

## Minstead eNewsletter 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

It's been quite a while since the last eNewsletter on 10<sup>th</sup> May which went out to 250 subscribers and was opened by a record 209 recipients!

Since then there have been a small number of excitements and items of possible interest!

Do keep in touch and



### MINSTEAD COMMUNITY SHOP NOW OPEN



Thanks to the generosity of 114 Shareholders, the hard work of the Committee of 7, the fantastic work of Nibby Saunders and the 24 who have so far volunteered to work in the shop during COVID-19, the Shop opened on 1<sup>st</sup> June! Although it was a low-key start to allow everyone time to learn the business the Shop's first week was undoubtedly a great success.



Coffees, cakes and quite a lot more!



Already the Shop is proving to be an enjoyable Community meeting point, despite Social Distancing (!), and there has been a lot of very positive feedback and some really helpful suggestions.

Many thanks to all the Customers - please keep on visiting!  
Over the next couple of weeks the Shop will open from 8.30am to 10.30am Monday to Friday and from 8.30am to 12.30pm at the weekend. Once there are some more trained volunteers the plan is to extend these hours.

### **PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!**

To find out what's involved do pay a visit during opening hours or have a chat with any of the Committee.

Click [HERE](#) to download a Volunteer Application Form.

Further information including Committee contact details can be found on the [SHOP WEBSITE](#).

### **FURZEY GARDENS RE-OPENS**

The Gardens re-opened to the public on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Everyone will need to book in advance, including members. New booking time slots will become available each Friday at midday for the following week.

From Monday 15 June the team will also be trialling a child-free day every Monday so the gardens may be more accessible and relaxing for people who may be in the higher risk category. We will keep this policy under review.

Click [Furzey Gardens Re-opens](#) to find out more and to book your visit.

### **BEAT REPORT**

Click [HERE](#) to read the Beat Report for May.

Keep an eye on the [New Forest Heart Facebook Page](#) for the latest from our police and don't hesitate to contact them if there is anything you think they can help you with. Sadly crime of all kinds continues.

### **BROADBAND**

Due to issues with compliance Openreach is only permitted to work on a single project at a time in the Forest and are subject to regular monitoring.

This means that progress towards installation of more of Minstead's Wave 2 (Cadnam V35) and MCFBS connections is painfully slow.

The positive news is that, with the deployment of more overhead fibre, FTTP solutions are being delivered faster with fewer 'holes in the ground' which appear to be the main problem with Openreach's compliance problems.

Be sure that we shall continue to chase and shall let you know just as soon as we have any practically useful information for you.

### **NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Visit the [NFDC website](#) for the latest information on the Council's news and services, including recycling and rubbish.

Please note that although the Village Hall Recycling facility is open again there is no Fabric collection by the Salvation Army, and if other bins are full please do not leave anything on the ground or elsewhere as that is Littering &/or Fly tipping and you may be being watched or recorded! Please take it home again, and try again another day. Bins usually emptied on Wednesday.

### **NATIONAL PARK INFORMATION**

Please visit the [NPA Website](#) for information and news.

Please note that despite the few drops of recent rain the severe fire warning previously promulgated remains in place across the whole area. No barbecues are allowed and people are asked to please take extra care.