



### **Tennis Courts, Horley Recreation Ground**

- L 4937** The Head of Leisure advised that she had been in contact with Trevor May, the contractor who had recently carried out the refurbishment of the tennis courts, regarding the painting of pickleball lines on one of the tennis courts. The contractor had confirmed that the work could be carried out for £276 plus VAT. A date for the work was yet to be received.

**RESOLVED: that the cost of these works be approved and the resident be kept informed of developments.**

- L 4938** The Head of Leisure added that the free Community Tennis Initiative, sponsored by the Horley Lawn Tennis Club & Prince Racquets had commenced the previous week and to date had been extremely successful.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

### **L 4939 Café in the Park, Horley Recreation Ground**

The Head of Leisure advised that the extension of the car park was now complete and the whole car park had been re-lined, as well as the reinstatement of any affected grassed areas being undertaken. A recent inspection by RBBC Building Control had highlighted the need for a full height fire curtain to be installed in front of the café serving counter and the cost of this was currently being finalised. The opening of the Café had been delayed as a result of this and was anticipated to be towards the end of October. Members of the Café Working Party expressed their great disappointment at this requirement becoming known so late in the Café project and added that questions were to be asked of the Project Quantity Surveyor regarding this matter. Further updates would be provided as soon as they were known.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

### **L 4940 Approval of Minutes Leisure and Amenities Committee, 21 July 2020**

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the above meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee, including all confidential items, be approved. (To be signed by the Committee Chairman in due course.)**

### **L 4941 Traveller Incursion at Church Meadows**

The Head of Leisure advised that, following the traveller incursion at Church Meadows the previous evening, all caravans had now left the site. Cllr Mike George added that the RBBC Injunction, requiring all travellers to leave their sites within 24 hours was proving to be very effective.

**L 4941)    *RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4942    *Outside Bodies - Horley RBL Committee Meetings***

The Head of Leisure advised that, in the absence of Horley RBL Committee Meetings, regular reports were still being received from the Committee Secretary, all of which had been circulated to members. It was noted that it was planned to hold a socially distanced Committee Meeting, with limited numbers attending, towards the end of this month.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4943    *Conclusion of "Walk to the Menin Gate" - Fundraising Initiative for the Repair of the Earl Haig Sports & Social Club (Home of the Horley RBL)***

Cllr David Powell updated members on the conclusion of his "Walk to the Menin Gate", accompanied by Horley RBL elders, which had finished on 12 September and had been attended by the RBBC Mayor, Cllr Rosemary Absalom and a number of applauding supporters. (Cllr Samantha Marshall apologised that she had been unable to attend due to an injury, whilst the Committee Chairman had been working on the day.) David added that he was now walking back from the Menin Gate, completing laps of Horley Recreation Ground once again! David thanked those who had supported the fundraising initiative, as well as those who had accompanied him on his daily laps, in particular members of St Bart's Church who had joined him on a number of occasions. The Poppy Wreath he had been carrying was to be presented to the Mayor of Ypres to lay at the Menin Gate. David added that, whilst he had been disappointed at the amount of money raised by the walk he had found the experience very rewarding and of great benefit to his health. Over £25,000 was still required to repair the building and a large Christmas Raffle Draw was planned. It was noted that membership of the Management Committee of the Earl Haig Sports & Social Club had changed quite significantly in recent months and involved more members of the Horley RBL than before. The recent Press Release is appended.

***RESOLVED: noted***

**L 4944    *Remembrance Parades & Services***

The Head of Leisure referred members to a recent Royal British Legion directive, explaining that, whilst Royal British Legion branches could still organise Remembrance Services, any parades and road closures were required to be the responsibility of a "Civic Authority". The local RBL Branch Secretary had stressed the importance of these Parades taking place for the benefit of local communities and for all those local organisations who participated. It was noted that in recent years the Horley Lions had been responsible for Parade road closures and

- L 4944)** marshalling, as was the case with the Horley Carnival. After some discussion the following was resolved:

**RESOLVED:**

- i) that the Town Council investigate whether it would be possible for HTC to be responsible for the insurance of the Remembrance Parade, working with the Horley Lions as it does for the Horley Carnival, and the likely costs involved. (This would assume that HTC could be regarded as the "Civic Authority" on such an occasion.)*
- ii) that the matter be an important item on the agenda of the next meeting of the HTC/RBBC Liaison Committee, anticipated to take place virtually in the near future.*

**Horley Churchyards**

- L 4945** The Head of Leisure advised that there had been a recent virtual meeting of the Churchyards Committee, minutes of which are appended.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 4946** Members were updated on the recent Annual Tour of the Churchyards, which had been attended by four Councillors, the Head of Leisure and members of the Churchyards Committee, including Revd Canon Les Wells. Those present had been very complimentary about the work being carried out to the New Churchyard gates by Cllr James Baker and his County Care Team. Thanks had been sent on to James. Notes of the walk are appended.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 4947** **Grounds Maintenance Update**

The Head of Leisure told members that there had been some recent issues with litter collections, all of which had been followed up with Idverde. There had also been problems with adjacent residents depositing grass cuttings etc in Horley Rec, again this had been reported to the Contractor. Idverde staff would be filling any holes in Horley Rec, caused as a result of the recent Circus visit and were also liaising with the Horley Bowling Club regarding the use of their pre-seeded grass plugs in areas of Horley Rec which were in need of reinstatement.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**Playgrounds and Grounds Inspections and Repairs**

- L 4948** It was noted that Bennetts were continuing to carry out their regular inspections, as well as deep cleaning equipment on a regular basis.

**L 4948)    *RESOLVED: that the frequency of the deep cleaning regime of equipment be reviewed following the October Half Term holiday.***

**L 4949**    The Head of Leisure reported that there had recently been a lot of wanton vandalism in the parks, with signs being damaged and banners being slashed. In addition a seat on the roundabout at the Michael Crescent Playground had been damaged beyond repair and Bennetts were planning to make a replacement.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4950**    The Head of Leisure reported that the basket swing at Court Lodge Playground, which had suffered some ongoing damage, had now been damaged beyond repair following vandalism of the bolts. The Town Council's RFO had investigated the possibility of an insurance claim being put forward, however as the vandalism was not one single event this had not been possible.

***RESOLVED: that payment of £1,617 plus VAT for a replacement basket swing from HAGS, to be installed at the Court Lodge Playground be approved.***

**L 4951    Visit by Circus Wonderland to Horley Recreation Ground**

It was noted that the recent visit by Circus Wonderland had been a great success and the Town Council had received many compliments from those who had attended. The Circus Ringmaster had thanked Horley Town Council for permitting the visit on many occasions throughout the week! Any residual holes in the ground following the visit would as usual be filled by Idverde.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4952    Football at Court Lodge Fields**

The HTC Communications & Compliance Officer updated members on arrangements for football at Court Lodge. The first league fixtures had taken place the previous weekend, no changing rooms or showers were permitted to be open, however toilet facilities had been provided.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**Funfair visits to Horley**

**L 4953**    The Head of Leisure told members that an approach had been received from Benson's Funfair to hold an event at Court Lodge in August, however the football posts were already in place so it had not been possible for it to

- L 4953)** happen this year. It was hoped that Bensons would come to Court Lodge next Summer, provided that no health restrictions were still in place.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 4954** **RESOLVED: that given the increasing number of Coronavirus cases within the UK, the next visit by Beach's Funfair be postponed until April 2021 (subject to any health restrictions at the time).**

#### **Tree Works in Horley**

- L 4955** The Head of Leisure advised that the failing oak tree at Court Lodge had now been felled for the previously agreed sum of £900 plus VAT. Further minor works had been carried out at Horley Rec & Emlyn Meadows, as well as a dangerous branch being removed from an oak tree in Bolter's Wood (£60 plus VAT). The relevant RBBC Officer had confirmed that Bolter's Wood was still to be transferred into their ownership. The North West Consortium's arboriculturists had undertaken a tree survey of Bolter's Wood earlier in the year and would be undertaking a further one later this year. The RBBC Officer had provided contact details for the North West Sector Consortium, should there be any further concerns regarding trees in Bolter's Wood.

**RESOLVED: that payment of £150 plus VAT to Heatherlands Tree Care for minor tree works carried out at Horley Rec, Emlyn Meadows and Bolter's Wood be approved.**

- L 4956** **RESOLVED: that the quotation from County Tree Surgeons to carry out a full tree survey of trees in open spaces belonging to HTC, for the sum of £1,200 plus VAT be approved, the tree survey to be carried out in October/November this year.**

#### **Horley Allotments**

- L 4957** The Head of Leisure told members that she had advised RBBC that the Town Council still wished to take ownership of the Westvale Park Southern Allotment Site, despite the lack of toilets, following the decision taken at the recent Full Council meeting. The Borough Council had also been advised that HTC would offer the site with plots of 125 sq metres and that there was no requirement for any sort of Shared Community Facility area at the site that could become a "dumping ground" for rubbish etc, as had happened at the Langshott site. The RBBC Development Manager for the Horley NW Sector had welcomed the Town Council's comments, which would be passed on to the Consortium's Agents.

