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Chairman's Report

In my first report as Chairman, I said it was difficult to strike a positive note. Sadly, this remains, and recent events have not helped.

The definition of “vandalism” is “action involving deliberate destruction of, or damage to, public or private property”. Around the Parish recently, in particular the recreation ground, there has been damage to trees, benches and cricket covers. Repairs and replacements ultimately are a cost to the Council Taxpayer or, in the case of the cricket covers, the Cricket Club's funds.

Arguably, irresponsibility is a type of vandalism. This can be just as unthinking, harmful, and sometimes costly to the Council Taxpayer. Examples are litter, dog fouling and inconsiderate parking. The damage to the Loddon Riverbank near Bartons Mill is the subject of a report elsewhere in this issue. Please respect our Parish facilities.

Development Threat

The Parish Council is working with SOLVE to fight the excessive housing proposals both in the Loddon Valley and the wider Borough. A report from Cllr Murray Campbell is elsewhere in this issue. Yet another warning - the current drought and probable water rationing in parts of the south is plain to see. Southeast England is designated a water stressed area, yet we continue to build houses.

Councillor Steve Brown is leading the Parish response to the Climate Emergency and setting up a community action group. A useful meeting took place on 20th July. His article entitled “Energy Champions” on P.37 refers

Climate Change and the Human Footprint

The Parish, and the UK response, can only be a tiny contribution to the global climate crisis. Many of us step up to save the tigers, protect forests or coral reefs. We recycle, eat less meat, and use less plastic. Some buy electric cars, use bicycles or public transport more often. These are all noble pursuits, but they aren't making a dent in our carbon footprint and *overshoot dilemma.

The sheer scale of the human enterprise is too great for incremental nibbles at the margins to make a difference. We're losing ground, year after year.

We've not found technology (renewable energy, efficiency gains, etc.) that can reduce this scale of growth.

Unfortunately, the current political debate is no reason for optimism. Tory leadership hopefuls and opposition parties continue to push the growth agenda. They do know the inconvenient truth but prefer comforting lies. The truth when it reduces the standard of living is not an election winner.

Scientific consensus is that our increase in consumption is to blame for the increase in greenhouse gasses and the accelerating climate change. Almost everything we do or buy has an ultimate carbon footprint.

The changes we must make, or more likely have forced on us, will be massive so “business as usual” is not an option. If we don't reduce consumption, many scientists say by 50%, then, in the words of the USA Climate Secretary, John Kerry, “we are cooked”.

As a former employee of the Meteorological Office and member of environmental organisations I am acutely aware of the challenges. Some say it is too late to stop catastrophic climate change. We lost 30 years when action on climate change was delayed by Big Oil.

They sowed doubt on the science by employing the same tactics as the tobacco companies over smoking health issues. I'm not sure how many were killed by the tobacco companies' lobbying but what will be the legacy of the oil industry?

My apologies for daring to tell the truth.

Cllr Peter Bloyce Parish Council Chairman

***Overshoot** - *The concepts are simple: Earth's biocapacity is the amount of ecological resources Earth can generate in a year. Humankind's ecological footprint is the total demand we all make on those resources. If our footprint exceeds the capacity of the planet to regenerate the resources we use, then we are in “overshoot,” running an ecological deficit, a condition that's ultimately fatal. Earth Overshoot Day marks the date when humanity has used all the biological resources that Earth regenerates during the entire year. It's symbolic but offers a dramatic illustration of our condition. Earth Overshoot Day is computed by dividing the planet's biocapacity (the amount of ecological resources Earth can generate that year), by humanity's Ecological Footprint (humanity's demand for that year), and multiplying by 365, the number of days in a year. It continues to get earlier each year, we passed this on 28th July 2022*





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Parish Notes - AUTUMN 2022

Many will have enjoyed spending time at the Old Basing recreation ground during the lovely summer weather which, for once, has happened during school holiday periods!

It is, however, sad that some users, either through boredom, thoughtlessness, or just plain vandalism, see fit to leave their mark by trying to destroy whatever they can lay hands on.

Sadly, over the Platinum Jubilee weekend some “visitors” to the grounds saw fit to strip the bark from the silver



birch trees, and not just the papery outer layer which peels off easily anyway, they used knives to cut right into the bark making it almost certain that these trees will die. We are waiting to see whether they do recover, but the chances are they will not and will have to be removed.

During the same weekend further damage was done to the football nets (now removed) and the newly-restored picnic bench was covered in graffiti.



After a short respite, at the start of the summer holidays considerable

damage was done to the cricket covers with the metal supports being bent and the covers cut leaving the Cricket Club little option but to replace them before next season at considerable cost to the Club.

On a more positive note, it has been good to see all the Clubs making the most of the dry weather and returning to normal activity after the constraints imposed by the pandemic and our grounds maintenance team are doing a great job in keeping all the sports pitches in tip-top condition despite the unusually dry weather.

We hope you will continue to enjoy our facilities and that the minority of thoughtless individuals will eventually come to their senses and treat them with more respect.

Councillor changes

Since our last Newsletter was published we have recruited a new Councillor, Francesca Maritan, who will represent Old Basing in place of Alan Jones, who retired earlier this year, and we are still seeking a replacement for Cllr John Robinson who, due to his many other commitments, resigned from the Council in June.

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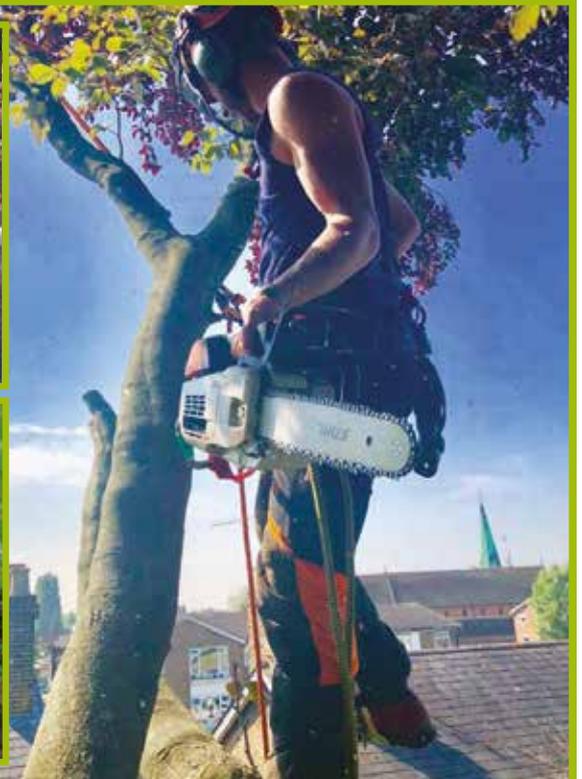
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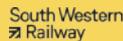


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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help older residents access local transport services and reconnect with their community.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to be part of an exciting project called Travel for All, which is currently running across Hampshire. Volunteers will support residents aged 65+ to make the most of the transport options available in their area, reducing the risk of social isolation and loneliness.

