



# VERWOOD VISTA

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

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## MAYOR'S REPORT

This year has continued to be a challenging year. We eventually returned to

in-person meetings which I think were missed by many people. Having the ability to speak before and after meetings in a social capacity is one of the main things that was missing.

The continued community support which came out of the pandemic is a blessing at this time and I still believe people are more supportive of their family, neighbours and colleagues as a result.

We were able to once again hold the various services throughout the year for Remembrance Sunday, Remembrance Day itself, Commonwealth Day, Christmas Extravaganza and others. We have been greatly supported by the local schools, scouts and guides along with members of the public who attend these events for the children to learn about our history.

As a council we have continued with our development of the play parks in Verwood that are now under our control and I was delighted to open them at Kiln Way, Crane Close and Ebblake Close. Work has already been approved for the renovation of Charlotte's Place in Three Legged Cross and should be commencing shortly. We have also been able to implement the first stage of an upgrade of the Christmas Lights for both Verwood and Three Legged Cross. They were very well received.

The various support groups in Verwood continue to carry out important work and as necessary, have altered their objectives to meet new problems arising, in particular the recent atrocities being carried out in Ukraine. We warmly welcome the refugees from Ukraine who are and will be settling in our town.

This year has seen a new supermarket arrive in town in the form of Lidl. This has provided an alternate shopping experience for people and already seems part of the fabric. I would also like to welcome the other business and activity companies who have set up and opened up in the last year. Not an easy thing to do at this time.

Most importantly this year, we were able to re-open the Youth and Community Centre on the campus of Emmanuel Middle School. We completed the take-over of the lease in the last Council year and this year have employed Emma as our full-time Youth Worker who is now supported by two members of staff and the Council office. We have a large variety of youth clubs in the evenings along with community use during the day and some evenings as well. The numbers are particularly encouraging so thank you Emma, her team and all of the volunteers for their efforts.

I have continued to attend events around Dorset to promote Verwood and Three Legged Cross with the other towns and villages, as well as supporting them in their events. As can be imagined, there have been fewer than normal but all still enjoyable.

I would like to say a final thanks to Val Bright, our retired Town Clerk. Someone who has provided great support to the Town over nearly 30 year's of service. Following her retirement, I would like to formally welcome Carrie as our new Town Clerk who has hit the ground running. Jan and Micki in the office have also continued to provide excellent support to the Council, its members and the residents in their roles and I thank them as well.

I have enjoyed my time as Mayor and now pass this on to Councillor Simon Gibson for the upcoming Year. Thank you everyone for your ongoing support.

**Councillor Matthew Parker**  
Verwood Town Mayor



## Save the dates...

### Wednesday 1st June

**Carnival Fun Run** at Potterne Park, 5pm, all ages, all abilities, fancy dress encouraged. See Carnival Facebook page for application details and more info @VerwoodCarnival

### Thursday 2nd June

**Vintage Fair** on Verwood Memorial Recreation Ground & Ferrett Green 12 noon to 5pm – bouncy castles, hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream, entertainment and so much more. Scout BBQ and Rotary Beer Tent on Ferrett Green.

### Friday 3rd June

**Teddy Bears' Picnic** on Verwood Memorial Recreation Ground until 10.15 followed by the **Carnival Procession** to Potterne Park starting at Fuzzy Bit off Crane Drive at 10.30am. 12 noon - 5pm Funfair, music, bar arena events, stalls and much more!

### Saturday 4th June

**Street Parties**, if you need help to sort out your road closure with Dorset Council, contact the Town Council Offices.

### Sunday 5th June

**Churches Together** – a Service of Thanks Giving – on Verwood Memorial Recreation Ground and Afternoon Tea with **Verwood Brass Band** 3pm and concluding with "Pomp & Pimm's in the Park" by 6pm.



