



YATELEY, FROGMORE & DARBY GREEN NEWS

SUMMER 2021

Mayor's Message

By Councillor Gerry Crisp

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Since my last message to you, many COVID restrictions have eased, and it has been immeasurably cheering to see our pubs busy with friends safely enjoying one another's company once more. Our local shops, hairdressers and community halls have reopened, and the warmer weather means that our parks and green spaces are full of life again too. Those visiting Yateley Green will be pleased to hear that our public toilets are now open at the weekends. I would once again like to extend my thanks to everyone involved in the vaccination programme – your hard work makes the reopening of our community possible.

We're very much looking forward to a summer filled with fun events including, Yateley & District Lions Club's Summer Fair in August, visits from the funfair and the circus, and much more. In this newsletter, we give more information on the events coming up, along with details of our brand new Saturday Market! This newsletter also includes information about our Neighbourhood Plan consultation which is currently taking place, and I hope that you will all take part in this to help to shape the future of our parish.

While life has opened up a lot more in the last few months, there are still restrictions in place and I must encourage everyone to continue following government guidance to help everyone stay safe.



Nominate your Local Hero!

Yateley Town Council is continuing its plans to host an event to celebrate the people, our Local Heroes, who have got us through the pandemic. We would still love to receive your nominations for those that you feel deserve recognition for their efforts.

Is there someone you know who has gone above and beyond to support others over the last year? An organisation that has helped you while you were staying at home? A kind neighbour who has supported you while shielding? Please contact us at office@yateley-tc.gov.uk with some information about them to nominate them for an award, so that we can recognise the amazing work they have done. Email with the subject 'Local Heroes'.

This celebration is planned to take place as part of the Yateley and District Lions Club's Summer Fayre on the 30th August. All the details will be shared on our social media (@YateleyTC) and on www.yateley-tc.gov.uk in due course.



Neighbourhood Plan – We Want Your Views!

By Richard Quarterman, Neighbourhood Plan Chairman

The Neighbourhood Plan for Yateley, Darby Green and Frogmore is nearly finished! This is the Plan that will guide future planning decisions, sets out our expectations around design and reduce our environmental impact on climate change. A draft version of the Plan was approved by the Town Council at their meeting on 15th March 2021, and the first two bits of official assessment have been done by Hart District Council.

The next stage is to ask local residents for their views, because it is important that the plan genuinely reflects the aspirations of the community. We started this public consultation on 10th May and it is running for just over 7 weeks until 2nd July. The idea is that it gives the local community the opportunity to review the Plan, and pass any comments on to the Steering Group for their consideration. Residents will also get the chance to vote on the Neighbourhood Plan in a referendum when it has been through all the formal approval stages, but this is the last chance to make any significant changes.

Of course, we have already conducted a couple of surveys while putting together this Plan, so we expect that the plan should already be a fair reflection of local people's views. There are 15 policies in this Plan, which are described in overview below – the full document is available on our website.

Please take a few minutes to read the Plan and give us your feedback – it will help to ensure the best possible future for the development of our attractive and vibrant town.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a legal planning document governing land use in the parish of Yateley, which also covers the villages of Darby Green and Frogmore. It supplements Hart District's Local Plan, and enables residents in our community the opportunity to influence and control future planning decisions concerning our parish.

There are 15 policies in the document, which cover:

1. **Sustainable Development** – this requires any new development within the settlement boundaries to support environmental requirements, facilitate active travel, avoid areas of flooding, protect heritage assets, improve biodiversity and deliver affordable housing. Most of this is reinforcing policies already in place in the Hart District Local Plan.
2. **Climate Change** – the policy here goes further than the Local Plan in stipulating that all new development must demonstrate best practice in energy efficiency, and includes requirements to meet targets on carbon neutrality, make efficient use of water and provide electric charging points.
3. **Protecting Biodiversity** – this policy requires all new development to be done in such a way as to protect natural habitats, trees and hedgerows.
4. **Design Principles** – this policy covers a list of general design principles for the community, and particularly references a set of design principles published by the Urban Design Group in 2020 entitled "Building for a Healthy Life".



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camera to read
the draft plan!

