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Litter picking

Our litter pickers committed over 250 hours of volunteering time and removed an estimated 300+ kg of litter from our streets, hedgerows and public spaces.



Litter pickers hard at work

This year we have implemented some exciting developments in our local litter picking activities. Perhaps not so exciting as all that, but the last year nevertheless has seen some great progress being made in how we pick and what we can achieve.

We managed our scheduled picks every month: a fantastic result and more than any previous year. We have also created map cards with 12 picking routes in Barnham and Eastergate, to help guide volunteers to safe picking locations. For the first time ever, we have made real progress in separating out recyclables when we pick and have made several large deposits of valuable aluminium for a local volunteer's charity. We have robust health and safety procedures and, funded by BEPC, some of the most ergonomic litter picking equipment available.

From walks around the hedgerows of Barnham the litter, like police officers, teachers and bank managers, is getting younger. Years ago, we used to uncover earth-filled cans that looked like they were left by the Romans, but I think the impact of regular picking can be seen in the 'cleaner' items we are finding these days.

Thanks to all the volunteers who spared an hour or so to help out at our monthly events: you really have made a difference. Thanks also to those people who pop out from time to time and help keep litter off Barnham's streets, outside of the organised events.

We have a friendly band of regular volunteers but will always welcome more help, even if it's just the occasional Saturday: our events are usually the fourth or last Saturday of the month and always between 10:00 and 12:00. We try to cover as much of Barnham and Eastergate as possible, although we won't always be at both village halls. We don't expect volunteers to come every month and - although we are at the hall for two hours - 45-60 minutes picking seems about right.

People, places and spaces

Since its recent founding the People, Places and Spaces Working Group (PPS.) has begun to implement a range of activities and measures to help enhance the overall appearance and liveability of Barnham and Eastergate. We aim to foster a sense of community pride, and to create more inviting spaces for visitors and residents to enjoy.

During the summer the PPS. group oversaw the installation of flower containers on lamp posts throughout Barnham village centre. These planting arrangements, which were created by the Aldingbourne Trust, have added colour and vibrancy to the village centre and helped to enhance its overall appeal. The containers will be filled with seasonal planting, so they continue to bloom into the autumn and winter months.

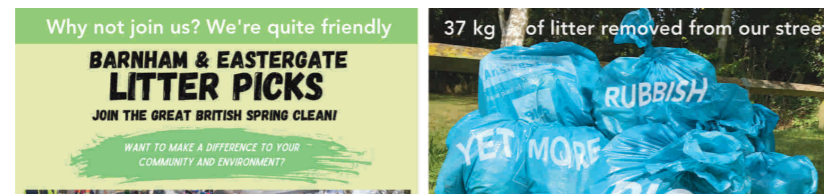
Our band of friendly "Green Angel" volunteers have planted flowers around the bases of the four newly installed village signs (two on the Barnham Road, one by Fontwell Avenue, and one on Yapton Road.) The group has chosen plants appropriate for each site's soil and aspect and will continue to experiment with wildlife-friendly flora and visibility. Some enthusiastic volunteers have kindly taken responsibility for routine maintenance at sites close to their homes.

The PPS. aim to expand this work in coming months to include planting around focal points in the village, particularly around benches and bus stops, both at ground level and in raised planting containers. We are also developing plans to clean and improve the benches in the village, to provide a greener and more pleasant environment for residents and visitors.

During the next year, the PPS. will focus on developing a Community Garden, situated on Murrell's Field, adjacent to the Barnham Community Hall. The Community or 'Village' Garden, which is still in planning phase, will provide a place where members of the community can come together, see examples of growing produce within a small space, and enjoy an area packed with sensory elements.

We also plan to celebrate local history via a 'blue plaque' scheme, highlighting local points of interest with wall-mounted signs that provide access to further information and reading via QR codes. Please do suggest any sites or buildings of historic interest. And later this year we will implement a 'Bug Hotel' scheme, providing the materials for our members of the community to provide a safe hideaway for wildlife and help make use of garden waste.

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these projects then send an email to volunteer@barnhamandeastergate-pc.gov.uk and we'd love to have you on board.



BARNHAM & EASTERGATE AUGUST 2023 LITTER PICK



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Coffee Mornings – no booking required Eastergate Village Hall / Barnham Community Hall	(especially great if you are new the area for meeting people) Tuesday 10.30am – 12 noon and Wednesday 10.15am – 12 noon
Other Useful reporting points for issues include:	
Non-Police Emergency Matters	Tel: 101 Emergency matters dial 999
Arun District Council – Community Wardens find out more at www.arun.gov.uk/community-wardens	Sean Harvey – sean.harvey@arun.gov.uk Christine Holyoake – christine.holyoake@arun.gov.uk
National Health urgent, but not emergency, medical advice	Tel: 111 Emergency matters dial 999
Operation Crackdown – www.operationcrackdown.org	Report anti-social driving or abandoned vehicle
Environment Health Matters – Arun District Council	Email: environmentalhealth@arun.gov.uk
West Sussex County Council – report all highway related issues such as potholes, footway problems etc.	www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/

WELCOME

From Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council and Community Trust

This newsletter is brought to you by the Parish Council in partnership with the Barnham and Eastergate Community Trust.