## VERWOOD YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

To enquire about Verwood Youth and Community Centre lettings please email:  
**youthandcommunitycentre@verwood.gov.uk**

For information on Youth Socials:  @verwoodycc  youth\_centre\_verwood

### MAY

#### Year 7

Mental Health Awareness  
 Dodgeball & Games week  
 Gardening/planting

#### RiSEN

Board games  
 Mental Health Awareness  
 and meet staff's pet rabbit  
 Boccia and parachute games  
 Gardening/planting and  
 chip shop walk

#### Seniors

BBQ and outdoor games  
 Mental Health Awareness  
 Games week  
 Baking cookies

#### Year 8

Board games  
 Mental Health Awareness  
 Dodgeball & Games week  
 Fire service coming in

#### MAY HALF-TERM

Flip Out trip - Year 8  
 Carnival planning  
 Volunteers celebration

### JUNE

#### Year 7

Rounders and manhunt  
 Vegan cooking  
 Mocktail making  
 'Make your own' recycled  
 fashion show

#### RiSEN

Meet animals & insects  
 Vegan taste tasting  
 Holtwood Community Farm  
 'Make your own' recycled  
 fashion show

#### Seniors

Meet insects & animals  
 Guess the vegan food  
 games/cooking  
 Skate park trip - Year 8s & up  
 'Make your own' recycled  
 fashion show

#### Year 8

Ultimate Quiz Night  
 Savoury vegan cooking  
 Mocktail making  
 'Make your own' recycled  
 fashion show

## Youth & Community Centre Volunteers Needed!

Wednesdays 18.30 - 20.30 & Thursdays 18.00-20.00

Please contact Emma: 07749 713248 or youthworker@verwood.gov.uk

## PLANS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Having had to adapt to virtual meetings during the covid pandemic, I am pleased to report that most of our meetings in this last year have been in person and we have been able to carry out our consultative function for the county succinctly and precisely.

We have had 16 meetings so far and have heard 119 applications. We have not objected to 100 of those applications. We did raise objections to 10 of those applications and our reasons were noted in the meeting Minutes. With 9 other applications, Green Belt policy considerations applied.

As a Committee we meet every 3 weeks to comply with our statutory obligations.

Although I say this every year, it is important for us to make it clear to anyone reading this report, that we are purely a consultative Committee and whilst we can object to an application, we cannot approve it or reject it. That is left in the hands of the Local Planning Authority for the region, Dorset Council and whilst we can try to be as influential as possible, we have no statutory powers as such to intervene in a meaningful manner. For those reading this report who are interested, we are obliged to judge the applications that come before us by reference to National Planning Policy HE2, which guides us as to the terms of reference that we must take into account for each application and helps us focus our thoughts on whether we should object to an application or not.

It is important that anyone reading this report understands that just because we do not object to an application, it does not automatically mean that we approve it. All it does mean is that we were not able to find any policy reasons for being able to object to it.

Anyone wishing to object to a Planning Application, can do so directly to the Planning Authority although you are welcome to make your views known to this Committee as well. It is important that we understand local concerns with regard to any particular application we have to look at, so we can address those concerns within policy guidance.

As always, I would like to express the appreciation of this Committee for the hard work and effort put in by our Town Clerk, Carrie Lloyd and her assistants Jan and Michaela.

**Councillor Martyn R Hudson - Chairman**

## AMENITIES COMMITTEE

This year has continued to be quiet for the amenities committee as the Covid-19 pandemic continued to affect activity happening locally.

The under 12s playground at Charlottes Place is being replaced with new equipment. A contractor has already been confirmed and the work is due to start shortly.

Two new benches and trees have been ordered to be put on Champtoceaux Green and Liederbach Green. One set will be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee and the other was originally planned in 2020 for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day but was delayed by the pandemic.

It was decided that cemetery charges should stay the same for the 2022-23 year but a full review will take place in 2023.

There has been little to report from the Allotments, there is still no update as to whether the allotment holders have built the pond they were granted permission for at the beginning of 2020. A request to build a clubhouse and toilet was refused as all available space should be being used for allotments plots.