Travel for all is supported by Hampshire County Council and South Western Railway. Project aims include:

- Enabling older adults to identify relevant public transport options and to confidently use them independently
- Empowering vulnerable adults to re-engage with their local community
- Reducing feelings of social isolation and loneliness and improve wellbeing

To successfully carry out this exciting and innovative project, we need local people at the heart of it as volunteers. Training and ongoing support* will be provided to volunteers and the project will run to March 2023. However a commitment to volunteering until then is not needed.

For more information on how to volunteer or on the project, please contact us at travelforall@atkinglobal.com or 07806 775089

We want volunteers to help:

- Support older residents to identify relevant public transport options
- Raise the profile of local shops and town centres to boost a sense of local community
- Gather useful feedback from their engagement to help us identify areas for greater service promotion/development and any additional barriers preventing individuals from connecting with their communities

Please note that reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

*Please note: volunteers will need to pass an Enhanced DBS check. Volunteers will also require a full UK driving license.



VILLAGE CAFÉ

What a fabulous summer we've had, glorious sunshine which I hope you have all enjoyed, even if our gardens have suffered in the heat.

The wondrous power of nature will soon return the grass to green after being so parched in the heat. The long sun-filled days are drawing to a close and autumn will soon be upon us, a season I love for the changing colours.

The cafe reopened its doors on 2nd September, following our summer break with a Macmillan fund raising afternoon; we like to take part in this event annually and it was lovely to see customers old and new. The cafe will continue on a weekly basis throughout September and then our new winter opening hours will come into force. From October, we will be opening on the first Friday of the month only but will hopefully make each afternoon a little more of an event for you all.



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7th October, which will be our birthday celebration, so pop along for a glass of fizz and a slice of cake.

4th November, we hope to provide a pop up shop but will confirm nearer the time.

2nd December, we will have our lovely local florist, Davia, visiting, lots of ideas for the upcoming festive season.

6th January, we are hoping to organise a clothes swap afternoon, further details will follow.

3rd February, event to be confirmed.

Pop these dates into your diary now so you don't miss us.

As you are aware, the cafe has been able to fund the purchase of 2 AEDs, one of which was installed at St Mary's Church earlier this year. The second device will be installed at the Co-op on Linden Avenue (and may well have been when you read this article). Our thanks go to lovely local residents, Mary Salmon and Bob Pyle for allowing the installation, as many of you know, they have always been huge supporters of the local community and continue to be.

As many of you will know, one of our lovely cafe members, Helen Armstrong, organised training sessions this year to show all those who wished to attend the correct way to use an AED. Following on from this, Helen was asked by the Chineham running club to help them with the same training which she did, and those who attended kindly donated to our fundraising so a huge thank you to them all.

The cafe will continue to fundraise for local community projects we feel will benefit the community, and we are next making a donation to Old Basing Infant school which will go towards some new equipment for a multi-use play area.

If there are any local small businesses or crafts people that would like to attend one of our cafe afternoons, do get in touch with us via our Facebook page. We are always keen to support and give our customers something in addition to fabulous cake. Also, if there are any of you who have a spare couple of hours on a Friday afternoon that would like to join our team, again, please contact us. We are a friendly bunch, and all are welcome.

Deborah Thorne

Old Basing WI

It has been another busy few months for the Old Basing WI.

Our new committee were duly elected at our May General Meeting and we welcomed Fran Hallett as



OB Quiz Team

our new Treasurer and Committee member. Sue Stewart agreed to remain as President and the other committee members will serve for another year.

the end of May, five of our members took part in the heats of

the Hampshire WI quiz and came fourth after stiff competition from 11 other local WI groups in the Loddon area.

June was an extremely busy month for us. Firstly, we welcomed Carl Shallow to our monthly meeting to talk to us about the dangers of “scamming”. This talk raised a lot of questions from the floor and it was apparent that, although our members had a good grasp of the subject, there is always something we can learn. The following week we held our Summer Sale of makes and bakes and craft items at the Beddington Centre in conjunction with the Village Show committee, who sold plants outside to raise money to put on your Village Show in September. Although the footfall this year was a little disappointing, it was still a successful event for both groups. Thanks go to all those members who made cakes and jam, and to those who donated plants for us to sell. At the end



of June, we supported St Mary's with their Flower Festival with a stall depicting “70 Glorious Years” of the Queen. It was nice to chat to people as they walked past our stall.

Our annual July Garden Party was held at the Parish Rooms this year to make it accessible for

the less mobile to attend. The Committee prepared a fantastic spread for over 35 members and it was very encouraging to welcome five prospective new members to this event. Special thanks must go to Sandy and Jill who did all the buying and setting out of the food on the evening.

The competition that evening was a “homemade pudding” which we all sampled and voted on. This competition was won by Christine Ashworth and her recipe is published by kind permission published on this page of the magazine.

Our speakers are all lined up for the rest of the year and include subjects as varied as “Women's' stories”,

“Hats off to Millinery”, the second part of local lady Jackie Dimmock's talk about her experiences as a WPC, and a talk about life as an evacuee.

We also have a skittles event planned at a local pub in October and we continue to run our weekly coffee mornings at Conkers, our monthly lunches at the Hatch and our popular craft meetings at Basing House.



Old Basing WI meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Parish Rooms St Mary's at 7.30pm. If you would like to find our more then please contact our President Sue Stewart on oldbasingpres@hampshirewi.org.uk or tel: 01256 359943

Blackcurrant filo pie

This is Christine Ashworth's pudding recipe that won First Prize at the Old Basing WI Summer Garden Party.

When cooking the apple and blackcurrants the idea is to use as little water as possible as you are trying to end up with a thick puree-like consistency. I have not given a quantity for the sugar as it very much depends how sharp you like it! The pie can be eaten hot or cold and is nice served with crème fraiche or cream.

Ingredients

456g blackcurrants (frozen or fresh)
1 medium cooking apple
Lemon juice (to prevent cut apple from going brown)
Sugar (or sweetener) to taste
Dessert spoon of cornstarch (quantity depends on consistency of fruit after cooking)
5-6 sheets of filo pastry
Melted butter enough to coat the filo sheets and to grease the pie dish (approx. 150g)
Icing sugar to dust
20cm foil dish or shallow pie dish



1. Peel, core and slice the apple, putting it in a pan of water with the lemon juice as you go along, to prevent it from going brown.
2. Drain the water from the apple, leaving a few drops in the bottom. Cook over a low heat with the lid on for a few minutes until the apple starts to “fall”.
3. Add the blackcurrants to the pan with sugar/sweetener to taste, and cook until they just soften. Make sure it doesn't catch on the bottom of the pan! Add a very little water if necessary to achieve a thick consistency. Remove from heat and cool.
4. Stir in a dessert spoon of cornstarch if necessary to achieve a thick consistency. You don't want it to be too runny.
5. When you want to cook the pie, pre-heat oven to 200oC (or to the instructions on the filo pastry).
6. Working quickly, remove 5 sheets of filo from the packet. Coat them one at a time with melted butter, and place in the pie dish one at a time, but overlapping and overhanging the side to form a base.
7. Tip the blackcurrant mixture onto the filo, and quickly fold over the edges, scrunching them to form a top.
8. Use the remaining melted butter to coat the top of the pie.
9. Cook for 20-25 mins. in the oven at 200oC until the top starts to go brown.
10. Dust with icing sugar.

