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ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Serving the people of Odiham & North Warnborough

Chair's Message, Cllr Dr Angela McFarlane



During my time as Chair of OPC we have made a point of taking soundings from the community at regular intervals to make sure we are getting the priorities right. Through surveys online and in issues of this newsletter – that goes to every household – we get between 200 and 400 responses. These have informed choices on what to do and what not to do over the years. For example, we had overwhelming support for the taking on of The Bridewell, and a clear rejection of the proposed changes to the King Street toilets to switch to unisex facilities to enable the creation a new cubicle for those with mobility challenges.

Whenever we ask for priorities the two issues that come out tops every time are road safety, particularly speeding, and parking. Unfortunately, Parish Councils have no powers in either of these matters and no budget either. Road safety and on-street parking are Hampshire CC Highways, and car parks are Hart District Council. However, given the repeated and consistent concerns, we decided to try and make a difference.

The result was the road safety plan drawn up with input from residents and Hampshire Highways. There are a number of projects proposed from improving crossings, traffic calming and more Speed Indicator Devices, that have strong community support. The sticking point is that the same survey that evidenced support for these plans also showed that nearly 60% of respondents did not want funds to come from the Precept (the bit of Council Tax that comes to the Parish Council). The dilemma then is how to proceed with plans that residents want the Parish Council to progress but without the funds to do so? Our answer has been a multi-layered response with a mixture of lobbying and working with Hampshire Highways to progress works that are within their scope, and finding alternative funds for significant developments that contribute to local road safety. See pages 6-7 and https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/council-business/council/projects-and-activities/road-safety for further detail.

For some years OPC has debated the fate of Chapel Cottage. This Grade II listed cottage in the Cemetery has been available to rent for years, and this income has in the past, subsidised the Precept. In recent times, the age and state of the building and the changes made to regulations governing the requirements for rented accommodation, mean that the building has been costing more than it generated. The full case for this was researched thoroughly over more than a year and the resulting report was made publicly available and can be found on the OPC website https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/council-business/council/projects-and-activities/disposal-of-chapel-cottage. In Spring 2026, the Cottage went on the market and the sale is due to complete shortly. OPC is putting careful thought into how the capital released can best be used and/or invested to support the community through a range of potential projects. It is vitally important these funds are used to make lasting and tangible changes that benefit residents. We will be keeping everyone updated through our email newsletter (please sign up if you have not done so already), through these newsletters, the agendas and minutes for monthly meetings and on social media.

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Hampshire and Isle of Wight Village of the Year recognitions

The Parish was recognised at the recent Hampshire Association of Local Councils Hampshire and Isle of Wight Village of the Year awards.



A win for The Bell

The campaign to save The Bell and the achievements of the community interest company, won the title of "best community initiative". The judges said they were particularly impressed by the determination and commitment shown by this community in securing the future of an important local asset. Equally significant was the scale of the community support behind the initiative and determination shown by local people in transforming a much-loved building into a thriving community facility once again.

Helen Tyler (also Cllr Tyler) received the award on behalf of The Bell saying "This is a fantastic recognition of what can be achieved when a community comes together to save one of its major heritage assets. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us, got involved, spread the word and helped make the pub the success it is!"



The Odiham Parish was also recognised, as runner up of the "most inspiring place" award. The judges said that "sometimes you visit somewhere and can immediately tell there's a lot of pride in the local area, and Odiham is one of those places".

The judges praised the 2025 programme of community events which commemorated 100 years of flight at RAF Odiham highlighting all the community groups who played a part in making it a fantastic year.

Sqn Ldr Grahame Mooney, who oversaw the RAF Odiham events programme, joined OPC at the awards ceremony.

Community Grants

Councillors awarded over £2,000 community grants at the Council meeting in July.

- £500 to RMD Adventure Learning CIC for a new weekly youth club in Odiham for children aged 8-13.
- £300 to Odiham Raft Race to support the running costs of the 2026 event.
- £500 to the Hook and Odiham Lions towards a 2026 prostate cancer screening programme.
- £735 to The Bell to fund the print run of the first 100 copies of a local visitors' guide, targeted at overseas tourists, visitors and history enthusiasts.

Community grants are offered twice a year and there is chance to apply for a small amount in the next round - The next closing date is 31st December 2026.



