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Parish Council

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Newsletter of Badger Farm Parish Council



Welcome

Welcome to the June edition of The Bugle! We hope you have all enjoyed celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

The weather was kind for most of the four day period and gave us all a welcome chance to spend quality time with our friends and family after the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

If you have any photographs of jubilee celebrations that you are willing to share with us for our website, please do get in touch with the Clerk.



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Our Councillors

Following the local elections on 6 May 2021, we have a new team of eight parish councillors, elected to run the parish council in your best interests.

Here's the Bager Farm Parich Council team.



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Notes from the editor

Councillors update:



Julie Lacey

We are sad to announce that Julie Lacey has left BFPC after many years of service to the community. Most recently, Julie served as our Chairman. Thank you, Julie, for all you have done for BFPC and the local area over the years. We wish you every success in the future.



John Godbold

Cllr John Godbold has now been elected as the new Chairman for BFPC. He is looking forward to working closely with the other BFPC councillors on new projects.



Alex Skinner

We are also pleased to announce that we have a new councillor already in place and remain with a full complement of 8 councillors. Your newest councillor is Cllr Alex Skinner.

He brings a wealth of new skills to the council that we are looking forward to tapping into for the benefit of the local community. He will be taking over the estate management portfolio.

So please do contact Alex, via the Clerk, if you have any issues relating to estate management.

Many of you will already be aware that Cllr Brian Laming retained his seat to represent us on Winchester City Council at the election on 5 May.

We look forward to working further with Cllr Laming.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Badger Bugle. The next edition is due out in November. Please contact me via the Clerk if you have any ideas for future articles.

Cllr Rhian Dolby
Editor,
The Badger Bugle



Benches

BFPC is keen to make sure that the benches we have are adequately maintained. To this end, we have started a programme of bench renovation.

The heavily used bench at Davis Kickabout has already been renovated. We hope you will make beneficial use of the improved seating.



We are also looking to purchase and site some new benches about the parish.

This is being done to provide resting spots for the elderly and disabled and to provide a space for all to enjoy the lovely views we have in Badger Farm.

Your councillors have been considering the best places to install new benches.

Any residents living close to the site of a proposed location for a new bench will be canvassed for feedback before any decisions are made.

A special commemorative bench to mark the Platinum Jubilee is also in the pipeline.

We can't promise it will be as eye-catching as the post box cosy in Oliver's Battery, but we will do our best!



Photographic competition

We are delighted to announce the winners of this year's photographic competition.



The winners are:

Adult category

1. **Busy Bee** - Simon Lever
2. **Night Moves** - Will Sinclair
3. **All in the Details** - Immy Brooks

Highly Commended

Autumn Leaves – Susmita Bhattacharya

Under 16

4. **Hanging Objects**
Bethany Alexander

Winchester Repair Café

Winchester will soon see its very own Repair Café.

This is an international movement started in the Netherlands and now spanning Europe, the UK, the US and Asia.

Volunteers will help try and repair them and share their skills.

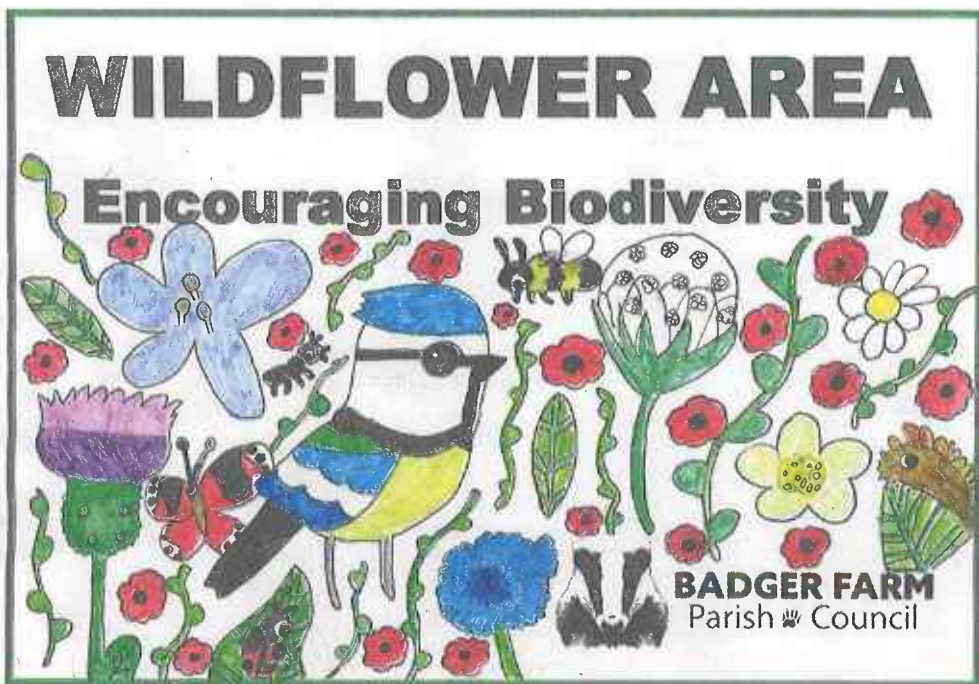
Winchester Repair Café will be launched during **WinACC's Green Week 24 Sept - 2 Oct 2022.**



