




# Monxton Matters

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**The Allotments at Sunny Bank**  
**Could this be the Site for the Next Social Housing Development?**  
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# Ban on Heavy Vehicles over Red Post Bridge

## TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES – RED POST BRIDGE, MONXTON ROAD/ RED POST LANE, ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Borough Council of Test Valley as agent for Hampshire County Council proposes to make an Order because of a weak bridge known as Red Post Lane Bridge at the junction of Monxton Road/Red Post Lane, Andover, as follows:

### EFFECT OF RESTRICTION

To prohibit heavy commercial vehicles (i.e. goods vehicles having a maximum gross weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes) EXCEPT BUSES UP TO 14 T from using Red Post Bridge at Monxton Road/ Red Post Lane.

### ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

From the east side of the bridge in Monxton Road/ Red Post Lane northwards along Red Post Lane to its junction with Weyhill Road; then eastwards along Weyhill Road to its junction with the A303; then westwards along A303 to A338/B3084 junction at Parkhouse Crossroads; then eastwards and southwards along B3048 to its junction with the C43 at Grateley Station; then eastwards along C43 to the western point of the restriction; and vice versa.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE C43 BETWEEN B3084 AND RED POST BRIDGE PASSES THROUGH THE VILLAGES OF GRATELEY AND MONXTON WHERE THE ROAD IS NARROW AND TORTUOUS.**

**PERIOD OF RESTRICTION: From Monday 20 March 2006 for a period of 18 months.**

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact Mr Ray Alborough, telephone 01264 368724 on behalf of the Head of Technical Services Dated 28 February 2006

## LOW COST HOUSING SURVEY – RESULTS

The recent survey, which was carried out recently has shown that there is a need for low cost housing in the village; note a copy of which is available from the Parish Council.

Test Way Housing is recommending a total of four units are built as follows:

Two 2 bed roomed dwellings, i.e., one flat to rent and one house to rent.

Two, 3 bed roomed dwellings, both of which will be available under the shared ownership scheme.

One of the most likely sites is the TVBC owned allotments area at Sunnybank.

The Clerk will contact Test Way Housing to request they attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss this proposal.

Any parishioner who wishes to make a comment should contact the editor at Monxton Matters via email or their Parish Councillor or the MPC Chairman.

# Monxton & Amport Village Hall Forthcoming Events

## Village Hall Weekly Programme

<b>Mon Morning</b>	<b>10.30 - 12.30</b>	Arts & Crafts Group (RAGS)
<b>am</b>		Jujitsu
<b>Mon. Evening</b>	<b>7.30 - 9.30 pm</b>	
<b>Tues. Afternoon</b>	<b>2.00 - 3.00 pm</b>	Badminton
<b>Evening</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	Occasional meetings - Four Parishes Arts Society
<b>Wednesday, Thursday Friday:</b>		Available for social events Monxton Parish Council meeting (every 2 months)
<b>Sat. Afternoons and Evenings</b>		Available for children's parties and social events
<b>Sunday: Mornings</b>		Monthly Church coffee mornings

## Diary Dates

<b>Fri. March 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Hampshire Moviola Presentation and 'Mrs. Henderson Presents' starring Judy Dench and Bob Hoskins.
<b>7.00 bar 7.30 pm. Start</b>	Tickets & Information from: Carol Pratt 710305 and Veronica Bacon 771285
<b>The Duck Race the most successful annual event for the young and not so young. Prizes and a barbeque during lunch at the Black Swan</b>	Saturday 27th May starts at 10.30am
<b>Monxton Open gardens weekend</b>	May bank holiday 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> May

## Welcome Pack For Newcomers to Monxton

**Monxton Parish Council have produced a Welcome pack for newcomers to the Village.**

**The document contains many useful names and numbers of local people and organisations**

**Thanks to Peter Munden & Jules Douglas for their good work in creating this document.**

**Copies can be downloaded from the Home page at:**

**<http://www.monxton.org.uk>**

**Any additions/comments, please email to [mike.cleugh@hotmail.com](mailto:mike.cleugh@hotmail.com)**



**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF  
The Monxton Parish Council**

**Thursday 2nd march 2006 at 8.00 pm**

*Full edition available on the Monxton Website or from the Parish Clerk*

**MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)**

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Item 57.1 of last months meeting mentioned the new bin collection service.

The clerk has received conflicting reports from TVBC on when this will be starting. It appears some parishioners have had their rubbish collected on a Tuesday already whereas the remainder of the village still has its collection on a Thursday. The clerk will contact Laura Taylor in Environment Services for clarification.

**FOOTPATHS**

Mrs Egerton confirmed that there was nothing to report. Following on from point 50, from the last meeting it was agreed that the clerk will write to the land owner concerning the path across the field on Broad Road.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Mrs Brandwood told the council there had been no incidents in the village. There will be a mobile police unit on the 2nd Friday of each month between 10 am and 12 noon outside the Monxton Village hall.

**FINANCE**

The current bank balance is £9,078.45.

£4,000 is still set aside for improvements to the village hall.

£3,000 is still set aside for traffic calming.

**VILLAGE HALL**

There was no report from the village hall committee.

The committee is still looking for a replacement Chairman to take over from Mrs Richards. The current village hall committee members are Karen Simon, who is looking after all bookings, Jenny Van der Pette, Brian Allen, David Hodgson, Diana Jones and Steven Rogerson.

The Parish Council feel it would add further support for a member of the Parish council to be on the village hall committee. Mrs Saville has offered to do this.