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County Councillor Report

Cllr. Elaine Still

Local Nature Recovery Net Work Strategies (LNRs)

There has been a lot of interest in exploring the potential for the Loddon valley catchment area to become part of a Local Nature Recovery Network and I have written to Hampshire County Council to request this catchment area is included in LNRs.

The Environment Act introduced a requirement for Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRs) for England to be prepared and published by “Responsible Authorities.” The Strategies will provide the foundation of a national Nature Recovery Network, identify the opportunities and priorities for enhancing biodiversity, and support wider objectives such as mitigating or adapting to climate change in an area. The strategies will have a key role in the land use planning system and be an important source of evidence for local planning authorities to use in the preparation of their Local Plans. They are also intended to support the delivery of wider environmental objectives and each Strategy will map specific opportunities for taking priority action for nature recovery and the use of “nature-based solutions.”

Of all the provisions of the Environment Act, the preparation of LNRs is expected to have the most significant impact on planning for the natural environment at a strategic level, and the County Council has therefore expressed its strong interest in leading the preparation of the Strategy for its area. We are in discussion with Defra, Natural England and others about the precise role that the County Council will take, however, we will continue to promote the importance of a collaborative approach to all LNRs and seeking the engagement of a wide range of stakeholders.

The County Council is already committed to this way of working. For example, we are a member of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Nature Partnership (LNP) whose aims include creating bigger, better and more joined up places for nature in line with the vision and recommendations of Sir John Lawton’s Making Space for Nature and meet regularly with ecologists from the local planning authorities. Indeed, officers from the County Council and the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC), which is hosted by the County Council, recently met with members of the Natural Environment Team at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to explore areas of common interest including climate change, biodiversity and the Environment Act. The officers will be meeting again to continue these discussions

and it’s expected that the preparation of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, and building on existing successful initiatives, will be an important part of future conversations. One of those successes, and a significant advantage in developing the Strategy, will be the detailed Ecological Network Map for Hampshire prepared by HBIC on behalf of the LNP.

Protecting and enhancing the natural environment is of the highest importance to the County Council. Our commitment can be traced back over a number of years and through numerous initiatives. It is also a fundamental part of our work to tackle climate change in Hampshire.

Below is a summary of what might be achieved and how local people can engage in the process going forward.

- I can confirm the preparation of the Hampshire LNRs will be a genuinely collaborative endeavour and we will be involving a wide range of partners and stakeholders across the whole of Hampshire; however, we’re not at that stage just yet.
- The County Council, along with all the other “Provisional Responsible Authorities (RAs)” named to take forward the LNRs for their area, is still awaiting further guidance from Government about the process, the programme, including the passage of secondary legislation, and the funding support for this important task. This is still at a very early stage in terms of the overall planning, including how people and organisations will be able to be involved in the preparation of the LNRs.
- However, I am reassured that everyone is keen to contribute; Hampshire County Council is absolutely committed to a collaborative approach, and will be reaching out to partners, stakeholders and interested parties as soon as possible with more information about the process and opportunities to be involved.



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Some Landlords believe that they can manage their rental properties themselves, however, with over 170 pieces of legislation that you need to be aware of to stay compliant with the law, do you really want to run the risk of getting it wrong? There can be large fines running into tens of thousands of pounds imposed if Landlords breach the law and even imprisonment. Abiding by regulations not only keeps your tenants safe, but you too.

Trusted professionals

All Aspects are members of The Property Ombudsman and work to their Codes of Practice, together with Client Money Protect which certifies that clients' monies are safe. The staff also have regular training with the Guild of Letting and Management to ensure that they are up to date with constantly changing legislation. Their professionalism over the last 15 years has brought accolades such as Gold Winner for Best Letting agent in Basingstoke judged by the British Property Awards for 3 years in a row.

Suitable tenants

Some agents ask for the highest bid, but those offering the most aren't necessarily the best fit for your property. All Aspects understand the importance of letting your property to the right tenants. They not only undertake rigorous referencing but also consider much broader criteria to ensure that the right tenants are found for you.

Recommended trades people

Unfortunately, it is inevitable that things break down during a tenancy and when it is freezing weather you want to be certain the boiler is fixed promptly. With reliable tradespeople in their contacts, All Aspects can get someone out within hours for emergencies at their managed properties.

Friendly approachable staff

The team at All Aspects provide you with a friendly, reliable service and can tailor it to meet individual requirements and budget. They believe in building long term relationships with both landlords and tenants. Honesty and integrity are at the core of everything that they do. Passionate about doing things fairly to give landlords and tenants peace of mind, the only targets they strive to meet are your expectations. Whether renting out your property to the best tenants for you, or assisting tenants in finding the ideal home, All Aspects delight in offering a premium service and much of their business comes from recommendations.



Reviews from some of All Aspects Landlords:

G.C-S

Jackie and her team have been first class partners over a number of years. Communication and management of the account are always timely and efficient. Jackie has a good instinct for reliable potential tenants, and a very good set of contacts for getting any maintenance issues dealt with in a cost effective and timely fashion. We feel we are in very good hands!

J.B

We have trusted All Aspects to rent our property for several years now, they do a great job from finding the right tenants and keep an eye on the house to make sure it is being looked after and problems resolved quickly via their network of suppliers. Not only do they manage the house for us they also provide other services that living out of the country are difficult to do for ourselves. We trust them 100% and highly recommend them to anyone looking to rent their property in the Basingstoke area.

T.R.

All Aspects have been FANTASTIC at looking after my property. They basically manage it, entirely, for me, Not just in terms of monthly rental collection, but also when I had a problem with a significant water leak in the property, The All Aspects team, managed the entire process i.e. the insurance claim (which was very arduous), booking repairs and redecoration, and got a tenant back in there ASAP. I cannot over emphasise how painful this COULD have been for me had All Aspects not dealt with it on my behalf. They were brilliant! Patient, diligent and professional. At the more routine stuff, they haven't missed a beat! Huge appreciation, gratitude and thanks from me. I'll never go anywhere else.

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Enough is enough

Many residents will know that the Borough Council is considering the development of three massive housing estates within the boundaries of Old Basing and Lychpit.

If the proposals are accepted, more than 2,000 new houses will be built in the fields, pastures, and woods around us.

These developments, currently proposed under the Local Plan, will likely add another 3,000 vehicles to our local roads and rat runs. Streams of cars will cut through the centre of Lychpit, snaking through the village and up Newnham Lane.

And how many extra people will 2,000 new houses bring? 4000 perhaps, possibly even more. The sewage system already discharges on occasions into the Loddon. What about water abstraction too? Can our aquifers cope with that additional number drawing water each day? All those people will require access to doctors and the hospital. We already know how difficult it can be to get appointments and the long waiting times at the hospital. Far more school places will be required.

It does not take much imagination to understand the impact on the environment. The landscape around us will be transformed from trees, crops and grass, to one of tarmac, bricks and roof tiles. Wildlife will be driven away, the ecosystem will be under threat, and the Loddon and Lyde subject to even more pollution. Once this land is built on, it's gone forever.

This is not about nimbyism. Of course, we understand the need for modest development. But we do not understand, and will not accept, that Old Basing and Lychpit should be swamped by enormous housing

developments. It is not reasonable to expect our small community to bear the brunt of the Borough Council's desire to constantly expand Basingstoke. Enough is enough.



Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council
The Pavilion
The Recreation Ground
The Street
Old Basing
RG24 7DA

The Editor
Basingstoke Gazette

Sent by email

28th July 2022

Dear Editor,

Parish Councillors were recently invited to a consultation run by Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design Limited concerning the development of land east of Basingstoke. Leaving aside the fact that this was not face to face and the medium of zoom proved to be completely inadequate for the purpose, the whole process was very unsatisfactory and rushed.

Firstly the area in question was designated for 450 houses under the current Local Plan. This is being revised by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council but still has many processes to go through. However, Tibbalds seemed to know that the development will be 900 houses. They obviously know more than the Borough Councillors do; this suggests things have been decided already and any consultation on the content of the Local Plan will be held only for show.

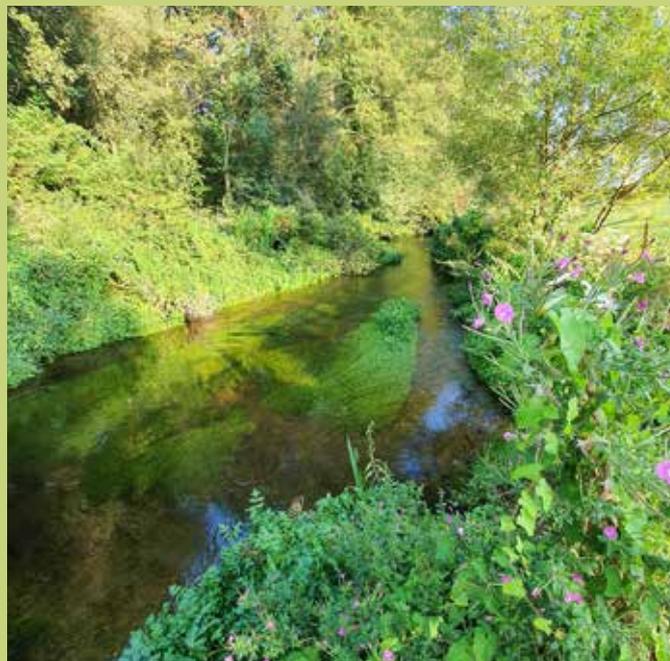
Tibbalds displayed precious little knowledge of the area they were talking about. They did not appreciate the difficulties relating to transport along the A33, did not mention the incinerator at Whitmarsh Lane which lies within the area and asked the attendees what facilities there were in the wider area, information which a search on Google maps would have provided. We were asked hypothetical questions or ones which for which only an impressionistic answer could have been given. For example, how different groups of people (children, older people) used Chineham centre. A meaningful answer to that question would require some actual research.

There was no acknowledgement that this is a 'greenfield' site and development would impact on biodiversity and wildlife, no mention of green corridors or mitigation of this impact. Active travel was mentioned by an attendee but the infrastructure to support this had not been considered.

There was a mention of an 'integrated and sustainable' community. The fear is that the developers will not be interested in creating such a community. They want to make maximum profits so the probability is that we will have yet another dormitory development with no connection with Basingstoke town, dependent on cars to get to any facilities, made up of houses without electric car charging points, heat pumps, solar panels or any other sustainable features. This has been the pattern of development in Basingstoke, and it is about time we, the residents of Basingstoke, stood up and said 'no more'.

Yours sincerely,

Old Basing and Lychpit Parish Council



We refuse to turn Old Basing and Lychpit into a suburb of Greater Basingstoke.

Your Parish Council, working closely with SOLVE and other local groups, will be fighting these proposals tooth and nail. Our local Borough Councillors - Onnalee Cubitt, Kate Tuck and Sven Godeson - and County Councillor, Elaine Still, will be joining us too. To that end we have set up a campaigning organisation OBLEC,

Old Basing and Lychpit Environment Campaign, which you will soon hear about via our website, social media presence and notices.

We need supporters and helpers. If you'd like to join our campaign and fight for the future of Old Basing and Lychpit, then please contact me now at oblec@oldbasing.gov.uk

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Year ending 31st March 2022

BALANCE SHEET:		£	£
Current Assets			
Debtors			7,087
Prepayments			1,470
Bank and Cash			281,006
			289,863
Creditors			
			(61,112)
			228,451
General Fund			232,162
Income & expenditure Account:			93,711
			228,451
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:		£	£
Income			
Precept			199,530
Interest Received			11
Administrative			59,453
Recreation			19,382
Burial			14,035
Allotment Rents			5,301
Lychpit Hall			19,582
Groundsmans Cottage			12,067
Grant Aid Revenue / Maintenance:			33,018
			362,379
Expenditure			
Administration	78,858		
Street Lights	3,202		
Recreation	179,737		
Allotments	3,573		
Cemetery	2,985		
Lychpit Hall	17,620		
Other Buildings	31,422		
Capital Schemes	48,693		
	366,090		(366,090)
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year			(£3,711)
Reserves			
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year			(3,711)
Transfers from Easr Marked Reserves			8,776
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year to General Reserves			5,065
General Fund		Opening Balance	69,829
		from Period	5,065
			74,894
EARMARKED RESERVE		Opening Balance	162,333
		from Period	(8,776)
			153,557
TOTAL RESERVES			228,451

