

THIS YEAR WE AS YOUR COUNCILLORS HAVE PROGRESSED THE FOLLOWING LOCAL ISSUES. USING OUR LOCAL IMPROVEMENT FUND and applying pressure at the Council to ensure that action was taken.

MUSCLIFF YOUTH CENTRE - Supplied funds for several young people to enjoy a Camping Trip who would not normally get the opportunity to increase their learning skills on the Countryside.

MUSCLIFF COMMUNITY CENTRE - Assist in raising funds to purchase a Music Centre.

ERECTION OF Electric Flashing Speed Lights of 10mph & 20mph locally to assist the Elderly when crossing the road, and reducing traffic speed in Throop & Muscliff.

SUPPORTED financially YOUTH Football Programme in the holiday periods at the Sir David English Centre. Free to all.

ASSISTED with the finance for the rebuilding of a wall in Bradford Road & Muscliff Park.

At **MUSCLIFF SCHOOL**; supplied finance for Safety Barrier outside the School.

ERECTION of a **SAFETY SPEED SIGN** outside John Pound House to assist the Elderly.

SUPPORT funding for a Marquee for Stour Valley Festival.

ENSURED planting of trees & bushes to assist Anti-Social Behaviour issues in Tytherley Gardens, plus financial support.

BOURNEMOUTH is 200 years old in 2010, as Ward Members we have contributed to their fund to assist small Charities & Clubs in their celebration of the events.

MUSCLIFF YOUTH CENTRE - Given financial support for a new Music room.

BOURNEMOUTH CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU assist them financially.

All financial assistance has been provided by our Local Improvement Fund

WE HAVE DEALT WITH MANY MORE LOCAL ISSUES ON YOUR BEHALF

We totally support the forthcoming Muscliff Fun Day and take an active part in the organising of this free event for you the local residents.

Muscliff Fun Day

Muscliff Park, Shillingstone Drive

Sunday, 19th July 2009 - 11am until 4pm

Children's Rides - Funfair - Charity Stalls - Refreshments - Face Painting

Tombolas - Raffles - Live Bands - Dancing Sessions

FREE Admission - A real day out for the family

If you or your club or organisation would like a stall or space at this Funday please contact: Jane Etheridge at the Muscliff Youth Centre Tel: (01202) 546213

The Muscliff Funday Committee are applying for a non alcoholic annual licence for Muscliff Park, so that the Muscliff Centre can hold small events during the year on the park.

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Throop & Muscliff

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Your Local Bournemouth Independent Councillors are Non-Political and you have elected us to serve you and not a political party.

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We are once again pleased to send you our 2nd Newsletter for this year, our aim is to keep you informed on the ward of Muscliff and Throop and other local issues with 3 Newsletters a year.

We also send out letters when there is a very local issue.

We offer a 24/7 service to you, we are available to come and discuss local issues with you.

Residents, the following items are just a few of the very many issues that ward members have been heavily involved in over the past months.

These matters are in addition to the general workload of seeing individual residents on ward issues and regular meetings with our own local beat officer PC Damian May and PCSO Anna Maher, to whom, like all our residents, we are always most grateful for their help and support and would like to say 'Thank You'.

BERRY HILL TREATMENT WORKS, THROOP

Many residents will have noticed the very strong odours in recent weeks around the Throop/Muscliff area emanating from Berry Hill Treatment Works; added to this some 40 tankers daily are travelling in and out of the site. This is mainly due, once again, to the problems being experienced at the Poole Treatment Works [this is the third such occasion in the past two years]. This has led to much correspondence with the Chairman of Wessex Water and a meeting on 22nd April.

The Council's Environmental Health Officers have been actively engaged in regular weekly inspections and have identified some eight areas requiring urgent attention. At the same time we have requested, through the Chairman of Wessex Water, that the Company need to seriously review Berry Hill as one of only two major receiving and treatment centres now processing sewage from sites across Dorset.

A more detailed report is available to any resident wishing to receive more information contained in a newsletter sent to residents in Throop Village - please contact Cllr. Ron.

Finally, the number to contact regarding any future problems is the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 as they have reported that Berry Hill is 'not on their radar' because they have not received any complaints!?

MINERAL SITE ALLOCATION, PARLEY COURT FARM [STOUR VALLEY]

A number of residents were aware last year of many contentious mineral site applications across Dorset, one being Parley Court Farm. Like a number of residents, we wrote our objections to Dorset County Council and many people sent in photographs showing much of Parley Court under water which is now part of the flood plain at various times of the year.

We are pleased to say the Environment Agency also sent a very detailed/full report of their concerns, whereby they objected on numerous grounds of biodiversity, flood risks, etc. We are also grateful for the active work of the Stour Valley supporters highlighting, like many residents, the enormous environmental damage to the local nature reserve and valley in general and its wildlife habitat. We should learn more about this matter at the next planned meeting at County Hall on 31st July.

BRIDLEWAY - THROOP RIVER CROSSING - HICKS FARM, ETC.

As residents are aware, with the change in the administration two years ago, plans for Hicks Farm as an outdoor learning and interpretation centre were put in place, embracing conservation and environmental education as a working demonstration farm.

Unfortunately, this is now on the 'back burner' due to resources being CONCENTRATED on the Town Centre Master Vision. Nevertheless, we are keen to see that plans are still being prepared to have Hicks Farm become a working farm by reintroducing rare breeds of Shetland cattle and other animals. We know that Dave Male, the present tenant, is also keen to see this project developed.

At the same time, we have made endless representations to Officers that with some 120 horses now within the Throop area the Council should seek, if possible, to establish a bridleway from Berry Hill to Stour Acres and beyond, by upgrading the existing footpath to bridleway status with funding from the various potential external funding sources that were to be sought for the Hicks Farm project. In doing this we can help by ensuring horse riders do not need to travel on busy roads, i.e. Throop Rd & Muscliff Lane, to gain access to the Stour Valley. As for the progress on the plans to develop the river crossing as a bridleway, we unfortunately continue to receive objections from Hurn Parish Council to any link that could bring this long awaited project forward.

At the time of writing this newsletter, the matter is now in the hands of Dorset's Rights of Way panel. We should hopefully have more news in June.

any residents wishing to receive copies of the minutes of the last meeting on 20th April and a jointly signed letter by all three of us to support the project, please contact Cllr Ron.

BROADWAY ROUNDABOUT, CASTLE LANE WEST

It was in the Daily Echo [10 March] that an article appeared mentioning plans were being prepared for the eventual removal of the Broadway roundabout, to be replaced by traffic lights. You can imagine when we read this the anger we felt as Members, that no-one had any knowledge of these plans. Subsequently, representations were made to the Highways Officers who responded saying that no final scheme had been approved and in any case it would be subject to consultation prior to any decision being made.

Yes, we all know about consultation - consult, then do as they like! We have been here before. Apparently this article came about due to a possible application for an exchange of land with Council-owned land, the former Seat garage site, by granting a strip along the Broadway Lane frontage. This apparently would enable a future highway improvement scheme. We have made our views very clear to the Officers and also the forum that any plans regarding a traffic lights management scheme would at present be strongly objected to. We are further told that such a scheme is not listed in the current 5 year Local Transport Plan for the period 2006-2011. Please watch this space!