

## Blackwater and Hawley Town Council

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## Hawley Fayre on the Hawley Green

**Saturday 14th July 2018 - starts at 12noon**

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### Neighbourhood Plan

The Blackwater and Hawley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been making progress developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Blackwater and Hawley parish. This will be an opportunity to address town planning matters and promote a better town and country environment. A primary goal is how we can improve Blackwater and Hawley town centre. Please complete the survey about your views for Blackwater and Hawley online at [www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Blackwaterhawleyplan/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Blackwaterhawleyplan/)

For more information visit

[www.blackwaterhawleyplan.co.uk](http://www.blackwaterhawleyplan.co.uk) or email [blackwaterandhawleynp@gmail.com](mailto:blackwaterandhawleynp@gmail.com)

### Report Potholes, Defective Street Lights

Call 0300 555 1388

[www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk)

### Roadworks, Closures and Diversions

Visit [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org) and use the interactive map for up to date details including who to address any concerns you might have

### The Meadows Roundabout Improvement Project

To view plans and receive updates visit [www.A331.today](http://www.A331.today) To contact Surrey County Council Tel. 0300 200 1003 or email [meadows.improvements@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:meadows.improvements@surreycc.gov.uk)

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*Please note an election for the two Parish Councillor vacancies will be held in June.*

## Annual Report

The following is a summary of the Annual Report presented by Cllr Adrian Collett, chair of the council on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018. A full version is available on our website (link at top of the front page)

### Planning Applications

The Town Council is consulted by Hart District Council on every planning application within our parish. The majority of these applications are for minor extensions to people's houses, although there are sometimes major issues as well. Our Planning and Payments Committee meets roughly fortnightly to consider all new planning applications and appeals within the parish and to make comment on behalf of our community as appropriate. Significant developments within our parish which have been granted planning permission since the last Annual Town Meeting include those at White Hart House on London Road in the town centre and Guillemont Park on Minley Road. In both of these cases, following careful scrutiny of the applications, the Town Council raised objections on the initial plans. The applicants revised the plans subsequently and we are pleased that the concerns we raised were addressed in the revised applications which were then granted planning permission. Development of Hawley Park Farm remains an important issue for residents in our parish and those in the neighbouring area of Rushmoor. Planning permission for 126 houses on this site was approved in 2015. The developers have since submitted an application for a screening opinion on the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for development of 160 houses. Hart District Council decided that an EIA is not required for this. Many residents will have recently received a flyer from Crest Nicholson announcing that they will be developing this site. They plan to build 158 houses, although the average house size will be smaller. They state that this better meets local housing needs. They are expecting to submit a detailed planning application in the very near future. It is important to note that the planning permission given already cannot be reversed. We need to concentrate now on making sure that the development is high quality and does the least damage possible to our environment and community.

### Blackwater Town Centre

One area where we have made great progress during the past 12 months has been in brightening up our town centre with floral displays. Having introduced floral planters in addition to the hanging baskets in 2016, 2017 saw further progress with two new brick planters on that ugly corner near the junction with Rosemary Lane. These were constructed and paid for by the County Council's previous highway contractor Amey, at no cost to us as council tax payers. In total eleven different businesses supported this planting financially, making it possible for this to happen. Other businesses were interested in thinking about doing so in future years.

### The Meadows Gyrotory

Last year we heard from Surrey County Council about proposals for The Meadows Gyrotory and for Camberley Town Centre. There were many questions and comments from concerned local residents, which we pursued. As a result some minor changes have been made to the proposals but fundamentally they are pressing ahead as planned. Surrey's Cabinet will be making the crucial decision during the next few weeks and then it is planned to start working in the early summer. They have chosen this timing so that they can maximise night-time working to try to get the job done as quickly as possible. Their aim is to get the main works finished by the end of November, before the Christmas period. They will then return in the new year for any final detailed work.

### Fernhill Road Footway

2016 saw completion of the first stage of a footpath to Farnborough along Fernhill Road. There still remains, however, quite a long stretch where there is no path. If the Hawley Park Farm development goes ahead, which now looks pretty certain, then they will have to pay a significant sum for highway improvements and this is one of the projects being considered for that sum. The key issue will be to make sure that the highway contributions are spent in our area.

### Our Staff

Finally, the councillors would like to place on record our on-going appreciation of the tremendous work done by all of the Council's staff.

### Financial Summary

A summary for the 2016-17 financial year: Income £292,504; Expenditure £295,083.