Burial Fees
4%

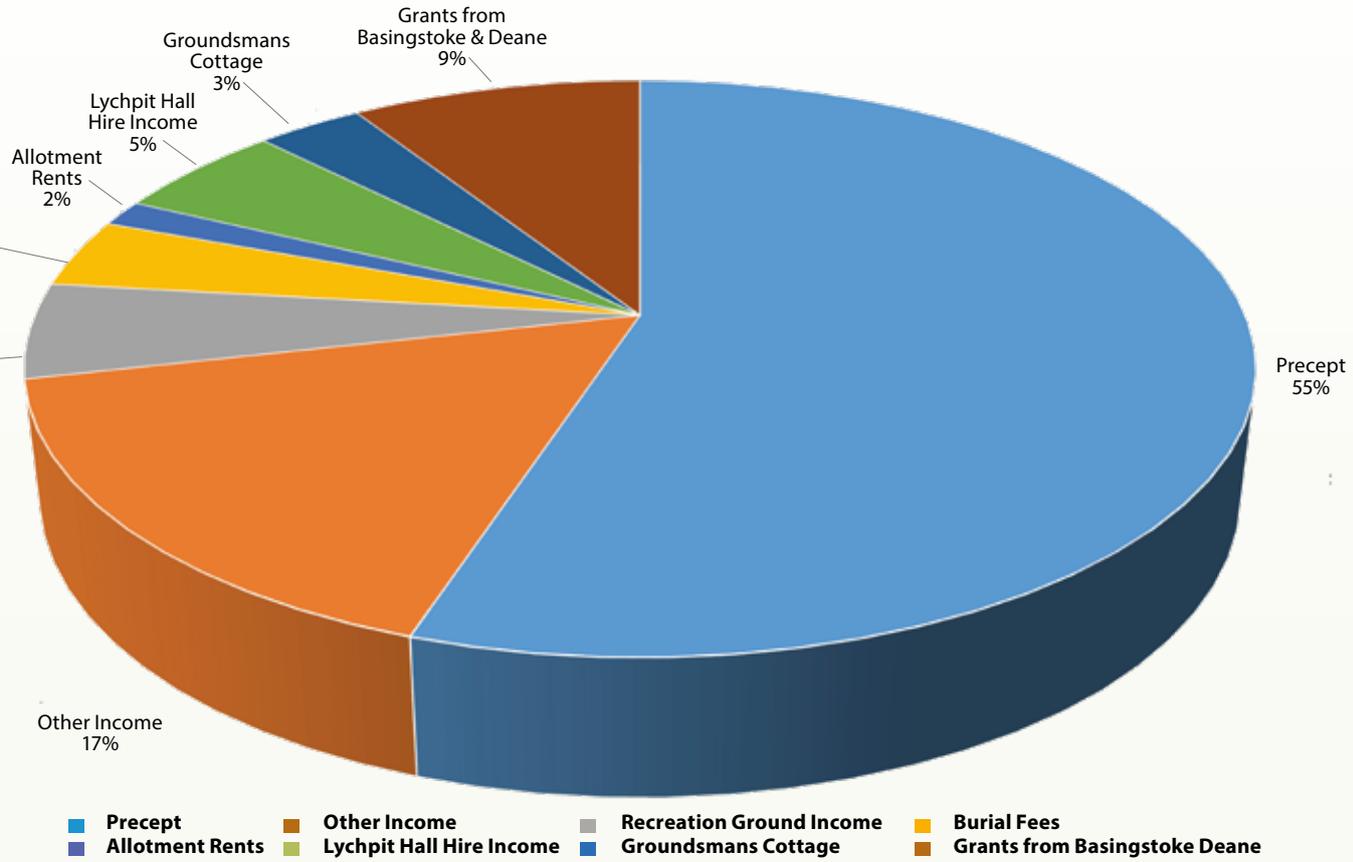
Recreational Ground
Income
5%

Lychpit Hall
5%

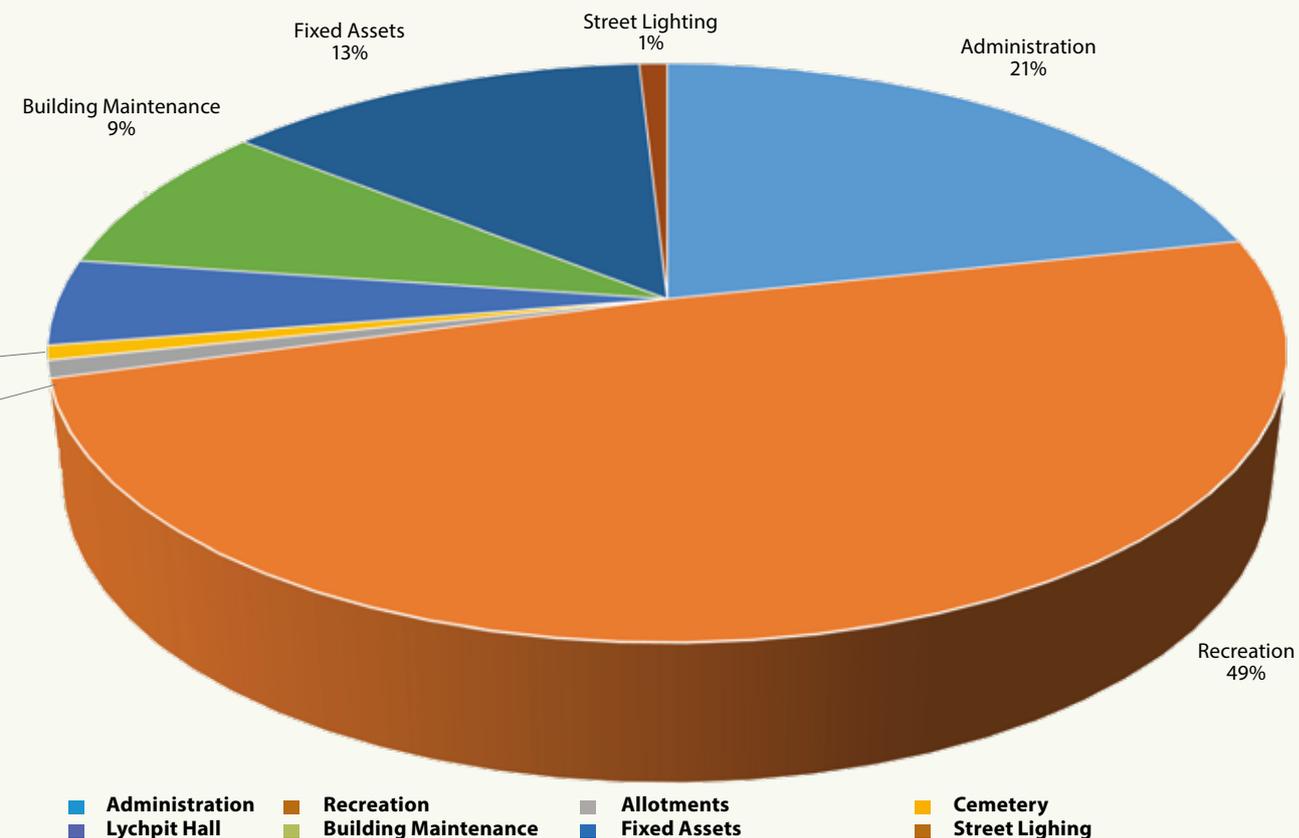
Cemetery
1%

Allotments
1%

Sources of Income



Analysis of Expenditure



Crime

Maria Miller MP

Community Chat



Tackling Crime
Thursday 22nd September 2022
7.00pm – 8.30pm

Come along to hear from Basingstoke Police, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner, as well as Hampshire and IoW Neighbourhood Watch on their work to tackle crime in the community and keep our neighbourhoods safe .

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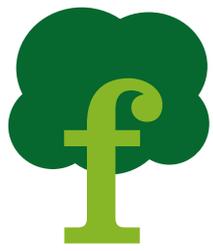
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Email deputy.clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk

A calendar showing regular events and hall availability for parties can be found on the Parish Council's website

www.oldbasing.gov.uk

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Old Basing Village Hall & Frank Goddard Room

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Debbie Filer, Administrator 07541 698235

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AT OLD BASING VILLAGE HALL – don't miss them!

Over the course of the coming months Old Basing Village Hall will host a series of events to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of this important community asset. The first three events are below.

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER – OLD BASING VILLAGE HALL DOG SHOW

This is a first for the Village Hall; the timetable is as follows:

1 pm – Refreshments available in the hall

2 pm – Judging starts

Mastamarnier dog breeders, Graham and Catherine Everitt, and The Hampshire Vets, Jamie Cole and Emily Scott will be judging our beautiful dog companions. Due to space limitations, the event is only open to Old Basing and Lychpit dogs and their owners and parking will be restricted, so please leave your cars at home and walk your dog to the Hall. Entry for all categories is £5.00 per dog (registration in advance is preferable but not obligatory). Inside the hall will be tables for dog supplies, Vets, Dog Groomers, Dog Walkers and Dog Boarding at £5.00 per table.

