



Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council

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Change of name

Horsham town has three Neighbourhood Councils, which represent the unparished part of the town. Most people don't realise that almost half of the town, the southern part including the town centre shopping area, doesn't have a parish council. The reason for this lies in the mists of time but what it does mean is that the sort of things, which you might expect a parish council to do for the benefit of its residents, just don't happen.

Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council is there to represent the interests of the part of Horsham, which is bounded by the Guildford Road, North Parade, Warnham Road and the A24. The intention of the name change by the addition of Horsham to its title is to make the

existence of Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council more visible to everyone in the town but especially to you, the residents of the Trafalgar area, so that you know who to contact not only for advice or help but also so that you can let us know what you like or hate about the area.

Time doesn't stand still and we need your help to ensure that our area remains a place in which we choose to live. Please contact Mrs Julie McMillian by E mail at trafalgarnc@hotmail.com. There are still lots of improvements that can be made in the Trafalgar area, which will benefit all the residents

The Hardy Close project

The older parts of the town suffer from the same problem, rows of terraced houses built in the Victorian or early 20th century period, way in advance of the real advent of the car. Times have changed and most people own at least one car now if not more. Unfortunately, the arrival of the car has not been accompanied by an increase in the provision of parking spaces and many of our streets have become clogged up by on-street and on pavement parking.

Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council decided to do something about it and looked around for land, which was not really used. An obvious candidate was land at the junction of Trafalgar Road and Hardy Close, a grassed area on which vehicles were sometimes parked with no thought to the damage that was being occasioned.

It seemed an obvious place to construct proper car parking spaces for the benefit of the

residents of Hardy Close and nearby houses in Trafalgar Road, whilst at the same time creating a "green lung" to make the area more attractive. The land was owned by Saxon Weald and they worked with Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council in order to achieve the desired end result. Considerable help was also given by Horsham District Council especially with regard to funding for the project.

The work has now been completed and it was wonderful to see the car parking spaces coming into use. Hopefully, the bollards, which have been erected, will prevent people parking on the grassed area and everyone's looking forward to seeing the landscaping work as it matures.

It just goes to show that improvements, large or small, can be made in the Trafalgar area if people are prepared to work together.





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A new website

As more and more people make use of the internet, it's obvious that all organisations need a website as it provides an easy source of news and information, whilst at the same time allowing people to make contact with a whole range of other people. Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council has never had its own website but that's changing and a website will

soon be in place. It doesn't mean that other means of communication are forgotten and people will still be able to contact us by post or by telephone.

Mind you, this form of communication is slowing dying out and it's interesting to see how many people in their 90s can now be seen clutching their iPads!

Bus shelters

It's been obvious for some time that there should be a bus shelter opposite Leggyfield Court, on the other side of Redford Avenue to offer people some protection from inclement weather. Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood

Council has been working on this project for some time and is pleased to be able to announce that a bus shelter will be erected during 2016. In addition, Horsham District Council has agreed to maintain it. It just goes to show what we can achieve if we work together.

Horsham Blueprint

Horsham Blueprint was initiated by the three Neighbourhood Councils to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the unparished area of Horsham, which allows all local residents and businesses to have the opportunity to shape its future. The Plan will be developed by those who know the Town best - the people who live and work in Horsham. It is a real Plan that will make a real difference to how our Town will look and what it will offer.

Once the Neighbourhood Plan has been drafted and submitted, there will be a referendum for every resident over 18 and for every business rate payer. If approved at the referendum, the Neighbourhood Plan must be adopted by Horsham District Council and will be enforceable in law.

Whether you are a resident, or you own or work for a business in the unparished area, your views are crucial and we want to hear what matters to you. The preparation of the Plan is in its early stages; this is your opportunity to contribute ideas and practical help with producing the Plan. You can also be involved by taking part in the Working Groups.

To find out more please visit "Imagine Horsham" in Swan Walk from the 8th to 10th April 2016. If you have a Horsham Blueprint "Making a Plan for Horsham" card you might also like to complete and return it to Horsham Blueprint so that your views are known and taken into account. The more information that is collected, the better will be the quality of the final Neighbourhood Plan. At the end of the day, it's in our hands.

Help shape the Future of Horsham Town - You *can* make a difference!

You can find out more about Horsham Blueprint on www.horshamblueprint.org, on

Facebook or by E mailing horshamblueprint@gmail.com. You can also make contact by post to Horsham Blueprint, Unit 10, MBE Horsham, 33 Queen Street, Horsham RH13 5AA.