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MEON VALLEY GREENS

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RECYCLING GROWS ACROSS THE MEON VALLEY

MALCOLM SHARES MORE WAYS TO RECYCLE THOSE DIFFICULT ITEMS



Local Campaigner Malcolm at Denmead Scouts Recycling. Items that they take includes: bread bags, crisp packets, toothpaste tubes, biscuit wrappers, milk bottle tops, glasses and even bras!

With lockdown restrictions easing, recycling centres across the Meon Valley have re-opened and more recycling opportunities are being added.

Small electrical items and batteries are now collected by the council at the same time as your Green bin (put them in a bag on top of your recycling bin on collection day).

Many supermarkets are growing

their recycling facilities to include, for example, plastic wrappings. Plus, groups such as Denmead Scouts have set up facilities for recycling many different items all in one place.

Local Green campaigner Malcolm Wallace says **“It’s great to see recycling increasing. Not only is this good for the environment but also often benefits local charities.”**

GREENS WINNING IN HAMPSHIRE!

BLOSSOM WINS IN HORNDEAN - DESPITE DIRTY TRICKS

Blossom Gottlieb won last month’s by-election in Horndean, with 49% of the vote, to become **the first Green Party district councillor in Hampshire.**

Leaflets – supposedly from the Green Party – were faked and fly-tipped around the ward on the day of the election, in an apparent attempt to damage Blossom’s chances of poll success.

However, despite the ‘smear’, Green candidate Blossom Gottlieb went on to win the ward from the Conservatives.

Blossom’s key priorities are:

- Stop building without infrastructure
- Conserve our Green Spaces
- Advocating for accessibility and equality for all



Cllr Blossom Gottlieb – newly elected to East Hampshire Council for Horndean Downs

MEON GREENS - WORKING WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

CLIMATE CHANGE — WHAT CAN I DO?

HOW TO START TAKING ACTION

“Climate change is the greatest threat facing the world in the 21st century” is a statement that has been repeated numerous times over the past few weeks in the build up to COP26. We all recognize that we need to act, but sometimes it can feel difficult to know where to begin. Our lives are busy enough already, and it can feel overwhelming.

A great way to start is to calculate your carbon footprint to see where you can make the biggest changes, for example at footprint.wwf.org.uk.

Then **challenge yourself to make one change to help reduce your carbon footprint**. Next month make another change, and so on. Each change doesn't have to be big. For example, one month you could reduce waste by donating unwanted items to charity. Next month you could save energy by draught-proofing a door. However, lots of small actions can add up to making a big difference.

We don't need a few people tackling this perfectly; we need all of us doing it imperfectly together.

Malcolm

MORE HOUSES FOR WALTHAM CHASE

ANOTHER BUILD APPROVED

Plans have been approved to develop a former farm in **Waltham Chase, despite fears of flooding**. Seven houses have been approved for the Old Barn, Jhansi Farm, off Clewers Lane – even though councillors conceded that the application may add to an existing problem with drainage in the village.

Meanwhile the plans highlighted in the last newsletter for 98 homes at ‘Morgan's Yard’ in Waltham Chase have now been formerly submitted to the Council for approval.

Malcolm asks, “**When will this madness stop?**”

IT'S HEDGEHOG HIBERNATION TIME

SO LET'S LOOK OUT FOR OUR SPIKY FRIENDS

Hedgehogs are one of the most popular wild animals in the UK but are now listed as vulnerable to extinction. Numbers have declined from over 30 million in the 1950s to around 1.5 million now.

Depending on the start of cold weather, hedgehogs normally start hibernating in November or December. However, unless the

young ones have reached a weight of 600 grams, their chance of survival through Winter is minimal.

Should you see one which appears undersize, or struggling during the daytime, please seek assistance.

The Hedgehog Preservation Society will give you information on what to do, as will any local Rescue Centres.



Hedgehogs have between 5000 and 7000 quills along their backs. They rely on hearing and smell because they have very poor eyesight.

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