To enter your dog or book a table contact

sheenagrassi@hotmail.com

Entry fees to be paid in cash on the day – unfortunately we are unable to accept card payments.

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER – JUMBLE SALE

1 pm start. This is your chance to grab a bargain and

perhaps find that special priceless item! Refreshments (cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee, and soft drinks) will be available. Entrance is 50p per adult (children free).

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER – QUIZ NIGHT

7.30 pm start. Another first for the Village Hall; our quiz host will be Parish Council Chairman and veteran of many quiz nights at the Bolton Arms, Peter Bloyce. A buffet supper of ploughmans and fruit will be provided – just bring your own drinks and glasses. Join us and test your knowledge and perhaps yours will be the prize-winning team. Entry fee is £7.00 per person (includes quiz and buffet). To book your table contact sheenagrassi@hotmail.com

SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER – NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

8 pm – midnight Fancy Dress optional – theme is “Your Favourite Pop Star or Group”. Prizes will be awarded for the most original. Tickets £30.00 per person to be purchased in advance (cash only) - email sheenagrassi@hotmail.com to include finger buffet and dessert. Licensed bar available.



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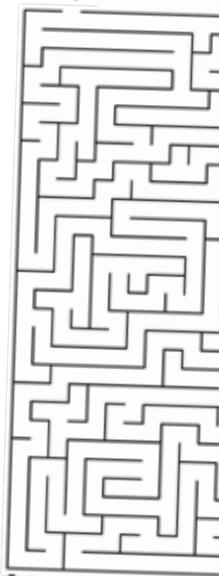


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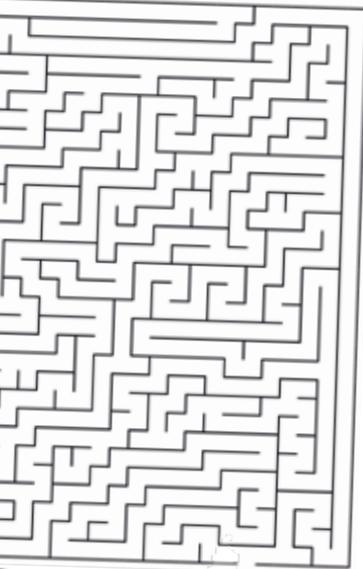
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autumn
fall
leaves
pumpkin
scarecrow
rake
harvest



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Children's Corner Answers

Autumn Word Scramble

Fall Pumpkin Yellow
 Rake Leaves Apple
 Acorn Scarecrow
 Harvest Apple

Autumn Word Search

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pat.beagley@ngs.org.uk

In addition to our annual donations to nursing, health and caring charities, the National Garden Scheme grants awards to help Community Gardening projects. In 2020 we gave out awards to 44 projects bringing the total of projects supported to-date to over 100, with a total amount donated of £209,384. The Applications for 2023 open in the Autumn, so if you are interested in this, check on the website



[ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/
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In 2022 the NGS appointed Danny Clarke as a new Ambassador. Danny is a professional gardener and designer, who

shot to fame in 'The Instant Gardener' and is also known as 'The Black Gardener'. One project in particular that he will help support is our expanding 'Community Gardens Programme' and we will be announcing our 2022 'Community Gardens Grants' in a few weeks' time. To read more about Danny and his appointment click on the link <https://ngs.org.uk/danny-clarke-joins-the-national-garden-scheme-as-a-new-ambassador/> It was good to see Danny and his colleague with their Silver Gilt Award at Chelsea this year.

There are a couple of gardens within half an hour of Old Basing that are opening their gates during September:

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St Cross Road Winchester SO23 9SD

findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/32776/the-hospital-of-st-cross



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Old Basing **D of E** Open Award Centre News

It seems a very long time since I have written an article for either the Parish Magazine or the Basinga which is very much due to the events of the past two and a half years where we have all had to learn to live with Covid.



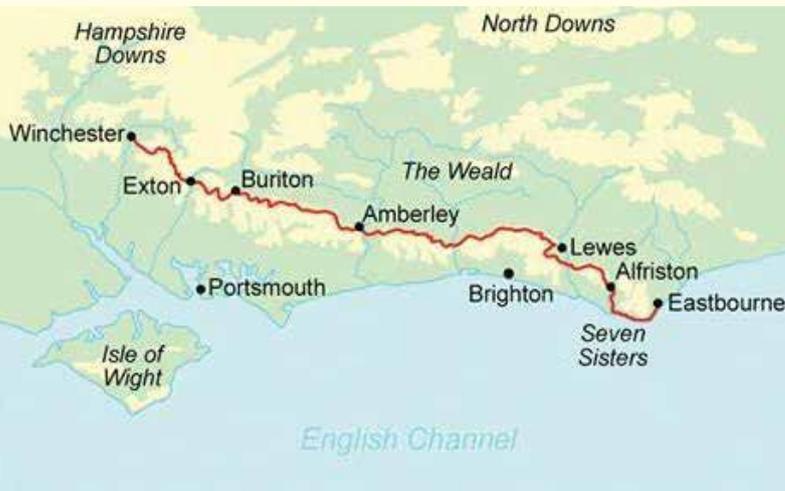
2020 was a total non-year for us with no meetings or expeditions. Last year we managed a bronze and two silver teams under “D of E with a difference” rules albeit we were lucky to go out when restrictions were lessened. All teams successfully completed their expeditions.

This expedition year, with social distancing in place early on, we reduced our inside meetings but moved some of these outdoors. This has allowed us to run a bronze expedition with a two-day practice in May and over the weekend of the 9th and 10th July a successful assessed expedition in the Test Valley south of Andover. The team of four boys and three girls had a great time



in perfect weather albeit a bit warm at times. Our next challenge is a Gold expedition in the South Downs with a team of six lads walking the complete South Downs route from Winchester to Eastbourne, a distance of 100 miles! This is being achieved by combining the practice and assessed walks into one six-day period. Walking this without a heavy back pack is a challenge

but made harder with full kit required. This may be the last chance to use the South Downs for a Gold expedition, as we expect to return to wild country from next year.



If any of the above has inspired you or a young person to consider completing their D of E, we are holding an open evening on the 10th October 2022 at 8.00pm at the Beddington Centre, Riley Lane, Old Basing.

Alternatively please email Jackie at Oldbasing.dofe@btinternet.com or telephone 01256 475083 but please allow time for a reply in case we are on expedition!

The award is open for any young person aged 13 ½ to 24 and we can provide all levels from Bronze to Gold with an emphasis on continuity through

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New charity to help people living with dementia in Hampshire & IOW

Dementia Support – Hampshire & IOW is a new charity that has been set up by local people with lived experience, to respond to the needs of local people living with dementia and their family carers.

