 others.

The maintenance charge (rent) was kept low and supplemented by funds from the local community and the Friendly societies. With this support, the homes flourished from 1920s to 1970s. However, over the years such donations reduced and consequently little maintenance work was carried out but until the 1990's there was no difficulty in letting the flats. Thereafter, increasing awareness of required standards led to the flats being regarded as being below an acceptable standard and this resulted in the need for major renovations to the interiors. The trustees believe that there are not that many homes established for friendly society members remaining in existence in this country and in 1997 a programme of repairs was started. The homes have a very favourable outlook across Bransbury Park: they are not too far from the seafront and close to local shops in Milton Market, dentist and doctor. At the front of each block are gardens and each flat also has its own small garden which it overlooks and for which the residents have responsibility.

## Neighbourhood watch in Milton

An elderly gentleman once remarked that if he saw a group of men emptying a neighbour's house into a van he wouldn't know if his neighbours were moving or being burgled!

Neighbourhood watch is about knowing your neighbourhood well enough to know when something isn't right.

It's about neighbours looking out for neighbours.

It's about self interest, your neighbours are safer because you are watching out for them and you are safer because your neighbours are looking out for you.

Most importantly, if your neighbourhood is secure, the criminals will have to look elsewhere

Setting up a neighbourhood watch isn't difficult.

Start by talking to your neighbours. Let them know who you are, and try to get on first name terms with them.

Get a few houses into your scheme. It doesn't need to be too formal.

If a neighbour goes on holiday, can you make sure their home remains secure?

Do you regularly leave any windows open?

Do you, or any neighbours leave ladders in the back garden? Can these be securely locked with a chain?

There is so much we can do for ourselves, and together, to prevent ourselves being the victims of crime.

Neighbour watch is about taking care of ourselves.

If you see anything suspicious, Call **0845 045 45 45** and ask for your nearest police station.

If you wish to set up a Neighbourhood watch Scheme in your area please call **02392 834568**.

Gus Donnachaidh

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**D** *esigner*

**S** *tyles*

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No qualms?

'Qualm' It's one of those funny words, perhaps you use it occasionally – I've no qualms about.... Going on a shopping spree at Gunwharf Quays/going to the match/or insert whatever it is you have 'no qualms about'. According to my dictionary a 'qualm' means a sudden feeling of doubt, especially concerning moral conduct, but I want to suggest a new meaning:

### **QUALity of Life in Milton**

One of the things that I like about Milton is that most of the area falls within fairly well-defined borders – Eastern Road and Velder Avenue to the north, Milton Road to the west, Langstone Harbour to the east and Bransbury Park to the south (forgive me, but bear with me if you are a 'Miltonian' outside of these limits). What this location also means – the odd 'rat-runner' and football parking apart - is that there is perhaps not as much non-residential traffic, pedestrian or motor, passing through as happens in other areas of the city. We pretty much have the place to our visitors and ourselves – it's us using the roads here.

What this means, or could mean, is that by looking after our little 'plot' we can reap the benefits ourselves. For example, the area of park at St. James Hospital has been saved as open space and we recently celebrated this with our 'picnic in the park' which many local residents enjoyed.

Bertie Road is another good example of community effort, whoever thought of the plan of putting potted plants along the pavement deserved our congratulations – it has certainly enhanced the look of their road, both for themselves and the rest of us. I think that there is a lot else we can do – little things that don't take much effort individually but enhance the enjoyment of the area. I was going to make a list but what about 'one thing at a time'?

Traffic calming is currently a 'hot topic' and perhaps you have given your views to the council in response to the recent leaflet. We are



all concerned at traffic speed and noise in our area, but there is something that we can do as individuals which could go a long way to solving the problem. It is absolutely free and requires no input from the city council – all we have to do is 'Make the Commitment'

Hit or commit? A pedestrian hit by a car travelling at 40 mph has a one in ten chance of surviving the impact. On the other hand, a pedestrian hit by a car travelling at 20 mph has only a one in ten chance of being killed. Councils do have the power to impose 20 mph speed limits but we can effectively do this ourselves. 'Make the Commitment' is an anti-speeding campaign that other local authorities (West Sussex for example) support, whereby local residents agree to drive within a speed limit. If we were all to agree to drive to a 20mph speed limit whilst in Milton we would create our own traffic calming measure. It would be difficult for other cars to exceed this limit as they would soon find themselves behind someone who *is* committed to it.

But, you say, it will make my journey time longer! OK , if our Milton area is one mile wide, at 30mph it would take two minutes to travel one mile, at 20mph it will take three minutes. It's not so much if it saves an accident or a life or makes all our lives more pleasant. Try it, don't feel that as soon as you have driven off you have to get that car into top gear as soon as possible; if you do, your speed will increase as a consequence. Try not exceeding third gear while in Milton, 20mph is suddenly a more natural speed – you might actually find it more pleasurable. Yes, I guess it's a 'trade-off', but after all, isn't that what society is all about? I am committing myself to not racing down the road so its is less noisy and dangerous for you, in the hope that you will 'make the commitment' and do the same for me. That way we all get a safer, more pleasant neighbourhood. Just imagine what it would be like if we could get the taxis, and bus company to 'make the commitment', that way we would improve the 'quality of life in Milton' surely we should all have no 'qualms' about that.

