

Bourne Parishes – WSCC Councillor report

Chidham and Hambrook Parish – November 2022

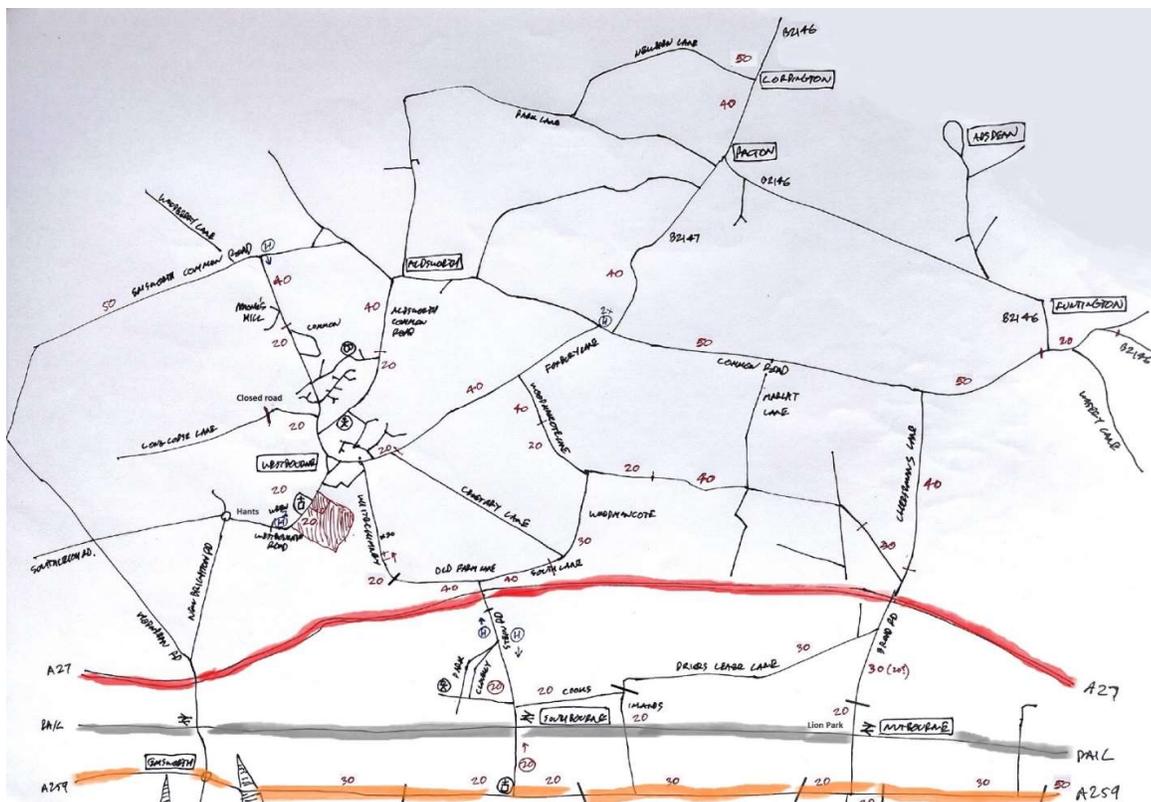
Parish	Issue	Type	Priority	Requested	Actioned
Chidham & Hambrook	Chidham school Community Highways Scheme	Highways	1	Nov-21	In progress
Chidham & Hambrook	Speed reductions and traffic calming - WSCC TFG	Highways	2	Sep-22	In progress
Chidham & Hambrook	ChEmRoute improvements & speed reductions	Highways	2	Nov-21	In progress
Chidham & Hambrook	Introduce Gigabit Broadband	Technology	2	Nov-21	With Parish
Chidham & Hambrook	Launch the free travel Bourne Community Bus	Transport	3	Nov-21	Launched June
Chidham & Hambrook	Cycle path from Cala homes to Chidham school	Transport	3	Feb-21	Cancelled

WSCC Speed Policy

This has changed in that, apparently, as this is an update of an existing WSCC Speed Policy the view from WSCC Highways is that public consultation is no longer required, saving at least 8 weeks. The timing plan is that WSCC Highways are reviewing the Policy with the Police and then WSCC Cabinet should approve the Policy in December. The approval of this policy means local issues such as Chidham school, ChEmRoute and roads on the Chidham peninsula can be considered for reduced speed limits as part of the CHP Neighbourhood Plan, together with working with Westbourne and Southbourne on an integrated speed policy on all main roads running East, West and North.