The charity provides free emotional support, information, and signposting for anyone and everyone living with dementia in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Charity Director, Helen Hamblen says, “We know from first-hand experience the emotional impact a dementia diagnosis has on patients, families, and caregivers. Common feelings during this life-changing experience can include anxiety, distress, and depression, not just for the person that has dementia but for the whole family. Families and friends provide most of the care for people with dementia and it is vital that everyone living with dementia receives the help and support they need to maximise their health and wellbeing.”

According to the Department of Health there are now 850,000 people living with dementia in the UK, costing the economy around £26.3bn a year. 52% of people in the UK know someone who has dementia. By 2025, one million people in the UK will have dementia, and this will increase to two million by 2050. 1 in 3 people born this year will develop dementia in their lifetime.

Hampshire is one of the top five UK areas with the highest incidence of dementia, with over 24,000 people in the county being diagnosed with dementia in 2020. (ARUK)

Dementia Support – Hampshire & IOW provides a helpline which is available 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays). Anyone struggling with their emotions due to a new diagnosis or because they are feeling overwhelmed with their caring responsibilities is invited to call and chat with a member of staff or volunteer that will be on hand with a listening ear. People can also phone if they are struggling to find information about dementia, and pathways for diagnosis, treatment, or care, and a website full of information is being launched this week. The website will include

information about dementia, dementia pathways, finance and benefits, memory and living aids, as well as details about support groups and social events across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Helen Hamblen says, “Support for people living with dementia is hard to find, and at a time when your whole world is upside down and you are dealing with the emotional impact that dementia brings, the last thing you need is to have to search tirelessly for support near to where you live. The national charities are great, but face-to-face support and local knowledge is what you need at times like this. We know how exhausting living with dementia can be, that’s why we’ve created this charity, to help make things just that little bit easier.”

“We host our own support and social groups and also work with other voluntary organisations across the region so that we can provide information about all the support and social events available in our local communities.”

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Local Scout Group Seeks Team Members

Old Basing Scouts are one of the oldest Scout Groups in the country and this year celebrate their centenary year!

Having operated for 100 years in Old Basing, they have seen many changes and new developments within the Scouting World and this reflects the fact that Scouting is a 'movement', a continually growing and adapting organisation that welcomes young people from all backgrounds and faith groups.

The group has exciting times on the horizon with their long awaited new Head Quarters (shared jointly with the Guides) finally having received planning permission. They have a new Group Scout Leader, Carrie Miller, who is embracing the challenge of overseeing the whole group having previously run the Beavers section for a number of years.

The group enjoys large numbers of young people in all their Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections and have a healthy waiting list of new members wanting to join. However, they are not able to offer places to these local children currently as they require more adult team members to lend a hand in order for them to expand. Carrie is taking on some help from Sophie Edwards in the County team to tackle this difficult task of recruiting new adults to join her team. Sophie says "Times are changing in Scouting

and some of the old preconceptions people have about volunteering with the Scouts no longer apply. Helping out can be totally flexible, to fit with your lifestyle and you don't need to have either a child who is currently a member or to have been a Scout previously. We believe everyone has something to offer."

When asked what the benefits of lending a hand at Old Basing are, Carrie says "My teams of adults all really enjoy the social side of Scouting and they all get to take part in all our activities and adventures if they want to. It is really rewarding helping to shape the youngsters in our group but we also have administrative tasks that can be taken on if somebody would like to help but in a less hands on way".

If you or anyone you know would like to get involved and find out more about helping out with Old Basing Scouts, please contact;

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Old Basing Infant School Celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Mrs McCarley wanted the children at Old Basing Infant school to mark the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee with a new permanent art installation.

In 2012, the children made some beautiful felt wall coverings and a fantastic digitised portrait of the Queen which both have pride of place in our library, so there was great expectation that this project would also have a 'wow' factor.

As Art lead for the school, I was asked to coordinate the project and set about researching what might be possible. I was asked to ensure that it be a permanent installation and that every child in the school should be involved. We agreed to work on a mosaic for the front entrance and started the design process with mosaic artist, Paul Siggins. He has previously worked with many schools and uses children's work in his final designs. After many conversations about what theme, colours and size of the final piece, we agreed on a nature theme and that the children would get started on drawings. Paul was adamant that the design would evolve once he had seen the children's pictures.

Each of the nine classes at OBIS is named after a woodland animal, so this seemed a good place to start. Year 2 children were tasked with drawing each animal, Year 1 took responsibility for birds, bees and butterflies and Year R were asked to draw trees and flowers. Every child produced a drawing and rather than whittle them down to what I thought were the best drawings, Paul requested that they all get sent to him as he said that in

his experience, it's often the quirky pictures that work best together. The pictures were sent to Paul's studio at the end of March.

I had a few weeks of waiting before Paul's design came through but it was very exciting to see the children's drawings all together in one design. Paul came into school at the beginning of May and spent three days working with the children in small groups so that every child could take part. Once completed the mosaic had to then be installed – another two days before we could finally see the completed design.

The mosaic is now proudly displayed outside the main entrance of our school and has brought many smiles from those that have seen it. It's been wonderful for all of the children to be involved with this project and for them to have experience of working with a real-life artist. Tracey McCarley, Headteacher, said, "We are delighted with the mosaic which now provides a colourful welcome to our school. It is wonderful to give children the opportunity to work with real artists creating a permanent installation which will be part of the school for many years to come."

Caroline Tuck

Art Lead, OBIS

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Damage to Footpath along the Loddon

(Barton's Mill to Swing Swang Lane bridge)

I must walk this multiple times a week – sometimes every day and am getting more and more concerned by the deteriorating situation.

Back in the 2020 lockdowns, this area and the Millfield became a 'destination' with resulting parking issues etc. – but people needed access to the outdoors. Use has decreased in the last two years but is still high.

Just last year Hampshire County Council carried out improvements to the path to the railway bridge to restore the banks in a sensitive way. They left bare earth on the banks where they had rebuilt the banks (when asked about plants the contractors said the money didn't stretch to that). The expectation was that natural seeding would result in plant growth; however this has not happened and in the present situation is unlikely to do so.

Unfortunately, almost as soon as the repairs to the bank was completed it began to degrade with water getting into the wrong side of the woven wooden 'wall' which was holding the bank back, mainly due to young people, children, and especially dogs, accessing the water from the banks and not the steps. I have often asked people to use the steps and not to break down the banks but this has proved fairly pointless with some dog-owners just encouraging their dogs to jump off the banks. The recent dry and hot weather has made things worse and it is now effectively the local beach with many people travelling from some distance to bring their dogs here.



This is the worst section – the Basing House side of the railway bridge. The wooden supports have all but disappeared and large stones are falling from the bank.

These photos show erosion along the path, partly due to people and children digging out stones to throw in the river! These photos show erosion along the path, partly due to some children digging out stones to throw in the river for their dogs!



Continuing along the path between the railway bridge and the pub – no repairs were carried out here.

I don't know what the answer is. HCC has spent a lot of money on the work and the repairs have not lasted – we can't expect them to do it again. I understand the steps are not ideal with some dogs being unable to use them and the recent very hot weather has made the river very tempting, but please, if you or your dog want a paddle do this responsibly and not make the situation worse. Also – spare a thought for the ducks and try not to let your dog frighten them – the river is their home!