5. **Yateley Village Design Framework** – there was an extensive piece of work done by the local Councils and The Yateley Society regarding the design of the village centre, which was published in June 2009 and led to some of the improvements seen around Church End Green in Yateley. We believe the research and the recommendations contained in that document are still valid, so this policy incorporates those design principles for the Village centre area into the Neighbourhood Plan.
6. **Conservation Areas** – this policy stresses the importance to the community of the Darby Green, Cricket Hill and Yateley Green Conservation Areas.
7. **Views** – this policy identifies a small number of views within the parish additional to those already covered by other protection schemes and that are worthy of preservation.
8. **Green Infrastructure** – under this heading, we set out requirements to protect our rights of ways, allotments, burial grounds and other open spaces, and support the provision of public access to natural sites, such as the Blackwater River path.
9. **Flooding** – this section of the plan explains the flood risks within the parish, and prevents development in flood risk areas, or any that will increase the overall risk of flooding.
10. **Community Facilities** – this policy lists out community facilities such as community halls, places of worship, pubs and so on, and ensures that where possible these are retained in any future development proposals.
11. **Telecommunications** – with the recent increase in home-working, it is important that the community has the best possible infrastructure for broadband and mobile coverage, and this policy sets out a requirement to ensure this provision for any new development.
12. **Housing Mix** – this policy reinforces Hart's Local Plan requirement for a good mix of housing types with adequate affordable housing provision, and also states our support for Entry Level Exception sites which can deliver more affordable housing.
13. **Blackbushe Airport** – as a major local employer and a significant site within the parish, this policy supports the continuing use of the airfield as a light commercial airport as long as it does not cause a detrimental environmental impact on the community.
14. **Homeworking** – historically, planning permission has distinguished between residential locations and places of employment. This policy acknowledges that this expectation is evolving, and that certain provisions (such as broadband mentioned above) are necessary to support this change.
15. **Active Travel** – this policy encourages the use of other means of travel other than the private car through the provision of pathways, cycle-paths, crossings and connections to public transport.

In addition to these 15 policies, there is also a section headed "Community Ambitions" which covers points raised through our consultations and surveys, but which are not necessarily suitable for inclusion in a planning document. These include several items that are being taken forward by Yateley Town Council's Yateley Climate Action Network group which is looking at some of our Climate Change and Biodiversity ambitions.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
CONSULTATION AND HELP TO SHAPE THE FUTURE
OF OUR PARISH**

MONDAY 10TH MAY - FRIDAY 2ND JULY 2021

Changes to Recycling site at Monteagle Hall

Earlier this year, Hart District Council decided to close the recycling bring site at the Monteagle Hall / Waitrose car park due to the immense volume of fly-tipped and dumped rubbish that they had to continually remove from the facility. Yateley Town Council reviewed the options and agreed to bring the site under our control, so we can continue to offer a place for residents to recycle items in the charity collection points. Glass and electricals recycling, however, will be removed. Residents are able to recycle glass at the kerbside and can collect extra crates from the Town Council offices (please call ahead to check our supplies). Electricals can also be recycled at standalone points at the Frogmore Leisure Centre car park and Hawley Memorial Hall. A polite reminder: if the charity collection points are full, please take your items and bags back home with you, as the charities cannot collect items unless they are inside the collection bin. Items left on the ground cost taxpayer money to arrange a special collection of these, which could be better spent on other worthwhile projects for our lovely town.

Dates for the Diary

It has been well over a year since we were able to enjoy the events that bring our community together, so we are pleased to now be able to provide some dates for your diary for summer 2021.

All events are provisional, depending on the government restrictions and guidelines at the time.

THE 'GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN'

Saturday 29th May • 10am-12pm • The Tythings and Darby Green Centre

During Keep Britain Tidy's 'Great British Spring Clean', Yateley Town Council is hosting what we hope will be Yateley's biggest ever litter pick! From starting points at The Tythings and the Darby Green Centre, we invite volunteers to come along to join us on our mass litter pick. Visit www.yateley-tc.gov.uk for full details.

YATELEY & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB SUMMER FAYRE WITH A CELEBRATION OF 'LOCAL HEROES'

Monday 30th August • Yateley Green

The Lions Club is delighted to announce that a Summer Fayre will take place on the bank holiday Monday in August on Yateley Green. At this event, Yateley Town Council will be honouring the nominated 'Local Heroes' who have gone out of their way to help others throughout the pandemic.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Yateley Town Council is in the process of planning an arts and crafts fair to take place later in the summer. If you or anyone you know has a handmade product or skill you would like to showcase at this event, please get in touch with us at office@yateley-tc.gov.uk.

NEW! Saturday Market

Thanks to the success of the Tuesday Market in Yateley, Yateley Town Council is pleased to announce that a brand new weekly Saturday Market is coming to The Tythings car park from Saturday 5th June! From 9am to 2pm, some of your favourite stalls from the Tuesday market and some new faces will be there to provide you with your fresh produce and goodies for the weekend. Keep an eye on our social media channels and our website for all the latest information.

The Tuesday Market at The Tythings and the Sunday Market at the Darby Green Centre continue to take place every week from 9am to 2pm, so please come along to support the small businesses there!

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