Celebrating local heritage as part of Heritage Open Days

Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. With approximately 240 listed properties in Odiham, we were proud to take part by opening up some of the properties around The Bury area. Properties open for viewing included The Bridewell (former jail and magistrates court), The South Chapel in Odiham Cemetery, The Pest House, and The Bell pub.



Visitors also enjoyed a heritage display by the Odiham Society on local people and their work, the theme for 2026.

It was a pleasure meeting some of the 60+ visitors to The Bridewell - from near and far, people visiting Odiham for the day, old and new residents, fond memories of Odiham Cemetery, the colourful Red Hat Society, and even a gentleman who reminisced about being called to a trial in the former magistrates court for a minor traffic offence back in the 1950's!

Our immense thanks to everyone involved.







Did you know?

As a follow on from Working Lives – the theme of Heritage Open Week – for those of you who missed the display …
Odiham Common brickworks; a hand coloured copy of an image taken c1910. Many men from the Fulbrook, Neville and Trodd families worked here for the Lord of the Manor of Odiham, who owned all the 'waste and commons' in the area.
The original brickworks were on the site of The Waterwitch at Colt Hill. If you would like to know more about this trade or where the works were on Odiham Common please contact the Odiham Society.



Interesting fact and image courtesy of the Odiham Society

Planning & Development - Parish Clerk

The Planning & Development Committee continues to meet online every three weeks and has considered approximately fifty applications, as statutory consultee, since the start of the civic year in May. Applications are reviewed against made local policies which includes the Odiham & North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan (latest review 2025). But this is only a small part of the complex UK planning system.

We are experiencing a period of change due to the Government's reforms to the planning system. This includes changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which is the Government's core rulebook that guides land-use planning and development decisions in England. The main direction of the reforms is to build more homes to increase housing supply, accelerate infrastructure and major projects, make decisions more consistent, and speed up the planning system. The main concerns are whether councils have enough staff and funding, whether environmental protections will remain effective, and whether faster approvals will be matched by adequate infrastructure.

One change requires planning authorities in England to complete and adopt a new-style local plan within 30 months from when the start of the formal process begins, replacing a previous system where plans took an average of 84 months. Hart District Council has now commenced this process and says "it will provide a long-term planning framework, including a vision and strategic priorities for the District, setting out the overall amount and distribution of new development, site allocations and other policies for the determination of planning applications." A Policies Map will accompany the Plan and illustrate geographically where its policies apply.



This timeline can be viewed at:
https://www.hart.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan-timetable

Hart District Council will be running a public consultation from the 19th October to 30th November 2026. You will be able to find the consultation on the Hart District Council website at https://www.hart.gov.uk/new-hart-local-plan Responses must be made in writing.

A drop-in event is being held at the Bridewell on Tuesday 3rd November from 12.30-7.30pm.

We spend a lot of time staying up-to-date with the changes through training and taking advice on how these changes might impact the local area.

We believe the recently updated Odiham & North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan gives the best protection from unwanted development.

However, the lack of a current Local Plan, caused by an increase in Hart's housing numbers from the Government, leaves room for speculative development as we have seen in other parishes.

The optimum stage for a parish council to comment on a large, unwanted planning application is during the formal 21-day statutory consultation window immediately following the application's validation by the Local Planning Authority (LPA). While informal engagement can happen earlier or later, this window is structurally the most impactful phase for a statutory consultee.

Improvements coming to walking route through Bartley Woods



Path improvements to a popular walking route running through common land at Bartley Woods are scheduled during the third week of November (weather permitting).

The entire path will benefit from maintenance aimed at ensuring the route is passable during the Winter months. Works are estimated to take two weeks and will be undertaken by the Hampshire County Council Community Ranger responsible for North East Hampshire with support from volunteers.

This project was instigated by former councillor Steve Bell as part of the Conservation Volunteers Work Group and will be funded by an environmental grant awarded from Hart District Council.



On 7th September, the Government announced that it would pause and review the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) programme as a whole. As part of this, it withdrew the March 2026 decisions on LGR for four areas, including Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, and Southampton.

There is therefore currently no LGR decision in place for our area.

The review is national and is not limited to Hampshire and the Solent. It covers our area and a further 19 areas across England. The Minister has asked councils to cease implementation work while the review takes place. Implementation activity across the Future Hampshire programme has therefore been paused. However, this does not necessarily mean that LGR has been cancelled. The Government will decide what happens next following its review.

The Government has referred to updated legal advice and concerns about the approach, scale and pace of reorganisation. However, councils have received very limited information about the reasons for the decision, how the review will be carried out, the criteria that will be applied or when it will conclude.

Informal comments from ministry officials suggest that the outcome may be known perhaps early in the New Year, although this has not been formally confirmed. We understand that the government wants to take its time in carrying out the review.

Elections to county, district and Parish Councils will take place in May as originally planned.



Parish wide review of road safety - Parish Clerk
(for anyone who missed this in our Summer edition)

The Parish-wide review of road safety has now concluded. OPC has adopted a list of proposed measures aimed at reducing speeds and improving pedestrian safety in some parts of the Parish. Hampshire County Council (HCC) is currently undertaking feasibility assessments.



Proposals include a mix of schemes which Hampshire County Council (HCC) has agreed to progress and Community Funded Initiatives (CFI), which OPC will lead and fund.

Parish led road safety initiatives matter because they bring the people who live and work on the roads into the design process. They know where the hazards are, who is most at risk and when the problems are most likely to occur. This results in measures tailored to meet actual need, rather than generic ideas, and avoids changes which might benefit one resident but impact negatively on the majority of others.

Proposed measures are a result of our partnerships with HCC highways, local schools, Hampshire Police and councillors and residents living across the Parish, all evidenced by feedback through the community survey which generated 400 responses.

As previously reported, there's a balance to be struck between what is desirable and what is possible with the Parish Council's limited resources but we believe the following improvements are feasible and feasibility assessments are now underway with technical support from HCC.

Short term

Those which are being addressed now with HCC and could be quick wins.

CFI

- Increased speed indicator devices (SIDs):
  - Cemetery Hill
  - War Memorial to Farnham Rd roundabout
  - Dunley's Hill
  - Hook Road leading to the Newlyns roundabout
  - Alton Road
  - The Street

HCC

- Re-lining of road markings and traffic speeds on Dunley's Hill and The Street
- Improved signage:
  - Cemetery Hill to King Street - review signage to deter HGVs from Long Sutton
  - West Street - reflective bollards to enhance the school crossing point
  - Hook Road - review signage to direct Odiham traffic via bypass
  - The Street - review signage to deter HGVs from Upton Grey and The Firs

Medium term

Schemes which will require a longer process (eg legal work and/or consultation) and funding.

CFI

- **A 20mph zone on the High Street and King Street -** the full extent of the zone has yet to be determined and will be confirmed following feasibility assessment
- A courtesy crossing point on Churchill Avenue to provide a pedestrian crossing point for families living in military housing south of Churchill Avenue

HCC

- Parking review of West Street, opposite Robert Mays School - possible yellow lines
- Parking review of the Alton Rd end of the High Street - feasibility assessment of moving parked cars onto the wider section of pavement
- Parking review of the parallel parking in central section of High Street - to assess suitability for changing to a herringbone layout

Longer term

There are also a number of longer term schemes - those which will require significant additional funds eg from a developer contribution - which are under review and will be reported separately.

See following page for map showing the proposals.
Please contact the Parish if you would like a higher resolution file emailed to you.

v - War memorial to Farnham Rd n/s

Current speed limit - 30/40

The issue - speeding, especially around the change of speed limits.

Data -
DPC SID data: 1/05/24-9/06/24 shows the average speed of 144,324 vehicles as being 34.3mph. The maximum speed recorded was 75mph on 26/05/24.

The community consultation says - 41.0% of respondents say this location is an issue.

Proposed action:
a. Provide extension of current 30mph zone to include Old Tree Close and Langdon Avenue.
b. Additional SID coverage.
c. Possible CH funded gateway to narrowing of road.
d. Possible CH funded speed cushions.

Clerk

vi - Dunley's Hill, relnl n/s to Hook Rd s/s

Current speed limit - 30

The issue - Speeding, inadequate pedestrian crossing points, lone pathway to the west and crossing island to the south, multiple junctions with residential roads including Wool St, school walking routes with no crossing to Western Lane.

Data - no survey scheduled.
DPC SID data - 10/06/24 - 30/08/24 shows the average speed of 171,226 vehicles as being 36.6mph. The maximum speed recorded was 89mph at 22:20 n/s.

The community consultation says - 36.3% of respondents say this location is an issue.

Proposed action:
a. HCC to discuss and assess crossing points including review of HCC's walking/cycling strategy.
b. More SID coverage.
c. Regular re-marking of road markings including speed limits.

