



COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

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FLY TIPPING

The New Forest National Park Authority recently reported that a crackdown by New Forest organisations against fly-tipping is helping to clear up after a steep rise in the amount of waste dumped over recent years.

Regular spot checks on vehicles have helped to cut the level of fly-tips on the Forest by around 50% in the last year compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Like many other rural areas of the country, incidents of fly-tipping in the New Forest have surged in the last few years.

Responding to this, a joint initiative between Forestry England, Hampshire Constabulary, New Forest District Council and the New Forest



National Park Authority has been helping to tackle the issue. In a series of joint operations this year, over 140 vehicles have been stopped and checks carried out on waste carrier licences, the items being carried, and a range of other safety requirements.

Fly-tipping though isn't limited to the dumping of trailer loads of rubbish by unlicensed waste carriers.

The definition of fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of any waste, no

matter how large or small, onto any land, or at any site that doesn't have a licence to accept the waste.

Fly-tipping includes:

- waste dumped on any public or private land, including public highways
- giving your waste to someone else to fly-tip
- leaving waste outside a Waste Recycling Centre or a Community Recycling Bank
- leaving waste next to public litter bins.

This means for example that waste (including grass/hedge cuttings etc.) dumped in a hedge or under a tree anywhere on land not owned by the tipper is fly tipping.

Instances of such fly-tipping do sadly occur within the parish.



They can be reported directly to NFDC by calling Customer Services on 023 8028 5000 or by email to customer.services@nfdc.gov.uk. The NFDC Garden Waste collection service is now open for new customers. More information can be found at <https://www.newforest.gov.uk/gardenwaste> or by calling the garden waste hotline on 023 8028 5391



PLATINUM JUBILEE CLOCK

Work on the purchase of a Parish Platinum Jubilee Clock by your Parish Council continues.

The Parish Hall Committee decided the front wall of the Parish Hall above the main entrance would be the best location for the clock, this was also agreed at last months Parish Council meeting.

It is hoped that the Clock will become a permanent reminder of the Platinum Jubilee.

The Clock will have reference on its dial to the Queens Platinum Jubilee and also have the dates 1952 to 2022 picked out in gold lettering.

COPYTHORNE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The grand opening of the new Copythorne Community Café took place at the Parish Hall on Saturday 9th July.

The opening was attended by a large crowd, on what turned out to be a beautiful summer's day.

The yellow ribbon was cut by Jane Dunn of Janes Patisserie.

The Café will be open Monday to Friday from 8.00am till 4.00pm and 9.00am till 3.00pm on a Saturday.



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RIVERS AND RIPARIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

Those of you living next to a river (the Cadnam River in Cadnam & Newbridge and Bartley Water in Bartley for example) are likely to have what is known as a "riparian responsibility" to ensure the free flow of water from your part of the river on to the next part of the river.

If your land boundary is next to a river it is assumed you own the land up to the centre of the river, unless it is owned by someone else.

Listed below are some of the things that you should be doing in respect of these responsibilities:-

- You must let water flow through your land without any obstruction,

pollution or diversion which affects the rights of others.

- You should keep the banks clear of anything that could cause an obstruction and increase flood risk, either on your land or downstream if it is washed away.
- You are responsible for maintaining the bed and banks of the watercourse and the trees and shrubs growing on the banks.
- You should ensure that no branches from trees on your land are overhanging the river in such a way as to prevent the flow of water
- You should also clear any litter and animal carcasses from the channel and banks, even if they did

not come from your land.

- Many of these responsibilities apply to those of you living alongside other watercourses (ditches, culverts, etc) as well.

More details (including the implications of not fulfilling these responsibilities) can be found on the Flooding page of the Parish Council's website <https://www.copythorne.org.uk/flooding/> in particular the "Living on the Edge" guide produced by the Environment Agency.



NOTE in some instances a Tree Works Request will need to be submitted to the NFNPA for removal of large branches (for details visit https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/planning_category/tree-work-applications/)



GREENING CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all those who came to our meeting at the Parish Hall on the 14th July.

When there was much discussion about how our community may influence the following issues:



Greener Homes and energy
Making Space for Nature
Well-being

It was a fabulous turnout on such a hot evening.

Thank you for actively sharing your ideas and for your offers of help.

We will review the output as quickly as possible and report back. Jackie Rhodes



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The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday September 13th 2022** in the Parish Hall.

Please check our website the week before to confirm the arrangements and view the agenda.

Details of individual Parish Councillors plus information on District and County Councillors may be found on the Parish Council website and on our community notice boards and information hubs. (the old red telephone boxes).

Printed copies are available from ♦ Forest Pharmacy ♦ Fourways Stores (Bartley Post Office) ♦ Budgens Woodington Feeds ♦ Coach and Horses, Compass Inn and The Empress of Blandings as well as the four information Hubs – the former red telephone boxes.