**TRAFFIC CALMING**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish Council has received a notice from the Head of Legal Services at TVBC showing 'Temporary Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles on Red Post Bridge, Monxton Road/Red Post Lane. The order has been made by HCC because of the weak bridge. It restricts heavy commercial vehicles (i.e. goods vehicles having a maximum gross weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes) except buses up to 14T from using the bridge. The restriction comes into effect from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March for a period of eighteen months.

The clerk also explained that she has spoken to HCC regarding the implementation of the traffic calming measures. These are still scheduled for April/May and the bollards will be made out of wood.

## PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTION	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	05/00568/FULLN Erection of detached double garage and stables/hay storage/tack room.  Dingley Dell. Chalkpit Lane.	Objection by MPC 05/00568 – The Clerk will contact TVBC to ascertain the situation on this application	Pending decision	See comments below
2	05/01109/FULLN Erection of single storey extension to provide bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, lounge and hall, conservatory, bathroom,w.c and extended entrance hall.  Springfield. Chalkpit Lane.	No objection by MPC	Permission subject to conditions	
3	06/00073/FULLN Erection of 2 storey side extension to provide annexe comprising kitchen, lounge, bedroom and bathroom.  23 Sunnybank. Monxton	No objection by MPC	Pending decision	
4	06/00497/FULLN 2 storey side extension to provide dining room and utility with bedroom and ensuite over.  21 Sunnybank. Monxton	No objection by MPC	Pending decision	
5	06/00558/TREEN conifers x11 fell T6 – ash clean and deadwood and prune T7 conifer, reduce height by 6ft.  Meadow Lodge	No objection by MPC		
6	06/00655/TREEN Removal of branches from 2 sycamore trees.  Bushmills House. Monxton	No objection by MPC		
7	06/00327/TREEN Fell 1 Willow tree,  Willow Glen			Application withdrawn

## **Matters Arising from Monxton Parish Council**

### **MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING BY PARISH COUNCILLORS**

The chairman informed the Council that it is putting together a 'Welcome Pack' for new residents moving into the village, which contains many useful contacts and organisations. The Parish Council has agreed to pay for any printing /stationary costs. This will also be available for download from the Monxton Web site.

<http://www.monxton.org.uk>

Mr David Elwood has expressed his concern over the general condition of Broad Road leading past Prospect Farm, where the man-made passing places are extremely dangerous and need attention as the road is full of pot holes. The clerk will contact Ray Albrough about this and Councillor Mrs West said she would follow it up.

The clerk also advised the meeting that everyone should officially declare and minute all interests at the beginning of each meeting with respect to any items on the agenda to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Announcement (see last page)**

The police are coming to visit Monxton and Amport Village on the second Friday, once a month. The purpose of these visits is to help local people and to discuss any concerns or problems and to provide advice. They carry information and advice leaflets on many subjects and we implore you to use this facility otherwise they may decide they are not required and stop visiting.

**Monxton Parish Council AGM will be held at  
the Village Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2006.**

**All parishioners are welcome to attend.**

# News from Our TVBC Councillor

An Article by Councillor Pat West

Well it is the dreaded time again when the Council Tax bill drops on the mat and we all sigh thinking help and what are we getting for our money. I have tried to put it in simple terms so you see for yourselves where your money goes with a brief explanation of the increase and where they occur. The leader of the County Council has said the Budget is of tough choices in hard times

The service the council provides impact on our lives from educating our children, caring for vulnerable adults, older people, children, young people plus providing culture outlets and recreation areas as well as ensuring the county's roads are maintained so it has been balancing act of providing services, with people's ability to pay and listening to you, our residents.

Our schools get a delegated budget straight to them for the Head to manage but we still provide estate repairs and Governor Services plus all the other things an LEA is expected to provide. We here in Hampshire live longer thankfully as one who can collect her bus pass there is hope for me yet But this comes with problems for some on fixed incomes and no further chance of increase in the pensions to keep up with the demands.

If you find your self in the situation there is help at hand for some folk, if you care to contact me, I will give you the details of where you can get a check on what you are entitled to and perhaps get the benefits that some folk were not aware they could claim or if you are happy to access the Internet, <http://www.entitledto.co.uk> is safe place to find out your entitlements.

**The Budget this year and the council Tax is set at 4.7%, which is in the lowest quartile in England.**

The Govt Grant covers 20% of all the money we need and the rest of the 80% Comes from The Council Tax. A band D dwelling will now be £910. 62.

The highest spending is Adults social care as we are now providing service that health used to Adult's service 206 million increased 10 million, Children's service 130 million; increase of 6 million

Recreations-and Heritage 59 million increase of 3 million, Highways transport and planning 58 million increase of 3 million Waste management; 42 million increase of 3 million, Borrowing costs 38 million No increases, Capital from revenue 18 million no increase. Future inflation and Contingency's and reserves 17 million increase of 3 Million. Total 568 Increase of 28 million and getting one of the lowest settlements in England. You then will the Hampshire fire and Rescue and the Police which we have no say in they set their own precepts

Pat is happy to assist with any question and can be contacted at: 41 Shakespeare Avenue, Andover, Hants. or e-mail [pat.west@talk21.com](mailto:pat.west@talk21.com), telephone 01264 339880

Pat West holds monthly surgeries at the Guildhall, Andover the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month 10-12pm Pat is happy to come out to the village to meet with constituents who do not have easy access to transport to Andover.

If any assistance is needed an appointment can be booked by phoning 01264 339880.



**Hampshire Police Will be at the Monxton Village Hall for Locals to Visit the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Every Month**

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