- National speed limit in West Sussex and SDNP will stay at 60mph but the option will be there for rural villages to request to reduce speed limits to 50mph, with new signs installed.
- Policies that better support 20mph zones for residential areas, Neighbourhood Planning and where there are cycle routes and horse riders etc along specific routes.
- 20mph zones outside every school for around 150-300m either side, depending on the road
- New Speed Policies will certainly help support Parishes in their desire to drop speed limits from 50mph to 40mph, 40 to 30 and 30 to 20mph as required. They should also help avoid having to have the current 'buffer' speed reductions over very short road sections e.g. 30 to 60mph at the top of Broad Road. Instead there could be a 40mph limit at the top of Broad Road up Cheesemans lane rather than the current national limit of 60 mph.

Examples of how speed limits could change between Nutbourne, Hambrook, Southbourne and Westbourne. I'll convene a meeting between three Parishes in November to discuss the map below to move the project forward:



Bourne Community Bus

The Bourne Bus remains popular, especially with residents travelling to Tesco Havant, Emsworth and Chichester. The bus recently featured in the Ems Valley Gazette, Chichester Observer, Village magazine and Westbourne news.

Due to us carrying less passengers in the afternoon, and very few after 16:00, after consultation with Parish representatives and drivers **we plan to change the bus times to finish at 16:00 from December**. New timetables are being created, aiming to get as simple a route as possible to make journey planning for residents easier. If driver rosters permit, we may also be able to run a Wednesday morning service too, but this is under review.

New timetables will still inevitably be more difficult to work out than standard bus services that simply cover a set number of stops, in order, every 90 minutes or so. Whilst we have taken out one of the three Thorney stops and the Friday Havant rail drop-off, we still need to link in with the 54 bus at Westbourne twice a day, run an out and return trip to Chichester (giving around 2.5 hours in the city) and make the Bourne school pickup at around 3.30 each day to take children back to Thorney. What we have done is create a single timetable in order from start to finish at 16:00 that will hopefully be easier for residents to follow, and to encourage them to use the Bourne Bus more.

From the 20 stops the bus currently has, Westbourne stops will stay unchanged and Southbourne will substitute Patricia Way (little used and on the 700 bus route) for Garsons Road, where more elderly and poorer residents live.



Chidham and Hambrook stops at St Wilfrid's and Broad Road PO will remain unchanged. Whilst they are not hugely used currently, we are coming into poorer Winter weather and there is the Cala Homes estate being built at the top of Broad Road opposite the post office bus stop, with 118 houses (so around 300 residents within 2 years). There are also hundreds of other residents at Scant Road and The Avenue. **Bruce has indicated that more marketing will be done when the new timetable is issued with 2,000 leaflets printed for resident local door-drop distribution which will help get more residents on board.**

Our second bus, a 15 seat Mercedes Sprinter also with a disabled lift, has been hired 8 times over the last two months for groups, weddings and birthday parties in the main, and has raised almost £1,000 in funds for the Bourne Bus service. Please promote this facility, which is a lot cheaper than most other hire services for any vehicle.

Local resident or group hire is from £30 per half day self-drive up to £150 for a full day with a driver. For bus hire rates & details see www.bournebus.co.uk/hire-the-bus/



All Parishes have now paid their £2,000 contribution for 2022 / 23 that takes Parishes up to the end of May 2023.

- The bus website gives all the details of Bourne Bus services, timetables and news and also a bus hire form.
- See www.bournebus.co.uk for more details. For bus related queries contact andrew4bourne@gmail.com

There are QR codes to scan to donate £1, £2 or £5 and we will also install a Sumup payment system on the bus so that, whilst all travel is free for residents, anyone can donate to bus running costs instantly via card tap and pay.

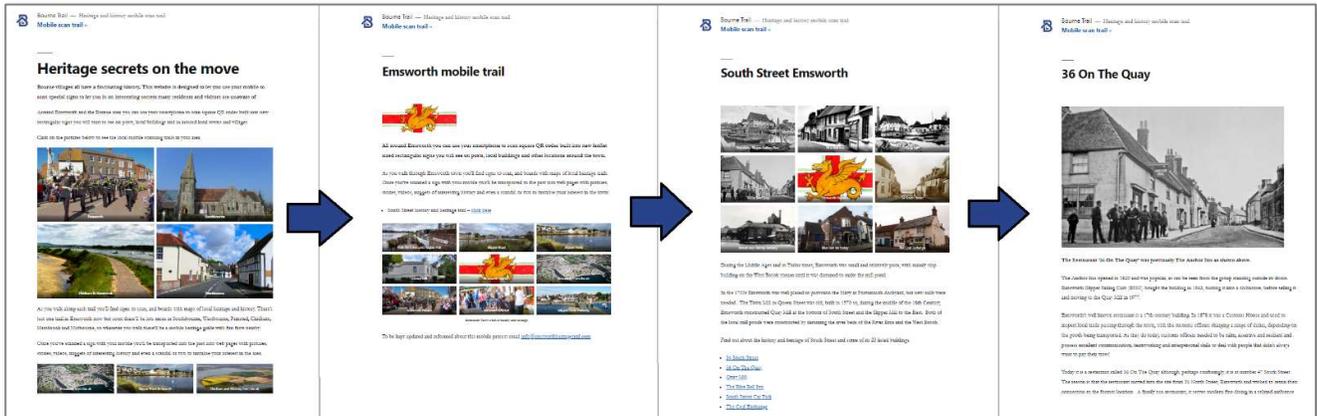
Pallant housing development appeal 200 houses

The Bourne Bus will be made available to residents for travel to the first day of the replanned appeal due at Emsworth Baptist Church from Wed 4th January to 20th January. The appeal will be on every day except Mondays.

Bourne Trail history and heritage mobile scanning website

Mark Ringwood, chair of the Emsworth Forum, is leading a team looking at a new Bourne heritage trail project. This will have signs with QR codes and NFC tags that can be scanned by mobile phones leading to a new website.

Each Parish will have its own section and branding, then 12 web pages with two trails suggested (6 pages per trail)



Small weatherproof signs and posters will highlight history and heritage around Bourne villages, with links to local buildings, tourist sites, local people, museums, industrial heritage and wildlife sites etc. The signs can be screwed onto standard 4 in oak posts (as in the SDNP) or installed on new pavement posts (like the [WSSC Glasdon ones here](#))

Example sign design around 25cm x 8cm



Tamper proof screw points

Trail branding

Trail location

High resolution picture + UV inks

Bit.ly to type in for those that cannot scan

QR code and NFC Tag (on back)

Location description

Main trail website

Website visit encouragement

Bourne area contributors

The meeting on 1st November reviewed the first trial 6 website pages for the Emsworth heritage trail that covers South Street, with a local school acting as a trial route to see if it works and how it might be improve in terms of content. Mark will be talking to other Parish contributors to the trail at Chidham and Hambrook, Southbourne and Westbourne during November, as this project is now ready to start creating Parish online content and signs.

- Current trial build website to review: www.bournetrail.wordpress.com
- Web address already purchased for final site: www.bournetrail.co.uk

The trial website was completed in October so we are now seeking Parish and other funding sources.

The main cost is the website build and content creation and image editing etc and £6,000 will fund development of the initial website build and around 60 pages (12 per Parish) as stage one of the Bourne Trail project, with around £4,000 more to print the QR code signs.

Each parish is asked to contribute £1,000 in November and £1,500 in December.

Promotion of the NHS Flu Immunisation Programme 2022-2023

The NHS Flu Immunisation Programme is important and WSCC seeks your support in the promotion of this with your residents and communities. Flu immunisation is one of the most effective interventions we can provide to reduce harm from flu and pressures on health and social care services during the winter. In offering vaccination, we aim to protect those most at risk of serious illness or death should they develop flu, whilst reducing overall transmission of the flu virus.

Like the NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Programme, flu vaccination remains an important safer behaviour in which everyone, where possible, are encouraged to accept. This year, the flu vaccination remains as important as before, given that we are all returning to routine social contact at a time of co-circulation of respiratory viruses during the winter period. Those that are eligible to receive the flu vaccine and COVID-19 booster may be offered both in the same appointment. It is safe to receive both vaccines at the same appointment, but it's important not to wait to try and schedule both vaccinations at the same time, as this may not be possible and could delay an individuals' protection over winter. People are encouraged to take up the offer of each vaccine when invited to, even if they are on different dates.