**RESOLVED: noted**

**L 4958**     **RESOLVED: that the Town Council begin to let allotment plots to newcomers from early-mid October at the Langshott & Church Road sites, subject to there being no significant increase in Coronavirus cases at the time.**

**L 4959**     **Dog Control Public Space Protection Orders in Reigate & Banstead**

**RESOLVED: that, following the discussion amongst Committee members, the Town Council respond to the RBBC Consultation as follows:**

- i)     the number of dogs walked per person be reduced from six dogs to four dogs in all areas.**
- ii)    the Dog Exclusion Area at the Michael Crescent Centenary Park be reduced from the whole park to the playground only.**

**L 4960**     **Surrey County Council Tree Planting Initiative**

The Head of Leisure advised that, following correspondence received from Surrey County Councillors regarding this Initiative, members had been invited to put forward suggestions for tree planting in urban areas and where appropriate, along areas of Surrey's urban highways. Members of the Horley Open Spaces Committee had also been invited to submit suggestions. Members of the public would be invited to put forward suggestions to HTC in the September Newsletter and members were invited to do the same. The list of suggestions submitted to SCC to date is appended.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4961**     **Horley Conservation Group (HCG)**

It was noted that the Conservation Group was continuing to carry out limited socially distanced activities, independently of the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership. Members expressed their appreciation of the work still being continued by the Group. (Their September Newsletter is appended.)

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**Gatwick Greenspace Partnership (GGP)**

**L 4962**     The Head of Leisure advised that Kevin Lerwill would be returning to his role with GGP on 1 October, having been furloughed since March as large parts of his role could not be delivered safely during the earlier stages of the Pandemic. Kevin would continue to lead the HCG Group and would be arranging tasks for October, albeit with social distancing and additional safety measures such as smaller group sizes. A virtual meeting of the GGP Steering Group had been arranged to take place on 19 October.

**L 4962)    *RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4963    *RESOLVED: that payment of £2,033, being the Town Council's contribution to the Gatwick Greenspace partnership for 2020-2021 be approved.***

**L 4964    "The Great British September Clean" in Horley**

The Head of Leisure advised that the Town Council, led by the Environment Working Group was supporting the Keep Britain Tidy "Great September Clean", which this year had replaced the annual "Great British Spring Clean." Local residents were being invited to carry out private litter picks, either individually or in groups with up to five other friends or family members. RBBC would be providing designated purple litter bags, which would be collected alongside normal residential rubbish collections. The Town Council's press release is appended.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4965    Horley Open Spaces Committee (HOSAC)**

The Head of Leisure told members that a virtual meeting of the HOSAC Committee would be arranged later in October.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4966    Horley in 2020 Photography Competition**

The Head of Leisure advised that, to date there had been approximately thirty entries in the competition, which invited residents to show how they had been using outdoor spaces in Horley during this year's Pandemic. It was agreed to send details of the competition to all the Horley schools.

***RESOLVED: noted.***

#### **Seasonal Planting**

**L 4967    Members were updated on the recent planting carried out by the Q Garden Volunteers (the flower bed at the corner of Russells Crescent & The Drive), full details of which would be in the next HTC Newsletter. Members recorded their appreciation of the Group's efforts.**

***RESOLVED: noted.***

**L 4968    *RESOLVED: that the quotation from idverde to plant up the Memorial Gardens with seasonal planting, for the sum of £580 plus VAT be approved.***



## **Christmas 2020**

- L 4969** The Head of Leisure advised that the Horley Association of Traders was not planning to hold a Christmas Fair this year, although they would do something on an ad hoc basis, should this prove to be possible. They would however still be putting up all the Christmas Lights, decorating the tree etc.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 4970** The Churches of Horley were keen to hold their annual Carol Service in the Precinct, however this was very uncertain at the present time. They had been told that the Town Council was not planning to provide any Hospitality indoors, however we might look to provide some kind of reduced outdoor hospitality, should the Carol Service be able to go ahead. The Churches had a provisional date of 12 December and would monitor the situation carefully.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 4971** **RESOLVED: that the Town Council provide the Town Centre Christmas Tree in 2020 for the approximate sum of £950 plus VAT.**

- L 4972** **Carnival 2021**

Members were updated on the recent virtual meeting of the Carnival Committee. A date of 19 June 2021 had been set, however this was subject to the event being able to go ahead without significant Covid restrictions being in place. There was unlikely to be financial support from local companies however there were enough funds to allow the Carnival to continue as normal. The theme was likely to be Superheroes.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

- L 4973** **Precept 2021/2022**

Members made an initial consideration of the Committee's requirements for the coming financial year. The Head of Leisure explained that, given the reduction in income and increased costs, both as a result of the Pandemic, it would be difficult to plan any major projects for the coming year. Currently there was just over £38,000 in the Parks and Playgrounds Earmarked Fund and it may not be possible to add to this on this occasion. It was agreed that the Committee Chairman & Vice-Chairman, the Head of Leisure and the RFO look at precept requirements in detail, prior to this being considered at the November meeting of the Committee.

**RESOLVED: noted.**

**L 4974     Diary Dates**

***RESOLVED: that future dates be noted, namely the Great British September Litter Pick on 26 September and Wreath Laying only (No Parade or Service) on Remembrance Sunday.***

**Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.   next meeting: 17 November 2020**

A DETERMINED veteran has completed a self-imposed marathon challenge to walk the distance of Horley to the Menin Gate in Belgium to help his fellow comrades.

Horley's daredevil Mayor, Cllr David Powell - who has in recent years skydived and abseiled to support the Royal British Legion - has just finished the gruelling 165-mile walk after weeks of trekking laps of the town's recreation ground in Brighton Road.

It took the 84-year-old five weeks, walking every day through blistering heatwaves and gale-force winds, to complete the epic journey.

On Saturday 12 September, Cllr Powell and his team of walkers, finished to applause from fellow servicemen and women and the Borough's Mayor, Cllr Rosemary Absalom.

Cllr Powell said: "It's a bittersweet moment. Going back a few weeks I never thought I would be able to walk 165 miles, not in a million years. I started walking a mile and a half a day and by the end I was walking eight miles a day and I can't believe how my health and breathing has dramatically improved. It's turned me into a different person."

Addressing a gathering of supporters in the Memorial Gardens, Event organiser and member of the walking team, Terry Boardman, said: "When David set off on this journey some people said 'David is not going to make it' but those who know David know he doesn't give up and fair play to him, he made it."

Cllr Powell added: "It felt a bit like being a soldier again. I had all the aches and pains you feel getting up at the crack of dawn and meeting up with my fellow comrades who have walked with me. We've laughed, we've talked and it's been most uplifting for me to be with these guys."

Cllr Absalom congratulated the team and added: "It has been a truly heroic enterprise, the team have continued to walk through rain and shine and they have done the most fantastic job." She added: "David is a real trooper and I fully expect that he will dream up something that will top this before long."

Inspired by the efforts of Captain Tom Moore, Cllr Powell decided to walk the distance from Horley to the wartime Memorial in Ypres, Belgium, by completing daily laps of his local recreation ground.

The Mayor, who was recently appointed President of Horley's branch of the Royal British Legion, was trying to garner support to raise cash to repair

Horley's Royal British Legion's headquarters – based at The Earl Haig Sports and Social Club - in Albert Road after it was gutted by fire in May.

Cllr Powell, along with local Royal British Legion secretary Tony Keay, 80, chairman Bob Jenkinson, 74, and event organiser Terry Boardman, 70, have been setting off from the town's Memorial Gardens in Brighton Road each day at 11am to complete laps of the Recreation Ground. Each lap is approximately half a mile.

Since they started the project on Saturday, August 8, they have walked every day, even during the recent blistering heatwave.

The daredevil Mayor has a proven track record of extreme fundraising ideas, in 2014 he broke the world record as the oldest person to skydive from 30,000ft to raise money for the Royal British Legion, as well as countless other skydives and abseils for charity.

World War 1 legend, Field Marshal Earl Haig, helped establish the Royal British Legion and presented the Earl Haig Club to them in 1923. For most of the war he commanded the Western Front in France and died in 1928.

Tony Keay, secretary at the Royal British Legion, said: "The Earl Haig is our headquarters and without it we have nowhere we can hold our meetings. "It's a lifeline to many of our members and a social gathering for us all." He added: "We also run our Poppy Appeal from the club which is one of the main ways we raise money, last year we raised £23,000 for the appeal. If we don't have a place to host the appeal, we may not be able to raise so much, which will be devastating."

As a symbol to those who died in battle, Mr Powell is carrying a wreath with him for the duration of the trek and has asked the Mayor of Ypres, in Belgium, to lay it at the Menin Gate in memory of the fundraising veterans.

Cllr Powell was deployed to Vietnam in 1967 in an undercover operation heading up a security team to guard the British Embassy in Saigon against Viet Cong attacks.

To sponsor the event visit <https://gf.me/u/yky55i>

Ends

Extra information

For interviews Cllr David Powell can be contacted directly on 01293 774695 or 07885 172277



## Minutes of the Virtual Churchyard Committee Meeting 12/08/20

Present: Rev Les Wells (Chair) Sue Middleton (sec), Thiru Jesudason, Michael Gardner, Roger Kidd

Michael George (Cllr) Carol Fenton (Deputy Town Clerk, David Powell (Mayor)

Apologies: Richard Moore, Simon Marshall (Cllr), Roy Page

Absent: Michael Hill (RBBC), James Bradley (Idverde)

1) **Prayer** – The meeting opened with a word of prayer by Rev Les Wells

2) **New Churchyard** –

**James Bradley contracts Manager for Idverde.** – Had agreed with members of the churchyard committee to continue the same schedule for grass & hedge maintenance as previously. He also agreed to keep the price same as previously +CPI at 1.3% for a two year period.

The new costs for the years April 2020 – March 2022 is £13,950 +VAT

James Bradley was not present, But Rev Les & Michael Gardner said several members of the public had complemented on the appearance of the churchyard.

Carol Fenton said the Council too were very pleased with the quality of their work

**Action-** Thiru to pass on thanks to James Bradley

3) **Old Churchyard** –

**Michael Hill of RBBC** – was absent. No apologies received.

But RBBC have continued their grass cutting schedule, they have done 2 cuts of the grass over the graves so far. They are due to do 4 cuts in all. The verges & front lawn is being cut fortnightly.

**Alan Bixby- Bereavement & Commercial Services Manager of RBBC** – Has been in touch with Luke Tatum of the DAC regarding tilting monuments in the Old churchyard that was brought up at the QI inspection as to the best way forward.

**Luke Tatum** has advised him the Diocese considers laying monuments flat should be only done as a last resort.

**Alan Bixby** – In turn, has advised that as none of his predecessors had put a policy or procedure in place re memorial safety he has submitted his suggested policy to higher management. He has not heard back, as things were put on hold during the lockdown except more pressing matters.

**Nigel Ellis – Tree Officer –RBBC** has reported that the tree survey which was due earlier this year has been put back as only urgent scheduled work is being carried out. His team had found a bee's nest in the adjoining tree when they had arrived to take off the dead branches of the 200 yr old Yew, but they would return to do the work once the bees have gone at the same time will deal with the Ash sapling growing amongst the graves.

4) Minutes of the previous meeting – Passed as correct

## 5) Matters arising

- a) The Council was thanked for their grant of £6,550.00 towards maintenance of the New Churchyard.
- b) **James Baker – of County care** has reported that now they were working normally they would help clear the paths of weeds in the new churchyard & also wash down the entrance gates of the moss.

## 6) Work done in the New churchyard – Michael Gardner reported that

- a) Volunteers had helped move the excess soil from recently dug graves to fill sunken ones & that they were trying to deal with it as soon after a burial if possible
- b) A new area has been marked out for kids burial
- c) Volunteers also dealt with one of the hedges & Michael said another hedge needed dealing with for which he was quoted £500 +VAT but that with help from volunteers he would be able to deal with it in house.
- d) Trees – On the border edging onto the Allotments, a dead Ash had to be cut down by Dave Ford Tree Care, but two dead Elms were dealt with by volunteers.
- e) The Large Oak – on the border adjoining the rear of the houses on Church View Close was posing a risk during the high winds – 3 quotes were obtained  
Dave Ford Tree Care - £900.00 including VAT  
Scott's Tree Surgery & Garden Maintenance - £1,400.00 incl. VAT  
Heatherlands tree care - £1,800 incl.VAT  
Dave Ford Tree care was asked to do the work. But they had stated as there was a TPO & there would be a delay in getting authorisation & have given a possible date of 15 September for the work.  
Mike George (Cllr) said normally they would also be advised if a tree with a TPO was being dealt with in their patch, but so far had not yet been informed.  
**Action** – Thiru to advise Dave Ford Tree Care of concerns expressed & to ensure the correct authorisation was in place, before undertaking the work.
- f) Michael Gardner has set up wooden markers to identify the rows in which the graves are laid, so that in the future it would be much easier to identify a particular grave from our records.

