

WICKHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - NEWS UPDATE



STOP PRESS !!

Wickham Surgery Future Increased Patient Numbers: WRA committee is aware of the recent announcement about first phase Welborne residents being registered at Wickham Surgery for GP services and intends to take an active part, on behalf of Residents in any action that is undertaken to try to limit numbers coming to Wickham to just that phase.

Mill Lane Sports Site: stakeholders of the Mill Lane Forum (including the Chair of WRA) have now been sent an update of progress and a chart showing how the project is planned to develop over the coming months. The proposed final consultation is expected to take place in the next few months, and all are encouraged to participate. Please keep an eye on the Knowle and Wickham Parish website for news at it is announced.

SAVE THE DATE! – THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2024

Wickham Residents' Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on **THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2024** in the **Houghton Room, Wickham Community Centre, from 7pm**. Members are welcome, and the Association will be circulating the agenda & further details shortly.



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH - UPDATE

The WRA initiative to set-up a community speed watch (CWS) scheme in Wickham is gathering pace! We now have ten (10) volunteers signed up and have identified four initial locations around Wickham for speed monitoring. There are two in Winchester Road A334, one in School Road A32 and one in Southwick Road B2177, the latter neighbouring the community speed watch scheme being run by residents in the village of Boarhunt.

The benefits of a Community Speed Watch include the opportunity for residents to increase road safety in their area, and support activities to reduce road traffic collisions and injuries. Enhancing the role of community members as volunteers and developing better links within the community.

How does it work?

Volunteers use equipment that can monitor the speed of passing traffic. The volunteers collect details at the roadside of speeding vehicles and pass this **data** onto Hampshire Police. Vehicle checks are undertaken by the police and entered onto a database. The registered keeper of the vehicle will then be sent an educational letter telling them that their vehicle was seen exceeding the speed limit and the impact their actions have on the local Community. If the same registration number is logged again within 2 years, the registered vehicle keeper will receive a warning that if the vehicle is seen a third time the details will be passed to an officer who may take further action.

If you would like further information or have any questions regarding a Community Speed Watch Scheme for Wickham please do not hesitate to contact our coordinator at SpeedWatch@WickhamResidents.org.uk

Wickham Localised Flooding – Whilst we all know there's been a good deal of rainfall recently, it is not particularly unusual, and yet the WRA have been made aware of several situations where roads, gardens and cellars have been exceptionally flooded. If you have been subject to, or simply witnessed any flooding whatsoever within Wickham area please email Flooding@WickhamResidents.org.uk so we can collate this information for Hampshire CC FWM

Traffic in Wickham Review – Advance News

" WRA is completing their traffic report - " Traffic in and Around Wickham - Problems and Solutions" and this will be emailed to all members and posted on the WRA website when completed. If you are not yet a member and would like a copy emailed to you please join the WRA - membership is free. The main items covered in the report will be:-

Improvements to the existing highway network in a number of locations.

Improvements to the junction of School Road (A32), Southwick Road (B2177) and Bridge Street.

Formation of a pedestrian crossing in School Road (A32).

Improvements to Winchester Road (A344) near the junction with Draper Road (Bewley Development) including converting the existing pedestrian crossing to a formal crossing, relocating the 30mph speed limit to the Parish boundary and extending the existing footway from Draper Road to the bus stop on the eastern side of Winchester Road.

Relocating the 30mph limit on Hoads Hill (A32) to the parish boundary and removing the centre lane by installing road hatchings.

Reducing speed in the Parish by converting the existing 30mph zone to a 20mph zone.

Introducing a one-way system in The Square and Bridge Street to avoid conflict between existing traffic which can go in both directions and discouraging through traffic by the introduction of suitable signage.

The introduction of a Community Speed Watch scheme.

To accompany the report there will be a questionnaire for members and residents to complete to gauge the popularity of the proposals in the report."

Why WRA Membership Matters

Membership is available to anyone 18 years or older who lives in the PO17 postcode area. Joining is simple and FREE just e mail your name, address, and contact number to membership@wickhamresidents.org.uk OR visit our website at wickhamresident.org.uk.

TOGETHER WE ARE ALL STRONGER - JOIN US AND HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE