

County Report to Parishes March 2019

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Current news:

You will have seen the press regarding:

- A31 management to allow 300 HGV's to park there in case of BREXIT issues at Portsmouth. Showers, toilets and crossing facilities being put in place from 4th March- likely to be disruptive.
- The approval of Kings Barton primary school to open 2020
- The Village Clean Up advice- see examples of good practice from www.KeepBritainTidy.org
- Developers failing to provide the community facilities they promised in their planning applications (HAB, Metis, etc)

Consultation on Waste Collection:

Many of you want to see more items recycled, less contamination and less items going to residual waste. This is quite a long consultation- but easy to access, taking you through 20 points for discussion and response and many open boxes. What shame that local consultations are not so well constructed!

Deadline 13th May 2019

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-quality/consultation-on-consistency-in-household-and-busin/consultation/>

School places

Places have been allocated for secondary schools. 98% of children have been given a place in one of the three schools they listed, 92% in first choice. So, 2%, that's 2 in every 100 have not. This may be because their choices were unrealistic- or very popular.

Primary schools places are allocated and sent to parents in mid-April. Can I give a reminder that children not of statutory school age will not be eligible for transport this year for the first time? If you hear of any issues with this, please let me know.

Cllr Perry has resigned as HCC's Conservative Leader- we are awaiting announcement of the new leader for 2019-20 year. (next County Elections are in 2021)

Commission 2050. I attended the Economy of the Rural Area- the final one is on 'Youth Engagement, Deprivation and Diversity, Digital'

Flooding mitigation now being finalised for the Worthys, and being disappointed with progress in Wonston parish, I have my first meeting specifically for Sutton Scotney- the first meeting is on 7th March. If you have any photographs, I am interested in creating a film similar to this one for the Worthys

www.tinyurl.com/worthysflooding2014

I find it helps to concentrate the mind on the issue if shown at the meetings.

Road closures to install electricity etc. Please be aware that applications to 'open the road' (ie: dig it *open*- and thereby *close* it to vehicles) are dealt with via a 'Govt portal' now so there is very little time leeway. Applications usually have to be made 3 months in advance of need, so if you need this service, please think ahead! <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/publications/application-consent-carry-out-excavations-or-break-surface-road>

Finally, there is a **proposal to build an industrial incinerator/energy from waste plant at Barton Stacey**. There is no planning application yet. As a National Infrastructure Project, it will be managed by the Govt Planning Inspectorate, but HCC will be a consultee. I understand it is likely to be proposed as an application late 2019/early 2020, maybe later. Four county divisions are affected and having had initial discussions, I am hoping that we will be able to work cross party on a response. See more at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/wheelabrator-harewood-waste-to-energy-facility/> Initial consultation runs until the 22nd March.