WICKHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – June 2024



Village Assembly

Congratulations to all the worthy winners of Awards and to the WKPC for organising an excellent Village Assembly. Great support from clubs and associations. Thanks also to all those that fed and entertained us and of course to the staff at the Community Centre.

Traffic Report

The WRA Wickham Traffic Report is now on the WRA web site for ALL Wickham residents to read.

This has been a team effort, over several months, led by one of our experienced committee members and we have drawn on expertise and knowledge from a number of sources. We accept that this is not a complete solution, but it will start a conversation and provide a well-informed baseline from which to build an acceptable plan.

The **WRA Traffic Report** briefly outlines possible solutions to the key issues reported to us over recent months. We also include background information to provide context and there are appendices to provide you with more graphic detail.

Please take the time to read it, then complete the short questionnaire and "send" it back to us.

Your answers will allow us to assess the support residents have for each proposal, so that when we present the report and the results of the questionnaire to the Parish Council Planning Committee, they will have a complete picture. Resident's wishes will be an important part of the Council's consideration so the more responses we have, the greater influence you will have.

WHY is this important – this may be an obvious question – but just think, residents have been complaining for a number of years about the increasing volumes of traffic, pollution, noise, significant parking issues and above all safety. However, little has been done to remedy any of these issues and, yes Welborne is now a reality.

So please, ask all adult members of your household to submit their own completed questionnaire Our website is www.WickhamResidents.org.uk and our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/groups/wickhamresidents

NOTE: this is for ALL adult Parish Residents not just WRA members.



SpeedWatch

This programme continues with the support of all our volunteers. As well as providing passing motorists with a visual reminder that Wickham is a "no speeding" village it also provides a strong information base when coupled with the data from the Speed Indication

Devices (SID's), attached to lampposts, which also capture total volumes and speeds. This will all feed into the Traffic Project.

Over the next few weeks we will capture speeding data across complete days in our designated locations of Winchester Road and School Road. This structured monitoring will establish traffic and speed patterns in more detail which will allow experts to assess risk levels and relevant remedies.

Note: We are aware that speed and noise are issues on Hoad Hill however Hampshire Police have not yet authorised us to monitor there. This is work in progress.

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and The Green Verges of Wickham

We are happy to report that since recent ASB issues were raised, progress has been made and WRA is developing a close working relationship with the Housing Team and the Neighbourhood Services & Community Safety Team both in Winchester. We are focussing on neighbourhood issues which arise from time to time where residents have asked for support. The Parish Council is also aware of the issues and we understand they are reviewing options.

Below are pictures of three of our grass verges which have been seriously damaged by people parking their vehicles on them. Residents have voiced their concern as it is unsightly and makes the neighbourhood look un-cared for. On their behalf our message is **please do not park on the grass verges.** Think of your neighbours and the neighbourhood and park appropriately elsewhere.







WRA is looking at all aspects of traffic issues including parking in our Traffic Review. We know there are challenges in certain areas. If you have particular parking issues and you have ideas as to how they can be solved please write to us at myvoice@wickhamresidents.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

WRA 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 www.wickhamresident.org.uk.

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

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