You might reasonably ask who these organisations are and why do we need them? Put simply both organisations work in partnership to meet the current and future needs of our community.

The Trust has the capacity (staff and funds) to manage our community halls whilst the Parish Council employs staff and contractors to manage the sports pavilion at Eastergate and the playing fields at Barnham and Eastergate.

The Trust is also able to mobilise community volunteers and enables us to raise money through local fundraising and major grants programmes. It is managed by 5 permanent staff, 10 volunteer Trustees and over 50 volunteers. In addition to the management and upkeep of the two community halls the Trust manages a full programme of community events; community support programmes and fundraising initiatives to develop, grow and modernise our facilities.

The Trust and Parish Council together have huge ambitions and have the governance structures necessary to bid for and receive the investment in community facilities that we deserve. This year we have received a £61,750 grant from BIFFA Award for the Eastergate Village Hall Porch project and £203,000 in developer contributions for draining, levelling and upgrading Murrells Field. We have also had some CIL funds that have been invested in a range of smaller projects to improve our villages including welcome packs for new residents; signage; new playground equipment and; flower displays.

None of what we achieve happens without our team. Please join us in thanking the Parish Council staff, Community Trust staff and numerous volunteers who have worked tirelessly for our community.

Finally, we'd like to thank the editorial team for this newsletter. Please also visit our websites and social media channels which are more regularly updated than a hardcopy publication such as this newsletter.

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“What if – you can make a difference?” Community resilience programme

The 'what if' programme is about what most of us would do instinctively in times of trouble or crisis. We seek to come together to help each other and do our best to make things better and our parish council, with WSCC, has produced this leaflet to support our community in doing so.

In the event of a widespread or local major emergency all of the responding emergency services will need to prioritise who they assist first. During this however there will be lots that volunteers can do to prevent the situation from becoming worse, keeping people safe and supporting those less able, who may have to wait for professional help to arrive.

Using the training, guidance and equipment provided, communities and individuals will be able to give practical assistance, support the emergency response units and help start the recovery process at the earliest opportunity. Keep an eye out for our community resilience leaflet that will be landing on your doorsteps soon.

For more details about joining our list of community resilience volunteers, visit our website:
www.barnhamandeastergate-pc.gov.uk

Artisan and Craft Fair
At Eastergate Village Hall, Barnham Road, Eastergate, PO22 3RP

2024 DATES!
Saturday 24th February
Saturday 11th May
Saturday 21st September
Saturday 25th – Sunday 24 November
Midday - 4pm

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nina@eastergatehall.org

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COMMUNITY SUNDAY ROAST
At Eastergate Village Hall
Supported by the National Lottery Community Fund

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Sunday 6th October
Sunday 19th December

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SAVE THE DATE!

MAMF 2024
Music at Murrell's Field

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

The Parish Council

Following the elections in May this year the Council currently consists of 10 elected Councillors and one co-opted Councillor.

The Parish Council continues to use its limited powers and funds to support and improve the community you live in. We can secure monies for community projects from housing developers through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and other mechanisms. We can also secure long term public works loans that the future community pay for through the Parish Council precept which is the funds we receive to run the Council through the Council Tax you pay.

The Council also uses as much influence as it can to resolve matters with other levels of local government and Statutory Bodies. In particular, the Council, through its Planning & Environment Committee, is a statutory consultee on all planning applications made to Arun District Council. With our now 'made' Neighbourhood Plan we are able to ensure that the level of development is limited and we also use the Plan to influence the design and environmental impact where we can.

We have many assets and responsibilities including Murrell's Field and the recreational facilities on it; Eastergate Playing Field with the children's playground and pavilion; streetlights, and some street furniture and with funds we have received from development that we have had to accept in the Parish we have been able to make some notable improvements. These include new fencing around Eastergate Children's playground and new swings; an inclusive roundabout and new baby swings at Murrell's Field playground; additional litter bins; new gateway entrance signs to the villages and lamppost planters in the centre of Barnham. We are also looking at some other projects through our People, Places, Spaces Working group and there is more about these plans in this newsletter.

As a Council we are allowed up to 13 Councillors and therefore we have two vacancies that can be filled through co-option so if you think you could spare a few hours a month to serve and support the community you live in do get in touch with the Clerk to find out more.



Left to right: New gateway entrance signs to both villages, lamppost planters in the centre of Barnham, new fencing and an inclusive roundabout at Murrell's Field playground.