The impact of the flu on frail and vulnerable people in our communities can be serious and therefore, encouraging these people to take up the flu vaccination is very important.

The annual flu vaccine campaign aims to target and protect those most at risk from becoming very unwell with the flu. Therefore, everyone aged 50 years and over is eligible; this is because the immune system weakens with age and so people become more susceptible to developing a serious infection. In addition, people aged over 6 months who have a long-term health condition (including respiratory or heart disease, diabetes or lowered immunity) are eligible because they are more at risk of developing a serious infection and requiring hospitalisation.

All pregnant women should have the flu vaccine to protect themselves and their babies because it will: reduce their risk of serious complications such as pneumonia, particularly in the later stages of pregnancy; reduce the risk of miscarriage or having a baby born too soon or with a low birth weight; help protect their baby who will continue to have some immunity to flu during the first few months of its life; reduce the chance of the mother passing infection to her baby.

Additionally, carers and those who are close contacts of immunocompromised individuals are eligible in order to protect the people they look after.

All children aged 2 to 3 on 31st August 2022 will be eligible for the flu vaccination, via the GP practice. There is a school programme for children in reception and school Years 1- 9. Children are vaccinated because it provides individual protection against the flu, but also because children are 'super-spreaders' of infection and it has been shown effective vaccination of children can benefit the whole of society, as it reduces the spread of flu.

Most local residents are entitled to the vaccine free of charge through the NHS. The vaccine is available at GP or Community Pharmacy settings and at schools for those eligible for the school's vaccination programme. For more information on those eligible and how to access the vaccine:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>



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Reduce food waste and the cost of your weekly shop



A new 'food rescue' pilot is underway in parts of West Sussex designed to reduce food waste and help people with the rising cost of their weekly shop.

Working with [UK Harvest](#), district and borough councils, and other partnerships and charities, the scheme will run for six months in Bognor Regis, Crawley, and Southwick.

The areas selected as studies had the highest amount of food waste within residual rubbish bins.

Each area will host a UKHarvest Community Food Hub once a month where for a small voluntary donation of £3.50, people will be able to pick up a wide selection of surplus foods which would have otherwise ended up in the bin. They will also get the opportunity to talk to staff and volunteers on how to make the most of their weekly shopping by choosing healthy options, improving cookery skills and reducing household food waste.

[Find event dates and details here](#)

How WSCC is generating clean, green energy



Our renewable energy systems - which include two solar farms and many more solar panels on our buildings - generated more than 16,000 MWh of clean electricity last year. That's enough to power more than 5,500 average UK homes.

This prevented 3,700 tonnes of CO₂ being released into the atmosphere compared to generating the same amount of electricity from fossil fuels.

[Find out more about our solar projects here](#)

Funding available for home energy improvements



The [Warmer Homes programme](#) is still available to residents in West Sussex and aims to help raise the energy efficiency of low-income and low-energy performance homes.

Funding is available for things like roof, underfloor, wall and park home insulation, air source heat pumps, solar panels, storage heaters and heating controls.

Apply quickly so you don't miss out and please pass this information to anyone you think may benefit from this programme.

How much will it cost and what will I save?

Costs depend on the type, and the size and age of the property. In a typical three-bedroomed semi-detached house in Great Britain, [the Energy Savings Trust estimates](#) that installing draught proofing measures plus cavity wall and loft insulation could save £555 on an average annual energy bill.

Insulation measures

Three bed semi-detached home

Measure	Cost	Saving
Cavity wall insulation	£1,000	£395
Loft insulation	£390	£35
Draught proofing	£223	£125

Using an average gas price of 10.3p/kWh and electricity price of 34.0p/kWh. Correct as of October 2022

Source: Energy Saving Trust



[More details on the programme](#)

Other WSCC news

- Winter opening hours have returned at all Recycling Centres. [Check your nearest site](#) for details.
- Volunteers are needed to help with tree planting and maintenance in Southwick and Adur. Tickets are required and available via our [events page](#).
- Read our [special edition Bus it! eNewsletter](#). We've pulled together two fantastic opportunities to win £100 supermarket vouchers and an invitation to let us know what you think about bus travel in West Sussex!

