

Malcolm Wallace WORKING HARD FOR YOU

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DROXFORD, HAMBLEDON, SOBERTON, SWANMORE, WALTHAM CHASE

YET MORE HOUSES FOR WALTHAM CHASE?

98 HOMES PLANNED FOR 'MORGAN'S YARD'

Just weeks after a planning application was approved for 64 homes in Swanmore, **plans for a further 98 homes in Waltham Chase have been revealed** (see morgansyardconsultation.co.uk).

The site at the southern end of the village has long been earmarked for development. However, the proposal will push Waltham Chase well over the requirement for 250 new homes that was set in the current Local Plan.

Local Green campaigner Malcolm Wallace says, "**Our villages are becoming overwhelmed with these new developments.** The number of houses being built is well beyond plan and risks changing the character of our area forever. We have met the requirement for new homes and per the plan no more should be built until after 2031. **When is this madness going to stop?**"



Proposed layout of the new housing development, located between Winchester Road and St. John's Primary School

WELCOMING A NEW VISITOR TO THE AREA

THE PURPLE EMPEROR COMES TO THE MEON VALLEY!



The 'Bishop's Waltham' Purple Emperor (photo by Richard Cannon) – the butterflies can be difficult to spot as they normally fly high in tree tops

England has 60 species of Butterflies and Hampshire can boast being host to 46 of these.

A female Purple Emperor was recently spotted in nearby Bishop's Waltham. This was confirmed by the Butterfly Conservation Trust to be a first for the area. With a **wingspan of up to 90mm**, it is one of the

Country's largest Butterflies.

About three-quarters of the UK's resident and regular migrant butterflies have declined in either their numbers or distribution since monitoring began in the 1970s. The future of Butterflies depends on suitable pasture meadowland and gardens with flowers which will attract them.

MEON GREENS - WORKING WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

IMPROVING SAFETY FOR SWANMORE COLLEGE STUDENTS

WORKING HARD TO GET A SAFE CROSSING INSTALLED

The safety of pupils crossing the road outside Swanmore College is a well-known concern. There have been several accidents and near-misses involving pupils at the start and end of the school day.

The College has been actively working to address the issue and has already implemented a number of improvements such as minimising school business traffic at key times and re-scheduling

bus pick-up times.

The next step requires changes to the road outside the College. Swanmore Parish Council has been aiding the College and has prepared draft plans for the road changes.

Work to turn these plans into reality has started as the support of Hampshire County Council is needed to make any changes happen. Watch this space for updates!



Local Green campaigner Malcolm with Swanmore College Headteacher Mr Jonathan. Malcolm has been working with the College and Hampshire Council on the process for getting a formal pedestrian crossing

GREEN HACKS – FOOD MILES MATTER

MALCOLM'S SMALL CHANGES - THAT CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Picture what you ate for breakfast. My 7am intake of coffee, porridge with raspberries (and a little honey), feels nutritious and healthy but not necessarily for the environment. The reason for this is the idea of “food miles”. This concept is where we look at how far different foodstuffs have travelled to get to our plates, and it can be a surprisingly long way. My coffee was from Colombia (5,200 m), my porridge oats from Scotland, (470 m), honey from Mexico (5,500 m) and the milk from Lincolnshire (170 m). So a massive 11,340 miles – just for breakfast.

Transporting the food to our plates is a huge undertaking which involves lorries, boats and occasionally planes. Each of these release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere as they move. Every mile travelled adds to the emissions.

So, what can we do?

There is increasing diversity of foods being produced in the Meon Valley, farms which produce milk, honey, fruit, meats, cheeses and vegetables. These smaller businesses may find it hard to break into the large supermarkets but many of our local shops buy locally.

So, look at the labels for the foods you eat and choose foods that are grown locally. Express your desire for local foods to the shop owners, and shop in local stores.

Now I know that this can be hard (I miss my raspberries midwinter) however little actions can make a big difference and at least I can feel warmed by looking forward to next summer when the raspberries are fresh again.



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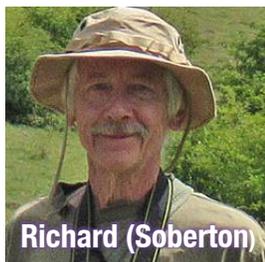
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