**Councillor Miss Kate Stephens - Chairman**

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Dorset Council no longer advise neighbours that planning permission has been sought.** To view any plans, go to the Dorset Council website <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/home> and look under 'Search for a planning application'

For planning applications which have been received for the consideration of Verwood Town Council Plans Consultative Committee, please go to the Verwood Town Council website <https://www.verwood.gov.uk/> and look under the 'Plans' section.

Verwood Town Council Plans Consultative Committee hold meetings every three weeks and a list of applications to be considered is posted on noticeboards located at:

**Three Legged Cross** - by the Central Stores shop

**Ferrett Green** - opposite Costa Coffee

**Verwood Post office** - on the wall outside

The corner of **Taurus Way and Liederbach Drive**

## FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Finance & General Purposes Committee consists of 12 members and in 2021/2022 has met 9 times rather than the normal 11 due to the impact of lapsed Covid Regulations in May & June 2021 not allowing for remote meetings. It is responsible for the finances, administration, and organization of the council and deals with correspondence from other bodies including Dorset Council. We monitor the activity and the performance of the council as well as highway matters.

This last year has remained challenging with further restrictions and lapsed Covid Regulations impacting on the normal business of the committee. Despite these challenges we have continued to deliver a busy program of support and change during the year for the local community which has included:

- The Recruitment of a new Town Clerk.
- Looking at how we can best spend the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on new road crossings starting with Manor Road adjacent to the Scout Hut.
- Responded to Dorset Council on their Parking Charges Strategy and their Rights Of Way Improvement Plan.
- Reviewed and responded to the Community Governance Review.
- Agreed plans for new Christmas lights in both Verwood and Three Legged Cross for Christmas 2021 onwards

The Committee continue to monitor the finances of the council to ensure good governance and control of our spending to ensure that we spend our money on projects that support the needs of our residents and set an appropriate budget for future spending. The finances of Verwood & Three Legged Cross remain in a healthy position for the future.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Committee and its working groups for their hard work over the last 12 months in what has been another challenging year. I would also like to thank our fantastic team of Jan and Michaela for all their hard work and support which, as always, is greatly appreciated.

No report would be complete without thanking Val for all her work over the years and hoping that she is enjoying her well-earned retirement and at the same time welcoming Carrie to the Town Council to carry on the good work as we grow in the future.

**Cllr. Mark Thorpe - Chairman**

## LITTER PICKING

**Saturday 28th May at 10.00am**

Meeting outside Three Legged Cross First School, Church Road.

**Saturday 25th June at 10.00am**

Meeting at the entrance to Verwood Recreation Ground

**Saturday 30th July**

Meeting at the Skate Park, Potterne Park

All litter picks last for around an hour and equipment is provided. All ages welcome, under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

## POLICE REPORT

As the summer demand approaches it is essential for us to provide you with exceptional local policing for the community. This year will be challenging without our PCSO Albi Pepper; however we wish him well as he pursues his dream as a Police Officer.

In light of some anti-social behaviour and an extensive fire last summer, we aim to provide a visible presence within our local forest hotspots throughout the summer months. This will be both on foot and on two wheels.

Do keep an eye out for our usual surgeries outside Morrisons and Alderholt Village Hall, to mention just a few. We intend to develop further engagement opportunities over the summer.

If you get a chance, please pop in and tell us what you would like to see us prioritise in Verwood, Alderholt and Three Legged Cross.

We urge the public to make us aware of incidents that they witness by contacting us on: 999 in an emergency 101 for non-emergency or email us at [www.dorset.police.uk](mailto:www.dorset.police.uk)/do-it-online.



**PC 207 Creasey**

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

have a regular meeting at the Verwood Methodist church, Vicarage Road, BH31 6DR, **on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm**  
Everybody is welcome

## VERWOODIANS ON WASTE

**Monthly pop-up recycling surgeries at the Heritage Centre on the first Saturday of each month between 9.30 am and 10.30 am.**

Verwoodians On Waste second community Freecycle event is planned for **Sunday 12 June 2022**. A link to register will be available in May.

