

## **BURITON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **During the year 2010/11 the Parish Council has:**

- Co-hosted a surprise retirement presentation for Mick Lee, parish postman for over 20 years, with help from Buriton Village Association
- Arranged for the appointment of a new Tree Warden for the parish with kind cooperation from the Queen Elizabeth Country Park (QECP)
- Organised popular and successful community litter-picking events in October and April, with particular thanks due to the Parish Clerk for making all the arrangements and coordinating all the volunteers
- Been selected to take part in East Hampshire's 'Stop the Drop' anti-fly-tipping initiative with CPRE, the National Farmers' Union (NFU), the Country Land and Business Association (CLA), the Environment Agency and the District Council
- Continued to replace stiles with kissing gates and to organise the repair of stiles and Rights of Way
- Received sincere thanks from parishioners now able to use local Rights of Way following the removal of stiles in a Parish Council programme – using special funding awarded by Hampshire County Council
- Held consultation events to develop detailed proposals for our lottery-funded 'Buriton Chalk Pits' project leading to new and improved footpaths, the appointment of a part-time ranger (based at QECP), public events (including a Fungi Foray in November), and the development of a special programme of educational activities and resources for both Buriton Nursery School and Buriton Primary School
- Responded, quickly to the request of village youth for a BMX site
- Considered thirty planning applications and submitted comments to the District Council, assisted by the Buriton Village Design Statement (recently updated by the community and adopted by the District Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance in 2009) which continues to help us reject out-of-character development proposals
- Met with Damian Hinds, our new MP, to describe some of the interesting things that have been, and are being, done in Buriton and to draw attention to some on-going matters so as to build a good relationship for the years ahead
- Met with the landlords of both village pubs to discuss ways of capitalising on the opportunities of the new National Park whilst minimising potential threats
- Obtained reductions in the speed limits along Greenway Lane, extensions of the 30 mph limits along North Lane and Kiln Lane and a new gateway and traffic calming on North Lane
- Repainted the railings by the pond, provided an oak footbridge and access path across pond green and cleared overgrown scrub away from the old sheepwash

- Re-surfaced the area in front of the church (surface dressing to be completed this summer) and refurbished the pond car park
- Arranged for a supply of salt bins and snow shovels for treating local highways prior to the bad weather in December
- Represented the views of parishioners in discussions about public transport services
- Ensured that the County Council held local consultation events about the proposed Shipwrights Way
- Supported replacement of the kitchen in the Village Hall and refurbishment of the tennis courts
- Ear-marked 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012 for a day of activities and celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (and the London Olympic Games) and offered to help coordinate events (to include a street party and dance in the Manor barn) with Buriton Events and other local groups
- Funded the establishment of a Community Website for the parish – with kind assistance from Ali Martin
- Agreed an unchanged precept for the third consecutive year
- Encouraged parishioners to stand in the forthcoming Parish Council elections.