Clerk

vii - Hook Rd running through North Warnborough

Current speed limit - 30

The issue - Speeding, no pelican crossing points, sections of pavements inadequate at times, multiple junctions with residential roads, no residential parking in some locations, length of parked cars at southern end.

Data - no survey schedule.
DPC SID data - Jan 2024- shows the average speed of 142,946 vehicle's as being 28.58mph. Maximum speed recorded 82mph.

The community consultation says - 34.5% of respondents say this location is an issue.

Proposed action:
a. Consider reducing speed limit from Lord Denby n/a to direct Odiham traffic via A287 and not through NW.
b. Check weight limit of these routes.
c. More SID coverage north of 2 existing approved locations.
d. Assess suitability and safety for a new crossing point (safer research).
e. Keep pavements clear using Parish Lengthsman.

Clerk

iv - High St, between traffic lights & war memorial

Current speed limit - 30

The issue - Highest footfall section of High St, perpendicular parking with reversing into road, busy junction with Ring St and poor sight lines, speeding at certain times of day.

Data - Speed surveys from two locations were carried out in October 2023 and supports thresholds for a 20mph scheme.

The community consultation says - 49% of respondents say this location is an issue.

Proposed action:
a. CH funded 20mph zone to include - and n.
b. Review two-way/one-way layout.
c. Seek advice from HCC parking team re layout of parking bays and changing to herringbone layout.

Clerk

iii - High St, between Alton Rd n/s to traffic lights

Current speed limit -30

The issue - Perceived speeding which is not confirmed by data.
Long stretch of parked cars reported as a concern.

Data - no survey scheduled. HCC officer and Speedwatch suggests speeds do not exceed speed limits.

The community consultation says - 40.3% of respondents says this location is an issue.

Proposed action:
a. CH funded 20mph zone to include - and n.
b. Review parking at western end - consider gap in middle of list of parked cars, pave more to south carriageway - possible for such parking markings on pavement.
c. Review herringbone parking layout.

Clerk

ii - West Street, around Robert Mayo School

Current speed limit - 30

The issue - Speeding around school (especially during school drop off/pick-up times), no pedestrian crossing from the south east of the school, poor condition of the courtesy crossing to the south west, poor condition of line markings, poor parking, toilets making it difficult for school buses.
New and planned developments in the area which is likely to increase traffic (Chobsley Farm solar farm, McCarthy Stone apartments (application).

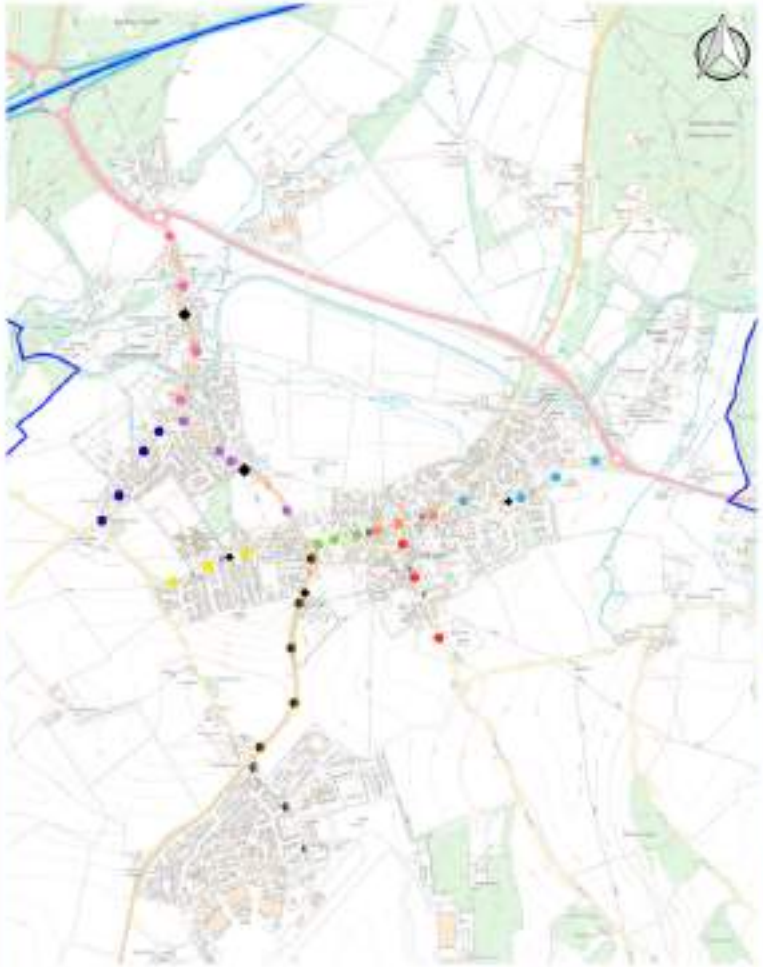
Data - speed survey data does not support a 20mph scheme.

The community consultation says - 21.2% of respondents say this location is an issue.

Action taken:
i. Event app made for improving informal courtesy crossing points (raised hump on existing west of school and new courtesy crossing point to the east).
ii. Reported faulty light to the west of school.
iii. Requested contribution from proposed McCarthy Stone development.

Proposed action:
a. Line markings already refreshed. Area under regular review.
b. HCC to review school signs to ensure a sign at East approaches to school.
c. Review parking opposite school and consider restrictions at certain times.
d. Monitoring level of opportunities for 20mph zone as part of HCC's 2027/28 policy.
e. Consider lack of visibility of CH pedestrian crossing points after reviewing effectiveness of n.c.

Clerk



viii - Churchill Avenue, Alton Rd to RAF Station entrance

Current speed limit - 20

The issue - B3349/Fire/Churchill Ave junction - 40mph limit at junction making it difficult to turn right from RAF Station, no pedestrian crossing point on Churchill Avenue for the military families living south of Churchill Avenue.

Data - no survey schedule.
RAF SID data - Nov '24 to Jan '26 - 32,668 vehicles - Av speed 17mph, 85th centile 22.2mph, max 75mph.

The community consultation says - 47.5% of respondents say this location is an issue.

Action taken:
i. RAF Odiham made giant app made for 2 new courtesy crossing points, 1 towards top of Churchill Avenue and 1 to link up with Love Lane.
ii. Joint campaign to HCC to reduce limit at junction to 30mph.

Proposed action:
a. CH funded pedestrian crossing points a possibility. Site meeting and review required.
b. Maintain close relationship with RAF Odiham and support their work.
c. Continue campaign to HCC to reduce speed limit at junction.

Clerk

vix - Alton Rd, High St n/s to RAF Odiham junction

Current speed limit -30/40

The issue
High St to Church Avenue - long stretch without crossing point, 30 and 40mph zones with vehicles increasing speeds leading up to RAF Odiham junction, long stretch with no pavement southern end and narrow pavements northern end. Popular school walking routes.
Issues in/to Church Avenue junction - 40mph limit at junction, difficulty turning right from RAF Odiham, no pedestrian crossing point on Church Avenue for the military families living south of Church Avenue.
Multiple accidents recorded.

Data - no survey scheduled.
DPC SID data (north of route) - Sep '24 - 67,835 vehicles - Av speed 28.2mph, max 70mph.
RAF SID data (south of route) - Jan '26 - 280,502 vehicles - Av speed 32.9mph, 85th centile 38.8mph, max 109mph.

The community consultation says - support but no specific question asked.

Proposed action:
a. Working brief as approved date to extend current 30mph zone to include RAF Odiham junction.
b. To include extension of Public Footpath at The Firs.
c. Additional SID locations.

Clerk

x - The Street

Current speed limit - 30/20

The issue - There is an existing 20mph speed limit on The Street which residents say isn't patrolled or enforced. No pavements. Heavy vehicles unsuitable for this road. Also used for as route from Alton Rd to Hook Rd and unsuitable for heavy vehicles.

Data - none available.

The community consultation says - support but no specific question asked.

Proposed action:
a. Seek advice from the HCC cabinet, infrastructure team and Inclusion request to reduce 20mph limit on road.
b. New SID locations in addition to existing 3 already approved.

Clerk

A Parish wide review of TRAFFIC CALMING

Covering Odiham, North Warnborough and public highway around RAF Odiham

2026

Odiham Parish Council and community representatives

i - Cemetery Hill/King Street

Current speed limit - 30/30

The issue - Speeding from Cemetery Hill, large vehicles, no pavements, school walking routes, properties fronting road, long stretch of parked vehicles, public toilets accessing straight into road.

Data - Speed surveys from two locations were carried out in June 2025 and show a mean average speed less than 28mph with higher speeds from the south, on the approach to Cemetery Hill.