*Richard Curtis*

**Milton Neighbourhood Forum**  
**Minutes of open meeting**  
**June 2003**

**Traffic in Milton**

Simon Moon from Portsmouth City Council's Traffic Calming Programme explained that Milton (with Highbury (recently completed) and North End) was one of Portsmouth's top three priority areas for traffic calming due to the number of child pedestrian accidents. Consultation leaflets are to be distributed by the end of the summer with measures being implemented in November/December 2003. The money which is currently available from central government to fund such measures will not be available after March 2004 so agreement is need as to how this is to be spent.

Possible measures are:

- 20 mph speed limit
- speed humps
- chicanes

Mr Moon explained that most effective were physical measures to reduce speed.

Particular problems raised by residents were:

- the use of Euston Road as a 'rat run';
- local parking problems;
- small roundabouts;
- traffic speed;
- lorry weight limits not being strictly enforced;
- traffic fumes;
- cycles being ridden on the pavement in Milton Road to St Mary's hospital; and
- Mariners Walk and Euston Road are over-used.

The traffic-calming programme can be contacted by e-mail on [roadsafety@portsmouth cc.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@portsmouth.cc.gov.uk)



## June Forum Minutes.. continued

### **Portsmouth Football Club stadium**

Peter Storrie of Portsmouth Football Club addressed the meeting on future plans for the Fratton Park stadium, the club having achieved promotion to the Premier Division. Starting with immediate concerns of increased use of the ground. Mr Storrie said that:

- Premier League travel tends to be better organised than in the lower divisions;
- there will be four fewer home games;
- fewer mid-week games; and
- more Sunday than Saturday games.

With regard to the stadium itself, the plan is that capacity (currently about 18,500) will be increased to 26,500, then to 28,000 and finally to 35,000 if Premiership status is retained. Detailed traffic studies will start in August 2003. Draft plans exist and these will involve 'rotating' the pitch through 90 degrees so that there is more distance between the houses at the 'Milton end' and the side of the pitch (this will enable some landscaping improvements to be made there and the Ty stand will be extended as it will then be at the side of the pitch rather than at the 'Fratton end').

The plan was that the North stand would be 8-10 metres higher than it currently is, with the new 'Milton end' stand being slightly lower than the north stand. The south stand will remain basically as it is, but should be slightly smaller than it currently is as it will then be behind the goal, rather than at the side of the pitch.

Planning application is to be made at the end of July 2003 and there will be a sequence of local meetings instigated by the club to explain what is happening.

A 'park and ride' system is envisaged if the 35,000-seater stadium comes to fruition, but it was acknowledged that residents' parking might be needed for match days.

Mr Storrie confirmed that the club was committed to detailed discussion with a view to working with, rather than against, the local community.

## **June Forum Minutes.. continued**

Comments made by residents attending the meeting were as follows.

- Could rail travel be provided with match tickets?
- Where would the money come from for the developments? (Sale of land, Football Trust, the chairman and bank loans.)
- There is a local problem with fans queuing for long periods to buy tickets, 'the price of success'. (Queuing inside the stadium may be the answer.)
- Why are the police 'no parking' signs moved before the end of the match?
- Has all land purchase been completed?

Peter Storrie invited residents to contact him at the football club with their concerns.

### **Next meeting**

The next open forum meeting will be on Wednesday, 8 October 2003. This will include adoption of the revised Constitution and election of officers. Volunteers for positions on the committee are welcomed. Please contact FREEPOST address on backpage to volunteer or received a copy of the draft Constitution

### **BEDSIT TO LET**

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### FRATTON PARK FIXTURES IN THE PREMIER DIVISION

Here's the timetable to help you cope with match days

Sat 20 Sep 03	15:00	Blackburn Rovers
Sat 04 Oct, 03	15:00	Charlton Athletic
Sat 18 Oct, 03	15:00	Liverpool
Sat 08 Nov, 03	15:00	Leeds United
Sat 29 Nov, 03	15:00	Leicester City
Sat 13 Dec, 03	15:00	Everton
Fri 26 Dec, 03	19:45	Tottenham Hotspur
Sat 10 Jan, 04	15:00	Manchester City
Sat 31 Jan, 04	15:00	Wolverhampton Wanderers
Tue 10 Feb, 04	19:45	Chelsea
Sat 28 Feb, 04	15:00	Newcastle United
Sat 20 Mar, 04	15:00	Southampton
Sat 03 Apr, 04	15:00	Arsenal
Mon 12 Apr, 04	19:45	Birmingham City
Sat 17 Apr, 04	15:00	Manchester United
Sat 01 May, 04	15:00	Fulham
Sat 15 May, 04	15:00	Middlesbrough



# COMMUNITY PICNIC FUN & GAMES



Mark Lewis, muralist of Milton Barn making smiley faces



Not quite 'down-under' but the weather felt like it

## MILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

### CHAIRWOMAN

Mrs J Burkinshaw  
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Milton, PO4 8YN

### VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr D Wilcox

### TREASURER

Mr J Couch

### SECRETARY

Richard Curtis  
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Milton

### LINK OFFICER

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**If you would like to be a  
Forum Representative do  
write in to:**

### **Freepost Address**

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information or assistance**