## 7) Publicity re the refurbishment of the Lychgate

Rev Les reported the press release is now on the church website & Carol Fenton that it would go into their next Council Newsletter.

## 8) Any other business

- a) Black bags from Council for clearing rubbish- Carol Fenton advised Michael Gardner to ring the council offices between 10am -4pm to check & collect.
- b) Carol Fenton – suggested inviting James Baker on to the churchyard committee as he was now a Councillor as a council rep. This was okayed  
**Action** – Carol Fenton to contact James Baker.

c) David Powell reported he would soon be checking that the War memorial Graves were spruced up in time for Remembrance Day. That this year it would only be a simple wreath laying ceremony.

**Action** – David Powell to advise Rev Les of the details.

d) Rev Les & Michael Gardner reported there was a female rough sleeper in the old churchyard for about 5 wks.

Rev Les however on checking found she had already moved on

**9) Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 18 November 2020.

**10) Proposed dates for Churchyard Walk** –

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm

**Action** – Carol Fenton to advise which date suits the councillors best.



## Churchyard walk on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Present** – Rev Les Wells, Michael Gardner, Roy Page, Thiru Jesudason,

Sue Bosley

David Powell (Mayor) Carol Fenton (Deputy Clerk), Simon Marshall

Samantha Marshall, Robert Marr

**Apologies** – Roger Kidd, Councillors – James Baker, Jante Baird, Fiona Stimpson,

Martin Saunders, Mike George.

### The New Churchyard

The Councillors were pleased with the appearance & the improvements made.

The new marker poles were noted & it was pointed out by Rev Les it was to help relatives look for old graves. There is a map of the layout in the parish office with the grid in alphabetical order.

David Powell – pointed out the War Graves.

Michael Gardner- pointed out the large Oak due to be pollarded on

15 September by Dave Ford Tree Care their quote of £900.00 was the cheapest of three. The height & spread will be reduced by 4-5 meters,

The ashes plot looked well tended- Thanks to Michael & Ian

Michael Gardner also pointed out the large amounts of Bramble that he & a few volunteers had cut down this would be tidied away after the work on the Oak was done.

### Gates

James Baker & volunteers from County care, have started cleaning the moss off, & have painted the small gate. It looked good. We look forward to the job being completed.

### **The Old Churchyard**

The group moved on to the Old churchyard, the front Lawn was looking good. The grass over the graves looked over grown. This is now the responsibility of RBBC. They are committed to cutting the grass over the graves four times a year.

### **Lychgate**

Some of the group stopped to look at the Lychgate, the roof & gates were repaired in October 2019. We are applying for faculty for the redecoration of the gates. Horley Town Council had made a generous donation of £1,000.00, towards the repair of the gates.

The tour ended at 7.15pm

## Carol Fenton

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**From:** Carol Fenton  
**Sent:** 16 September 2020 21:36  
**To:** trees@surreycc.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Tree Planting in Horley

Suggestions for Tree Planting in Horley from Horley Town Council:

The grassed area between the boundary of the Church Road Allotments and Sangers Drive RH6 8AH, at present it houses a dead tree!

Trees could be planted along the Eastern Side of Orchard Drive, going to The Acres, leaving in place the self-established oak and ash saplings if possible.

The fence between Church Walk and the A23, trees or shrubs would act as a barrier between the houses and traffic noise.

Areas within Horley car parks which may be suitable for planting.

Following a suggestion from the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership, who have been working with the newly established Landen Park Estate Residents Association, fruit trees could be planted along the border between the Landen Park Village Green and the Westvale Park Development.

The provision of small fruit trees for the proposed community orchards in Horley

Carol Fenton, Head of Leisure

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## **HORLEY CONSERVATION GROUP – SEPTEMBER 2020**

The Horley Conservation Group (HCG) volunteers and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council workers have continued to look after the newly created Tanyard Meadows. HCG volunteers have worked behind the scenes on low risk activities in small groups. Hopefully visitors to the area have noticed that new information boards have been placed at either end of the spine path giving both structure and information to the area. RBBC are also working with the HCG to create further information boards that will concentrate on the biodiversity of the area and give visitors an idea of the flora and fauna that can be seen.

