



# VERWOOD VISTA

The Town Council Newsletter for *Verwood* and *Three Legged Cross*

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## MAYOR'S REPORT

It seems a long time since the last Vista and so much has changed since then. Many people struggled during lockdown with a loss of money, difficulty obtaining food, fear of the future and loneliness. Many of you had to home-school small children who had boundless energy. Some of you lost a family member and we sympathise with you all.

Once again, the marvellous people of Verwood came out to help in large numbers. At short notice the **Coronavirus Support Group** was set up - volunteers came forward, money was given and food was supplied. The teams worked tirelessly delivering food, collecting prescriptions, talking to people on their own in lockdown and generally giving help and reassurance.

The **Verwood Churches** set up their own networking lines and individuals helped their own neighbours and their own streets.

On behalf of Verwood Town Council, I thank you, each and every one of you, for the exceptional service that you gave during this time. We want to hear about anyone who worked, putting themselves at risk, to keep the rest of us safe. It may be a nurse, carer, postman, the man who emptied your bin, a dentist, a shop worker or someone who phoned regularly to talk to you.

It is our intention to recognise as many people as possible at a **Thank You reception** as soon as we are able to. (Obviously we cannot set a date at the moment, but it will happen.)

Could you advise Verwood Town Council of the people who rose to the challenge and who perhaps helped you or you think helped the community, during this difficult period.

**Please help us to keep our town safe.** Everyone may not agree with all the restrictions which are in place and there will, no doubt, be more, but for the sake of us all please adhere to the rules as much as possible.

***Stay safe and well and we will all get together again soon.***

**Councillor Mrs Pat Morrow** - Verwood Town Mayor



## COUNCIL VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETINGS

22nd September - Annual Meeting  
27th October  
25th November

## VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELP CENTRE

The Town Council Help Centre will be open to the public once more from Monday 17th August following the installation of a Perspex screen to protect residents and staff.

Full Council meetings and Committee meetings have continued to take place throughout the entire COVID-19 lockdown and social-distancing period via video conference.

If members of the public wish to attend a meeting they can request log in details by sending an email to the Town Clerk at:

[towncouncil@verwood.gov.uk](mailto:towncouncil@verwood.gov.uk)

Members of the public cannot take part in meetings but are able to ask questions afterwards and a response is given by email.

*Please note that meetings are recorded.*

## LITTER PICKING

**With Cllr SIMON GIBSON**

**We meet on the final Saturday of each month at 10am.** All the equipment that you need will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Forthcoming dates are:

**Saturday 29th August**

**Saturday 26th September**

**Saturday 31st October**

Since contact points are variable please email for full details to:

[cllr.gibson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cllr.gibson@hotmail.co.uk)



## THREE LEGGED CROSS NEW TEEN PLAY AREA

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs Pat Morrow, had great pleasure in officially opening the new Teen Play Area at Doorstep Green, Three Legged Cross.

The complex is divided into two distinct areas, a fitness zone with a wide range of Street Workout equipment and a play zone with a variety of items specifically aimed at teenagers. Most of the pieces have aspects which are inclusive to all.



Mayor Cllr Mrs P Morrow opening Three Legged Cross Teen Play Area



Mayor Cllr Mrs P Morrow, Deputy Mayor Cllr P Mann, Cllr M Hudson & Cllr Ms J Russell



Cllr Ms J Russell in the Explorer Dome

## PURPLE HAZE

Verwood Town Council has responded to the Scoping Opinion Consultation from Hampshire County Council ahead of a possible planning application for sand and gravel extraction at Purple Haze.

This consultation seeks comments on the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment that will accompany any future planning application. Given the potential environmental impact of any extraction at Purple Haze, Verwood Town Council were pleased to be able to highlight areas of concern that need to be considered at any future stage.

Verwood Town Council also endorses the excellent contributions made by Friends of Ringwood Forest, Dorset Council and the East Dorset Environment Partnership.

These concerns include the important and environmentally sensitive Ebblake bog and acid mire, any future restoration works and how biodiversity and wildlife will be protected, preserved and enhanced.

The Council submitted questions and concerns about the impact of construction of the site and also the ongoing work on the site, including impact of noise and dust. The submission highlighted the need for traffic improvements at Baker Hanging and the impact of HGVs on Verwood.

The Council has also requested that local community leaders, including Councillors and Friends of Ringwood Forest are included in any future community liaison groups.

It is important to note that this consultation is not a planning application. It sets out clearly some of the environmental matters that need to be addressed at the planning stage. The Council will continue to monitor this matter closely and keep everyone informed about how the public can get involved.

This consultation closed on **7th August 2020** and the Council's full submission can be found at: <http://www.verwood.gov.uk>

## CARER SUPPORT DORSET – HERE TO TALK SERVICE

Carer Support Dorset's 'Here to Talk' service helps unpaid carers in Dorset reduce their feelings of loneliness, isolation and anxiety so that they can keep well and carry on caring for their loved ones.