Thank you.

Clr Gill Moore



The current hot weather doesn't make us think of insulating our houses but the current threat from rising fuel prices predicted for this winter shows how crucial this will be for our community.

The recent heatwave probably wasn't as bad as 1976 but the overwhelming consensus from international scientists is that this will become the norm within a relatively short timescale and that we must do as much as we can to protect the lifestyles of our grandchildren. We know that the polar regions are warming two to five times faster than the rest of the planet (IPCC.ORG) and that sea levels are rising as a result at an accelerating rate (NOAA).

do use. The current heatwave makes talk of insulation somewhat abstract but this, together with how we might heat our homes, including any listed buildings in the area without the use of fossil fuels was the subject of a presentation and something that we need to investigate locally. The meeting also heard a presentation from Keith Oborn, a Parish Councillor from Bramley, that looked at how we can own and generate zero carbon electricity within our community and give the benefits back to our residents through investment and using profits to address fuel poverty.

Loddon Community Energy is a public benefit company, supported by Community Energy South (using funds from Hampshire) that is now actively looking for suitable sites. Dividend bearing shares in the company will be available once a suitable project is underway.

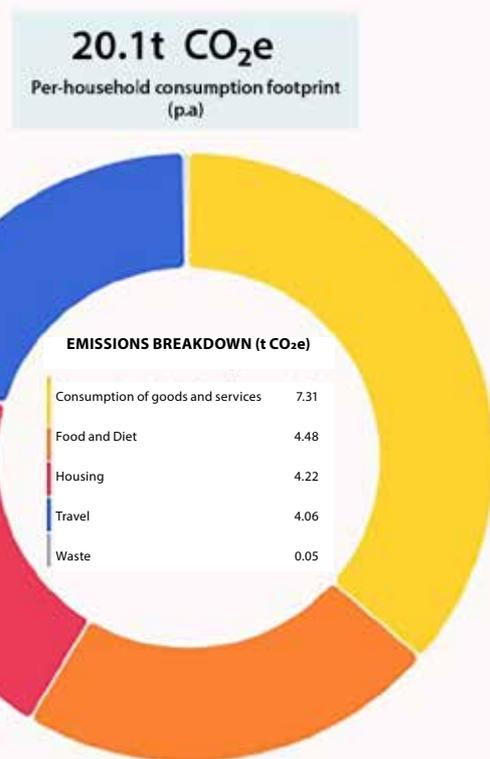
Ironically, Lychpit Hall certainly did not require heating on the evening but around thirty brave souls attended and asked questions about what they heard. More importantly, several committed to meet and to help us move forward.

Broadly speaking, we discussed:

- The need for energy champions who can run drop-in sessions (an energy café) or possibly visit homes to advise on how best to reduce energy use.
- A centre for local advice to help counter misinformation and the pressure from scammers and chancers on vulnerable residents.
- A group who can investigate best practice in heating and retrofitting listed buildings.
- Publicising the urgent need to reduce fossil fuel use and the consequences if we don't.
- Researching and publicising grants.
- Supporting a public benefit company that raises money in the community, pays a reliable dividend and uses any further profit to help reduce fuel poverty.
- List of recommended suppliers.

We will be organising meetings to take this further shortly and you will be able to find dates on the Parish Council's website. Please email stephen.brown@oldbasing.gov.uk if you would like to be added to our contact list and particularly if you think that you would like to be trained as an energy champion.

Cllr Stephen Brown



Many areas locally and nationally are looking at what might be done to help counter this. Our County and Borough Councils are taking action and supporting initiatives such as Energy Alton and the Superhomes project taking place in Winchester. Our previous meeting heard from Sustainable Overton about their work. There is a wealth of knowledge, skills, and initiative within our locality, and we hope that residents can come together to research how to move forward and to initiate action. Perhaps you might consider joining us.

On Wednesday 20th July, the Parish Council hosted a public meeting to discuss how we can move towards using less energy and prevent the release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere from the energy that we



'What a summer for tennis it's been' at Old Basing Tennis Club

At the time of writing (early August) we have enjoyed a glorious summer of tennis again at Old Basing Tennis Club, situated on Riley Lane, next to the Recreation Ground.



The weather has been hot and sunny with virtually no rain, perfect for playing outside which has encouraged several new members to join us, which is great news.

We've had all four courts in use on most club nights

(Tuesdays and Fridays) and at the Sunday morning social sessions, as well as league matches, drills and individual coaching from our two coaches, Ben Jubin and Steph Catlin, and extensive use of the courts by members arranging social games at times of their choosing.

Our Club Championships is in full swing with Finals Day on 10th September, so many members have been busily arranging matches throughout the summer to see who will make it to the Finals. It's always a great event to come and watch. Good luck to everyone taking part.

We are delighted to report that our Men's A Team came top of Division One and our Mixed B Team came second in Division Three in the Basingstoke Winter League for the 2021/22 season.

Finally, for tennis fans across the country, Wimbledon will never be quite the same without long time BBC Sports presenter Sue Barker who retired this year after 30 years presenting the tournament. How lucky we were to have her expertise as she was Ladies Singles Champion at the French Open in 1976.



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News from Old Basing Bowling Club

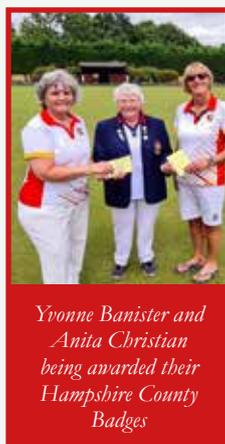
The Bowls Club are now three-quarters of the way through our summer season - it has been a successful one in very many ways.

We have continued to recruit many first time new bowlers and our membership now stands at 103 – the highest for many years with the largest cohort of lady members in living memory.

Our club holds the important role of President of the local Basingstoke and District Bowling Association for 2022 – Tom Regan-Atkins has hosted a large celebratory Presidents Day at the Club and we will also be the host club for the local competition finals over two days in September.

A pleasing number of experienced bowlers have made good progress in both County and National competitions. Of particular note was the pairing of Yvonne Banister and Anita Christian in reaching the Hampshire County finals in July, with both now having achieved their prestigious County badges.

Local competitions are now at their semi- final stages, with Old Basing being represented in eight different local semi-finals.



Yvonne Banister and Anita Christian being awarded their Hampshire County Badges

The Club is represented by six different teams in local leagues, with two of these teams being “top” of their individual leagues for the whole season so far.

Social bowling continues to be very popular, with well attended “roll ups” on Monday and Friday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. A full schedule of weekend friendly matches with other clubs from Hampshire and Berkshire is also in place.

As the season end draws closer many members are into the final stages of internal club competitions, with 14 different Cups to be played for.

Next year – 2023 – is the 75th anniversary of Old Basing Bowling Club, with several celebratory events being planned for.

We are a friendly club that is clearly “on the up”, so please do drop by the Recreation Ground to watch the bowling action, have a drink, or enquire about becoming a member!

Malcolm Christian Chairman, Old Basing Bowling Club





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