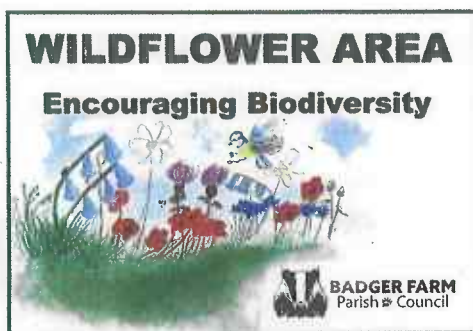
Have a look at <https://www.repaircafe.org/en/>

Wildflower Reserves Update

BFPC ran a competition for local school children to design signage for our wildflower reserves. We had a great response, and the winners were:



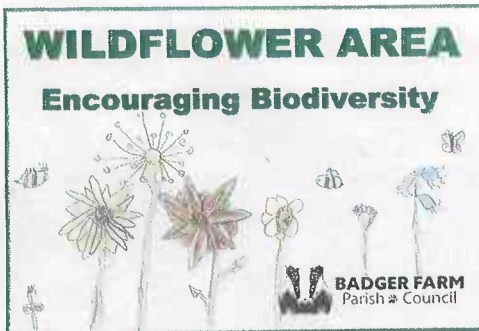
First place, Alice Shepherd



Second place, Jessica Barson

The wildflower areas were set up in March and are very eye catching with the new signs.

We are already seeing riots of buttercups and germander speedwell in the



Third place, Ellen Masters

Davis Kickabout area and the delicate white helleborine orchids are coming up in the area at the top of Ridgeway.

We have also been excited to see that our yellow rattle seeds (sown

last Autumn by our group of volunteers) have started to come up.

Yellow rattle is a wildflower that is parasitic on grass, so it should help keep the grass down and allow the other flowers to flourish.



Sustainability

BFPC are now working closely with Oliver's Battery Parish Council to provide regular sustainability events, taking it in turns with Oliver's Battery to host the events.

For further information on events, please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

February's sustainability event at Badger Farm Community Centre focussed on keeping warm. We looked at solar panels, heat source pumps and energy performance certificates for houses.

There was also a green wish box, and all the fun was accompanied by a nice hot drink. Do look at this link below for more information on how to keep warm.

We had a good turn-out for the E-bikes and transport event in April. The event included the presence of an E-bike retailer from Shawford with some demo bikes.

Breeze, a women's cycling group also attended, there was also a fun quiz to guess the carbon footprint of different means of transport.

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/utilities/heat-the-human-not-the-home-save-energy/>



Support for Ukraine

We are all keen to do what we can to support the people of Ukraine. Donations of essential items have been sent by local people to the Polish Club in Southampton and local schools have all had collections too. Another practical thing you can do

is to consider opening your home to a family from Ukraine. Hampshire County Council are now offering grants of £5,000 to community organisations helping to support Ukrainian guests once they arrive in Hampshire.



Please see the link below for an application form for the grant.
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/leaders-community-grants>



SHELAA (Strategic Housing and Land Availability Assessment) update

As part of the process of creating an updated Local Plan, there was a 'call for sites' by Winchester City Council to help identify land that could be used for future development.

The resulting list has caused a great deal of controversy, although Winchester City Council are at pains to point out that "It should be noted that inclusion in the SHELAA via the 'Call for Sites' does not give any planning status and does not allocate sites or imply that the council will necessarily grant planning permission."

Chairman of Badger Farm Parish Council, Cllr John Godbold, recently attended a meeting of local parish council chairmen to discuss concerns arising from the SHELAA.

It was decided to ask Winchester City Council for an extension on the consultation period to enable parishes to fully consult with their residents.

Badger Farm Parish Council will not be undertaking a survey of parishioners as there are no SHELAA sites within our parish.

However, we do encourage residents to make their views known to WCC and their district councillors.

The main area of concern for Badger Farm is that several neighbouring parishes are of the opinion that Bushfield Camp should be added to the list for housing.

If this happened, the site known as CS12 would no doubt be included.

This would bring development right up to the top part of Whiteshute Ridge.

A large development in this area would stretch our infrastructure and access routes to breaking point.

For further information please contact our Clerk in the first instance.



Local Plan Link 2018 - 2038

To visit the local plan use the link below or scan the QR Code with your mobile device

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/winchester-district-local-plan-2018-2038-emerging/shlaa-strategic-housing-land-availability-assessment>