For more eco-friendly tips & events, join **Verwoodians on Waste Facebook Group**



**VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

24th May - Verwood Town Council Office  
 29th June - Three Legged Cross Village Hall  
 26th July - Verwood Town Council Office

**YOUR TOWN COUNCIL**

**Dewlands North Ward**

Cllr Mrs L J Clark  
 01202 822275

Cllr Mr M Hudson  
 01202 974654

**Dewlands South Ward**

Cllr Mrs S Bhowse  
 07812 569974

Cllr Mrs T B Coombs  
 01202 827376

Cllr Mr S G Flower  
 01202 821231

Cllr Mrs S Grove  
 01202 826449

Cllr Mr P Mann  
 01202 820866

Cllr Mrs S Rose  
 07855 201532

Cllr Miss K Stephens  
 01202 940456

Cllr Mr M D Thorpe  
 07483 213309

**Stephens Castle Ward**

Cllr Mr A Biggs  
 01202 821186

Cllr Mrs L Dedden  
 01202 824473

Cllr Mr S Gibson (Deputy Mayor)  
 01202 820822

Cllr Mr A Maw  
 07808 167949

Cllr Mrs P Morrow  
 01202 814733

Cllr Mr M Parker (Mayor)  
 07703 342039

Cllr Miss B J Salmon  
 07867 334841

**Three Legged Cross**

Cllr Ms J Russell  
 01202 822236



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 Country park and forest

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 rangers@moors-valley.co.uk 01425 470721  
 Discover more at [www.moors-valley.co.uk](http://www.moors-valley.co.uk)



**COMMONWEALTH DAY**

The Mayor, Councillor Matthew Parker, addressed children from Trinity CE VA First School and Three Legged Cross First School on Monday 14th March 2022, at Ferrett Green where the Commonwealth flag had been raised.



**MS SOCIETY SUPPORT MARATHON RUNNER**

On Saturday 26th March, the Mayor, Councillor Matthew Parker, clapped in local resident, Steve Parker who was doing 5 marathons in 5 days to raise money for the local MS Society Support.

**VERWOOD HUB**  
 COMMUNITY & LEISURE

Saturday 21 May 7:30pm  
**The Boogie Bumpers**  
*7 piece vintage swing and jive band play music covering the 1930's, 40's and 50's.*

Saturday 28 May 2:30pm and 7:30pm  
**The D-Day Darlings - A Jubilee Celebration**  
*Celebrating the Queens Jubilee with patriotic and historically classic songs.*



Saturday 11 June - 11am and 3pm  
 Wednesday 15 June - 4:30pm  
**Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)**

Saturday 11 June - 7:30pm  
 Wednesday 12 June - 2pm  
 Wednesday 15 June - 1pm and 7:30pm  
**Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG)**

Friday 10 June 7:30pm  
**Oye Santana**  
*Bringing the latin rock grooves of Carlos Santana to Verwood*

Friday 24 June 7:30pm  
**GM Live Theatre Show**  
*This tribute takes you through George Michael's incredible hits. Tickets purchased at [www.gmlive.co.uk](http://www.gmlive.co.uk)*

Saturday 25 June 7:30pm  
**Vocalize Choir: Live in Concert**  
*Verwood local rock, pop and Motown choir showcasing some incredible vocals*

Friday 1 July 7:45pm  
**The Tulsa Time Band**  
*An incredible tribute to the late great Don Williams*

Saturday 8 July 7:30pm  
**The Chris Slade Timeline**  
*Covering live music from Chris Slade's epic drumming career*

Friday 15 July 8pm  
**REGRETS Tour: with Sean Collins and Mike Gunn - (18+)**  
*Comedy Store Management proudly presents comedians Sean Collins and Mike Gunn*

Friday 22 July 7:30pm  
**Samantha Sings the Shows**  
*Covers favourite live musical theatre tracks from Broadway to London's Westend*

**For up-to-date information and to book tickets please contact Verwood Hub**  
[verwoodhub@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:verwoodhub@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)  
**Tel: 01202 828740**