We know some carers have not only struggled under lockdown measures, but in the aftermath of lockdown, when non-carers return to 'normality' whilst carers stay in a similarly isolated situation caring for their loved ones.

We are recruiting volunteers who can support 1–2 carers each over the course of 12 weeks. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Here to Talk service and information can be found at <https://www.carersupportdorset.co.uk/volunteer/>

Carer Support Dorset is an independent charity that provides free and confidential support to unpaid carers of all ages across Dorset.



## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

**Are YOU wanting to volunteer your time to a local club or organisation?**

Just leave your contact details with Verwood Town Council and we will send you an up-to-date list of clubs and organisations looking for extra volunteer help.



**Does YOUR club or organisation need volunteers?**

Give Verwood Town Council your contact details and we will pass the information on to people wanting to volunteer.

## GRANT AID 2020

Verwood Town Council is now accepting applications for Grant Aid. Grants are awarded twice a year to local organisations in April and October and the deadlines for applications are 1st March and 1st September.

The purpose of any grant aid given by the Town Council is to support initiatives in the local community and to help create opportunities for the residents of the Parish of Verwood and Three Legged Cross. Applications will be considered for day-to-day running expenses or for a specific purpose.

**Has your club or organisation been affected by COVID?**

**Why not apply for Grant Aid Funding?** Any organisation which would like to apply for Grant Aid should contact Verwood Town Council, 28 Vicarage Road, either email: [towncouncil@verwood.gov.uk](mailto:towncouncil@verwood.gov.uk), or download forms direct from the Town Council website: [verwood.gov.uk](http://verwood.gov.uk), or telephone 01202 820880

## VERWOOD POLICE REPORT

As lockdown restrictions ease and we return to some normality your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) have noted the open spaces in our community being used more and more.



This is fantastic as the area has some excellent facilities. We are working with your Town Council, the Community Safety Team, Youth Out-Reach and other partner agencies to ensure that these spaces remain safe places for the community to enjoy over the summer months.

There has been an increase in reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and your local NPT are working tirelessly to follow up on all the reports. We conduct patrols in these areas, use our ASB escalation process in partnership with the Community Safety Team to educate young people involved in ASB and ensure that their parents or guardians are aware of any incidents they are involved in.

We use our Section 35 dispersal powers and stop and search powers where appropriate. We have made arrests and have detected some crimes associated with ASB recently. We are, however, not always in a position to let the community have full details, especially if young people are involved.

Please continue to report incidents to the police:

via our website [www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online](http://www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online) or by telephoning **101** (If it is an emergency use 999).

Check out our Facebook page '**East Dorset Police**', but please do not report incidents on Social media as these sites are not monitored 24 hours a day.

Your Local NPT is based here at Verwood Police Station, but you are also covered by Patrol Officers from Ferndown.



**PC 1292 Andy ROBERTSON and PCSO5104 Adam FITZWALTER**

Rural East Dorset NPT are:

**PC 2238 Tom CLEMMENTS and PCSO 8194 FLANAGAN**

As for me - I am **PS 1451 Jane MOORE** the Neighbourhood Policing Team Sergeant for Verwood and Rural East Dorset and Blandford and Blandford Rural.

**Verwood continues to be such a great place to live and work and is one of the safest places in Dorset.**

**Jane Moore PS 1451** - Neighbourhood Policing Team  
Sgt Verwood and Rural East Dorset



## YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

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Cllr Mr M Hudson  
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### Dewlands South Ward

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Cllr Mr S G Flower  
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Cllr Mrs S Grove  
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Cllr Mr P Mann (Deputy Mayor)  
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Cllr Mrs S Rose  
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Cllr Mr M D Thorpe  
07483 213309

### Stephens Castle Ward

Cllr Mr A Biggs  
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01202 824473

Cllr Mr S Gibson  
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Cllr Mrs P Morrow (Mayor)  
01202 814733

Cllr Mr M Parker  
07703 342039

Cllr Miss B J Salmon  
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### Three Legged Cross

Cllr Ms J Russell  
01202 822236



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Moors Valley Country Park is open to the public but with **limited facilities**.

For further information please visit:  
**www.moors-valley.co.uk** or telephone  
**01425 470721**



## VERWOOD HUB COMMUNITY & LEISURE

The Hub, Brock Way, Verwood, Dorset, BH31 7QE

The **Verwood Hub** is open to the public with new safety measures in place. **All visits must be pre-booked** and cash payments at the centre will not be taken.



Events at the Verwood Hub are subject to postponement. For further information, please go to **verwoodhub@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk** or telephone 01202 828740



Please visit either the Verwood Hub Facebook page for any updates.