The community consultation says - 38.6% of respondents say this location is an issue.

Proposed action:
a. CH funded 20mph zone to include ii and iv.
b. New SID location on brow of Cemetery Hill.
c. Review signage at Long Sutton to deter HGVs.

Clerk

Key

- Community Speedwatch sites
- Existing SID locations
- Traffic speed survey location

Exciting times ahead ....

As we enter the final period of the current four-year election term, the Council continues to thrive and deliver important work for our community, while planning for an exciting future. We remain focused on supporting local priorities with the aim of handing over to the Parish Councillors who are elected in May 2027. We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and leaving a strong foundation for those who will serve the Parish in the next term. Here's a few of the large projects which may be of interest.

The Bridewell - Cllr Leo Cornall

Following on from our previous public consultation and engagement with Hart Council heritage and planning officers on the future of The Bridwell, the council has recently engaged with both an Architect and Quantity Surveyor to provide costed options for the future development of The Bridewell. Options range from minor alterations to include additional toilet facilities, to a wider refurbishment which would address many of the building's long-standing problems and create new opportunities for its everyday use and, importantly, its revenue-earning potential.

The outcome of these costed options will inform the Council's approach to how best achieve the goal of making The Bridwell a more engaging, well-used and cost-efficient resource for the whole community. Whilst this offers an exciting future vision, funding for this will need to come from a number of sources, including our own Parish and from local and central government, charity and lottery funding where possible.

This is seen by the council as a long-term project with long-term benefits to both the future of the building and to our community.

Play Areas - Amenity Officer

The summer months with it's amazing weather unearthed a few new challenges in maintaining the recreation and amenity areas in the Parish, as it has for all of us with gardens. With the assistance of our wonderful contractors and a regime of regular inspections, most have survived, and with less extreme heat and some rain have bounced back well.

It has been noticeable how much our locals, as well as visitors, make use of the amenity areas and footpaths throughout the Parish. We are fortunate to have beautiful countryside and waterside places to explore as well as a vibrant village to enjoy. We try and keep an eye on everything during our weekly inspections, but if you happen to spot an issue when walking around we would be pleased to hear from you.

Over the coming months there is planned maintenance on some of the play equipment in the various play areas which may result in some of the equipment being temporarily unavailable. There is also some new equipment being installed at Chamberlain Gardens thanks to a grant award by Hart District Council. Our next priority is the Chapel Pond playground and we will be sharing project details soon.



New asset management - Cllr Angela McFarlane

Odiham Parish Council owns a rather eclectic list of physical assets from the tract of land that now houses the tennis and bowls clubs and Chamberlain Gardens play area to a sliver of land adjacent to Colt Hill close to the car park, the public toilets in King Street to The Bridewell. In some cases the way these assets came into the ownership of OPC is clear – a legacy in the case of the first and an asset transfer from Hampshire County Council in the case of the last. In others, such as the land at Colt Hill, it is less clear.

One way that assets become the responsibility of a local council in recent times, is where planning permission for a development includes land that will become a community asset of some kind once building is complete. Two such cases that are active in Odiham currently are the public open space adjacent to Langton Avenue (also known as Montfort Place) including a smaller area at the top of Runnymede Drive, and a much smaller piece of land behind the care home at Crownfields. These all have relatively long planning histories.

Exciting times ahead ....

In an ideal world, the planning permission sets out clear details of what the land will be used for, who will be responsible for it, and what funds will transfer to assist with maintenance going forward. In the case of the land at Crownfields, these conditions are clear. The land is to support the adjacent provision of pre-school care. It will be partly available to the pre-school for outdoor activities and partly for parking for those working at the nursery or picking up or dropping off children. It will be managed by OPC and some funds were agreed.

Unfortunately, the situation at Langton Avenue and Runnymede Drive is not so clear cut. As the planning authority, Hart should have agreed with the developer a commuted sum to pass to the custodian of the land on completion. There is not a fixed amount, financial contributions are calculated and such sums are usually sufficient to cover maintenance for 10-30 years. Unfortunately, due to an oversight at the time, this did not happen. To make things more complicated, the environmental management plan for the public space was very ambitious. In the years since the development was completed, it proved impossible to implement this plan fully and as a result there were years of delay before it was signed off as complete. In all this time personnel have changed in all the parties involved and it has proved difficult to secure the future of this site.