Murrells Field Project – Public Consultation

The Parish Council currently has £203,000 funding from developments that is ring-fenced to make various improvements to Murrell's Field. We have been running an initial consultation exercise since August to gauge from the public what they might like us to provide or improve. We want to ensure these additions and improvements are complementary, and serve the different needs and interests of the many people who currently make use of the field. Our suggestions for features and improvements include: sports pitches (either recreational or for organised clubs to use), improvements to the current outdoor exercise equipment, a BMX pump track, a community garden, and some form of catering outlet.

The Parish Council has analysed the responses received so far, but has agreed to extend the period of the initial consultation to the 10th November, 2023 to enable as many people as possible to express a view. We will then undertake further analysis and bring a report to the December or January Parish Council Meeting to establish priorities, project plans, funding needs, and permission requirements.

Please take the time to complete the questionnaire because we need your views to help us come up with a plan for all. You can find it on our website, from the Clerk@barnhamandeastergate-pc.gov.uk or copies are available at both Barnham and Eastergate Halls.

The Barnham and Eastergate Community Trust

After an extensive support project during Covid, the Trust were awarded a 3-year National Lottery Grant of £176,000 to aid with recovery. Now in the final year of the grant, a lot has been happening at both of the community buildings...



Renovation work has been extensive



Tuesday coffee morning



Before and after pics show the new fully accessible entrance to the hall



EASTERGATE VILLAGE HALL

Over the last year, Eastergate Village Hall has thrived and enjoyed welcoming new and old members of the community through her doors. The Tuesday coffee morning, roast Sunday lunches, craft fairs, northern soul evenings, quiz nights, Remembrance Sunday celebrations, film nights, Wednesday and Friday hub drop-ins, poetry events, weekly pop-up shops and the many regular community groups run by members of the public are incredibly popular!

Please check our website, local noticeboards and Facebook page regularly so you do not miss out! You will always be made welcome with tea, cake and friendly faces.

FRONT PORCH EXTENSION

We are fully funded!

Due to the incredible generosity of members from our community, the Parish Council and Biffa Awards; work on our new fully accessible porch has started. We would like to thank all of you with a special mention to Sue Pitman for her incredible fundraising Garden Party and the Bellacapella Choir for their charity concert.

Why are we doing this?

Access to the hall can be difficult. The main front doors are accessed by steps, but the threshold is higher than the external ground level, making it difficult for some users to enter the premises. To combat this the Trust has installed a temporary access ramp at the rear of the property directly into the main hall. However, the ramp is in constant use and disrupts those using the main hall daily. The constant opening and closing of the door also allow heat to escape, increasing heating costs. This access is also having an impact on users/groups using the hall, as there is a constant flow of traffic, causing activities to sometimes be paused whilst people enter and leave the building using the ramp.

What is being built?

A new ramp and steps plus landing area to a new glazed porch. This will allow for a level access and flush threshold into the building. The glazed porch is transparent allowing the original building to still be seen. The existing internal doors will be removed to enlarge the lobby area to provide manoeuvring space for disabled users and more entrance space for all.

What is the timescale?

Construction works started Monday 7th of August 2023. We estimate that completion will 8th of December 2023. The hall will remain open throughout, although the car park will be reduced for the entire construction period but increased with large events. The main contractor and public/staff will be kept separate throughout the duration of the contract.

BARNHAM COMMUNITY HALL

2023 was our 10 year anniversary and since opening our doors in May 2013 we have been home to a variety of community groups, events, classes and many private functions.

We have also held successful events of our own including our weekly community coffee morning, monthly quizzes, twice yearly wedding fayres and our popular summer music evening, 'Music at Murrells field'.

Our wedding fayres in particular are significant as we are a licensed venue for weddings and in this year alone we have had nine weddings with many more booked for the coming years.

Squirrels Den Day Care Nursery continue to be based at the hall and Premier Sports provide organised activities in the school holidays for young people to enjoy.

The hall hosts a number of individuals and groups that run a variety of classes to suit all ages and all types of interests. Further details can be found on our website www.barnhamandeastergatecommunitytrust.com We have installed solar panels to become more ecofriendly plus reduced our general waste by recycling as much as possible and have also redecorated the hall. We continue to fundraise to make improvements.

As already mentioned in other areas of this newsletter the hall's facilities include Murrells Field and there are some potential exciting plans coming forward to make improvements area and it's additional features. In addition, the Parish Council's Village Garden will be sited by the side of the hall's overflow car park.

A major project has also just commenced to provide a fully accessible entrance to the hall. The entrance will be extended and the current big heavy doors (both external and internal) will be openable with the push of a button. The work is being funded by the Parish Council through a Public Works Loan that has been applied for and approved. The cost to the community will be covered by the additional housing we have had to accept in recent years. The work is due to be completed before the end of the year and whilst it is taking place we will have a temporary entrance and some disruption but we hope to keep this to a minimum.



Community coffee morning



Above: Quiz night



Before and after pics illustrate the new fully accessible entrance to the hall



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