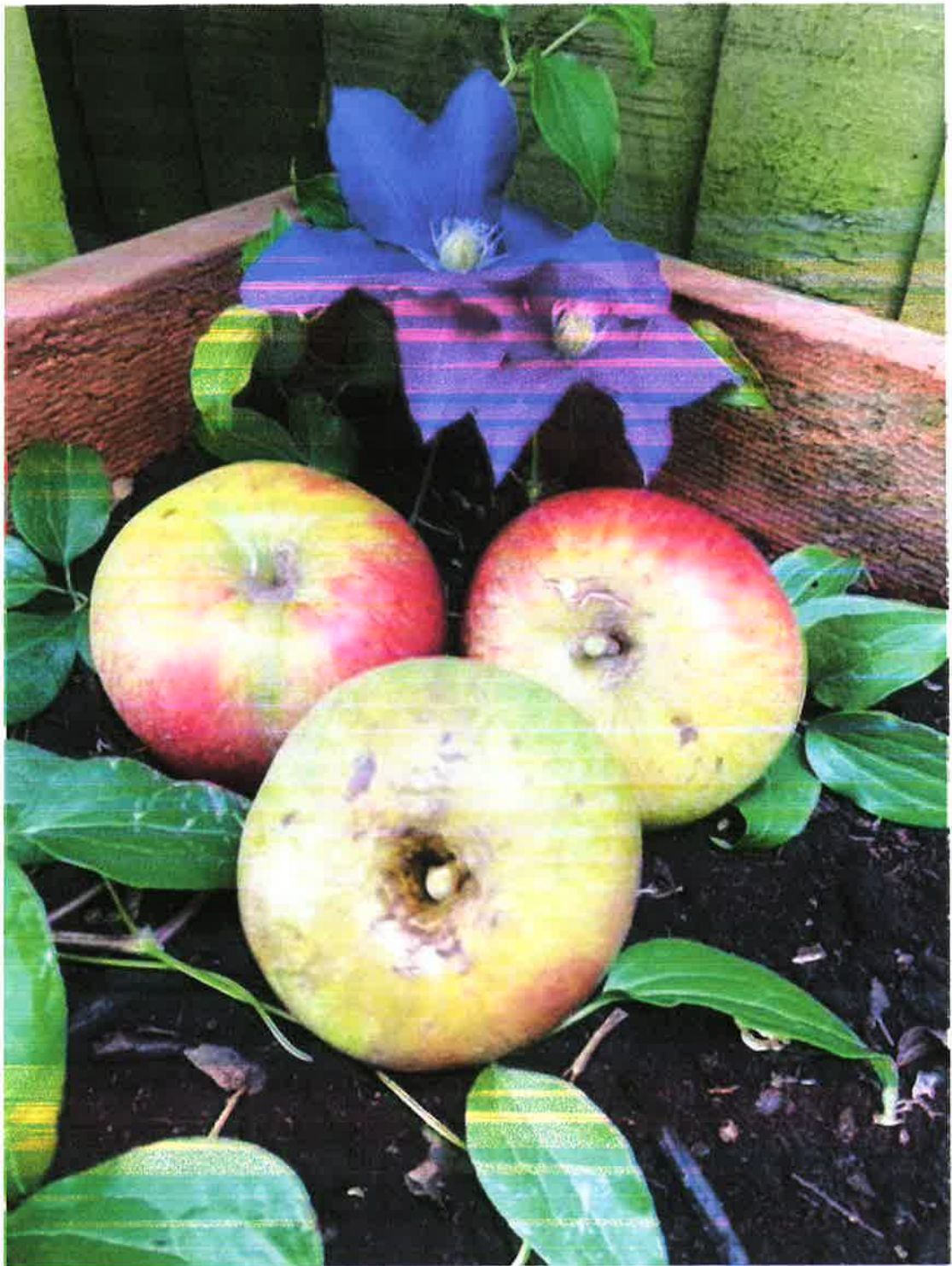
There are over 40 different species of bird to be seen across Tanyard Meadows as well as deer, fox, badger, rabbit, voles, shrews etc. One of the most recent sightings was a male Wheatear (shown below)



When thinking about wildlife sightings we tend to overlook what can be found in our streams and the Burstow stream that forms the northern border of Tanyard Meadows is no exception. Several fish species can be found here including roach, perch, dace and chub. Occasionally a small pike may even be spotted. However, be wary of invasive crayfish (below) that destroy the natural habitat of our rivers and streams



An HCG working party was convened in June to cut the grass in the area of the community orchard at the Fieldings. The area has been left with varying lengths of grass in order to encourage as much biodiversity as possible. This will benefit the whole area. We expect that the rest of the grass will be cut by the end of the year hence encouraging wild flower growth in the future. Since June the fruit has begun to mature and is available for anyone to pick. The apples this year have been really nice and make a great snack with the morning coffee (see below)





Six months ago many of the staff at Sussex Wildlife Trust and the Gatwick Greenspace partnership were placed on furlough and the HCG activities were severely affected. However, it is pleasing to hear that those on furlough are now being brought back into work so our task days should soon be up and running again on a monthly basis and in a COVID safe manner.