At the time of writing, there is an offer from the developers which would finally provide a realistic sum to OPC that would allow the site to be maintained for some years. After that time, the cost of maintenance will fall on the whole Parish – just as it does for every other public open space and asset owned and maintained by the OPC.



Land at Crownfields for pre-school use

It has not been an easy decision for the Parish Council. We have had to weigh the expectations of the residents living close to the sites, the value of the public open space to the wider community, and the fate of this large tract of land if it is not secured for the future.

No single piece of public space in the Parish is likely to be used by everyone – yet we all pay towards the upkeep of them. Public open space within the Parish is an important part of the rural nature of our environment, which is why the number of sites identified in the recent review of the Neighbourhood Plan has been increased. With greater demand to build, open space is likely to come under threat in the medium term. For these reasons, OPC has decided to take on the ownership of the public open space at Langton Avenue and Runnymede Drive subject to a satisfactory agreement with the developers to ensure it is in good order and secure at the time of transfer. We will also be introducing a more affordable maintenance regime, whilst still promoting a more biodiverse ecology.



Public open space adjacent to Langton Avenue



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

WAR MEMORIAL, GOSPEL GREEN, ODIHAM HIGH STREET



WREATH LAYERS SHOULD CONGREGATE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL BY 9.55AM.

EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE INVITED TO MEET AT THE FRONT OF THE WAR MEMORIAL BY 9.55AM.

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE IS SCHEDULED TO START AT 10AM, WHICH WILL INCLUDE A 2 MINUTES' SILENCE AND A FLYPAST.

FOLLOWED BY SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH 10.50AM

EVERYONE WELCOME

more+ BUKO TRAFFIC & SAFETY

Event supported by BUKO

POPPY APPEAL

ROB TIZARD- RBL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ODIHAM AND NORTH WARNBOROUGH

We are very fortunate to have RAF Odiham as our neighbour and they support us every year at our Remembrance service.

This year it is on Sunday 8th November, so please come along. The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal launches on 22nd October and runs through to Remembrance Day on 11th November.

Odiham and North Warnborough raised £8647 last year for this worthy cause and it is hoped that we can surpass that figure this year.
Look out for the poppy volunteers, young and not-so-young, and please give generously.'

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Testing of memorials will now begin in Odiham Cemetery from November 2026. (These works were posponed from September due to weather constraints)

As the land owner, Odiham Parish Council is obliged to undertake this work to ensure that the cemetery is a safe place for the public to visit. Testing will be carried out on all memorials over 18 inches/ 457mm in height, in line with the Council's Memorial Testing Policy https://odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/council-business/council/council-services/cemetery-bookings

Any memorial found to be unsafe will be marked with a letter.
Failed memorials will be laid flat and and notiforcation sent to the exclsive rights holder at the last known address









EXTRAVAGANZA 2026

ODIHAM CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

The Odiham Christmas Extravaganza on Sunday 29 November is the best way to start your festive season.

The High Street in Odiham will be buzzing with a great variety of stalls offering crafts and gifts as well as food and drink. There will be entertainment from Basingstoke Community Radio, local choirs and a brass band. Add some funfair rides and there is something for everyone.

All the shops, restaurants and hostelries will be open to welcome you to see their Christmas wares. Come and enjoy - Sunday 29 November between 1pm and 6pm

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Welcome to new councillors



I'm **Ed Ives-Wara**, a North Warnborough resident with an office based in the heart of Odiham. I bring over 20 years' experience in the voluntary and community sector, supporting children, young people and families, developing community projects and building partnerships with local organisations.

As a family, we regularly enjoy the parish's green spaces and play parks and support local businesses, so I value the facilities and opportunities that help our community thrive. I am passionate about listening to residents, supporting local groups and projects, and bringing people together.

I'm looking forward to being involved in future community projects that support the families of Odiham and North Warnborough.

We also welcome **Cllr Liz Wilmot-Sitwell** who has lived in the Parish for nearly 4 years. With a young family, Cllr Wilmot-Sitwell says "I want to help my community and have a say in the management of the place my family will grow up. I care deeply about the surroundings in which they will learn about life and make friends, and I would dearly like to do my part, and be of help if I can."

Cllr Wilmot-Sitwell has a background in comms and PR across multiple sectors and hopes this experience of running and managing communication campaigns will be an asset to the Council.

Council meetings

Tuesday 20th October 8pm

Tuesday 17th November 7.30pm

Tuesday 15th December 7.30pm

At The Bridewell in The Bury

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