



WICKHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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A warning for all

I, like many of us, use the internet for shopping these days and, when the parcel is delivered, it inevitably arrives while I am out and the delivery drivers often leave it on my doorstep.

The WRA Committee has been made aware that there are a group of individuals working in Wickham that are looking for parcels to steal. They check out the area to make sure they are not seen then quickly steal the parcel and drive off.

Now I have been made aware of this happening locally I will personally be more mindful and ask the delivery company to leave my parcels in a designated safe place, or give to a trusted neighbour, when I think I might not be in. Dear Neighbour – please be careful too. W House Chairman

Update

The planning application by Croudace for another 70 houses, by the Shell garage mini roundabout, has not been successful.

In April the governments Housing Inspector held talks about possible new housing in Hampshire, including the 100 houses Winchester City Council are insisting we have here in Wickham. The WRA were very lucky to be included in these talks with one committee member attending along-side a Wickham Parish Councillor (numbers allowed to speak were very limited). We argued that no decision on Wickham receiving more new houses should be taken without a full consultation of residents on the need for this and where they should be built if there is a proven need. Mike Perkins, who was the Committee member attending this meeting, said he felt that our points to the inspector were received favourably. We now wait to see what is decided.

Also in April we held our AGM. Thankyou everybody who attended. An outcome from this meeting was some new ideas on how to get our Traffic Master Plan actioned and also the need for us to get the word out to our neighbours that we are attempting to collate all drainage issues experienced by Wickham residents. The idea being that once all data received, we can start to try and effect change. So – please – if you or somebody you know has experienced drainage issues recently, please do contact us with the details. Reference the Traffic Plan – we are very happy

to report that the Parish Council have now agreed to install the much-needed School Road crossing that we had highlighted. We thank them very much – this could potentially save lives.

Lastly – the second planning application, this time by Conrad, for a small solar farm on the two fields by the Blind Lane traffic lights morphed, last minute, into a larger, 10 field site going along Titchfield Lane. Although we would never want to stop farmers making money off their fields, we felt that Titchfield Lane was not a Lane that could take that sort of traffic whilst building was happening and so we sent in an objection on that basis and some other lesser points. We await the results of this planning application.

Time to help your community??

Our Wickham Residents Speedwatch team still need a couple more members – this would involve a one off half day training session with the police and then volunteering at the roadside 2-3 of times per month for approx. two hours (the times of each session is worked out by the team to fit in with personal commitments).

We also have vacancies on the WRA Committee – if you can spare a Wednesday evening once per month when we meet and would like to help your neighbours and Wickham as a whole – we would love to have you on board. No specific knowledge needed – just a good head on your shoulders and a willingness to help Wickham.

For both roles you just need to be over 18, live in Wickham, and be a team player. If you would like to get more involved, please email us at chair@wickhamresidents.org.uk

The more voices, the louder we can be heard – join the WRA !!

WRA Membership is available to anyone 18 years or older who lives in the PO17 postcode area. Joining is simple and FREE just email your name, address, and contact number to membership@wickhamresidents.org.uk or visit our website <https://wickhamresidents.org.uk> and press the red join button.

The WRA Committee