It has been nice to see that the amount of rubbish being left on the fields has diminished a little in recent weeks. This makes the experience of exploring the

area so much more enjoyable for everyone and also ensures that our wildlife neighbours continue to feel comfortable in their surroundings. However, the playgrounds and their immediate surroundings are blighted by harmful rubbish on a daily basis. Plenty of bins are provided and are regularly emptied – please use them.

If anyone wishes to be involved in activities with the HCG please go to our website and email the group. Until next time – enjoy the area and look after it.



## **Council supports communities to clean up as part of country's biggest mass-action environmental campaign**

Horley Town Council has pledged its support for this year's Great British September Clean, run by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy.

The campaign, which was postponed in early spring due to Covid-19, will run from 11-27 September 2020. It will encourage the great British public to take part in small, socially distanced clean-ups to remove litter from streets, parks and beaches across the country.

### **You can Help by**

**Organising a private clean-up** with up to five other family and friends.

**Pledging to do your own individual clean-up**, you can give as little as 15 minutes to the campaign.

The Great British Spring Clean, run by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, brings together individuals, community organisations, businesses and councils to show they love where they live and in 2019 more than half a million #LitterHeroes collected more than 900,000 bags of rubbish.

Keep Britain Tidy Deputy Chief Executive Richard McIlwain said: "The overwhelming response to last year's Great British Spring Clean showed that hundreds of thousands of people who love where they live and are prepared to take action to make it better for themselves, their families and their communities"

"Never before has it been more important for our community to unite in our fight against litter. We know that taking part in community action has positive effects on our mental health, and right now, anything we can do to unite British citizens and empower communities to make a difference during these uncertain times is so important"

"We are delighted that Horley Town Council is supporting this year's campaign and would like to thank them for their support".

"Without councils across the country giving the campaign their backing, our volunteers would not be able to do the incredible job they do."

Horley Mayor and Council leader David Powell said: "Keeping Horley clean and litter free is a priority for the council as litter is unsightly and hazardous to our natural environment. We're also delighted to be joined by Claire Coutinho MP on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September to litter pick with the Horley community."

To coincide with Claire's visit, Horley Town Council is encouraging residents to get out and pick litter on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 9am-12pm. The town council offices will have a supply of purple litter picking rubbish sacks available from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. If you have any questions or plan to organise a private group to pick litter, please contact the council on 01293 784765, email [info@horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk) or go to <https://horleychamberofcommerce.co.uk/litterpick/> to register your interest.

The campaign, in partnership with the Daily Mail, is made possible thanks to headline partners Co-op, Mars Wrigley, Red Bull and Wilko and is supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery. The campaign is also supported by Clear Channel, Coca-Cola, Pepsi MAX and Walkers.

To find out how you can get involved, whether that's by pledging to pick up litter in the course of your daily routine or organising a clean-up with up to five friends or family, visit [keepbritaintidy.org/GBSeptemberClean](http://keepbritaintidy.org/GBSeptemberClean)

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### **Notes to editors**

Brought to you by Keep Britain Tidy, The Great British September Clean is the rescheduled Great British Spring Clean, and will take place 11- 27 September 2020. People can take part by:

1. **Organising a private clean-up** with up to five other family and friends.
2. **Pledging to do your own individual clean-up**, you can give as little as 15 minutes to the campaign.

The Great British Spring Clean is the country's biggest mass-action environmental campaign and was first run in 2017. In 2019, 563,163 volunteers took part, including more than 175,000 school children. In total, volunteers collected more than 4,300 tonnes of litter – enough to fill more 239,000 wheelie bins.

In total 17,097 events were held over the campaign period (13 March – 25 April) and 272 local authorities took part.

### **Enhanced wellbeing**

Of those who took part in the Great British Spring Clean 2018 and responded to Keep Britain Tidy's survey, many report positive mental health benefits;

- 91% enjoyed volunteering their time to the Great British Spring Clean
- 91% also thought they made a difference to their local area
- 86% felt part of a national movement that is taking action to tackle litter
- 93% agreed that GBSC reduces the impacts of litter on wildlife and the environment
- 83% said they felt more pride in their local area.