

## WAREHAM TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2010



The Mayor, Staff and all Town Councillors wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



### Wareham Town Council Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010

**Dorset CCTV Partnership Group** - the Council noted the formation of a new CCTV Partnership Group covering various public bodies/Police in Dorset and considered the Town Clerk's recommendation that Wareham Town Council join the Partnership and be represented at future meetings. There were advantages for Wareham in that two new ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) cameras were likely to be installed to cover the highway routes on the A351 at North Causeway, subject to funding from the Community Safety Partnership and further discussions. It was resolved that the Town Clerk and Mayor will represent the Council on the new group.

**Public Toilets in Wareham** – it was reported that there was funding available for an upgrade of public toilets in Wareham, currently managed by Purbeck District Council, and a District committee would shortly be looking at the options available. It was resolved that the Town Clerk write to the District Council requesting that strong consideration be given to the provision of at least one high quality public toilet in Wareham, together with support for an urgent upgrade of the Howards Lane toilets.

**Wareham Street Lighting Upgrade** – the Town Clerk updated members on SSE Contracting's response to several concerns raised by the Council at the previous meeting. Street lighting issues were discussed and the following points were made:

- grass verges had been left in a bad state of repair.
- contractors appeared to have little consideration for residents, some of whom had been unable to drive vehicles away from their properties due to works which had blocked their access.
- Councillor Budd had written to SSE Contracting after a resident of Mill Lane had complained about the lack of lighting in the vicinity of his property; however there had been no reply. Town Clerk had received a letter from residents of Mill Lane requesting extra street lighting and he would pursue the matter with the appropriate authorities.
- Wareham PACT had requested priority on new lighting on the edge of Hauses Field for community safety purposes.

It was decided that the Town Clerk write to SSE Contracting on behalf of the council outlining the issues that had been raised.

**BMX Area, Hauses Field** – following vandalism and closure, it was reported that this facility had been re-opened in time for half term. It was understood that the young culprits had been identified and the Council had agreed to a process of 'restorative justice'. This involved a meeting to be set up by the Police between culprits and victim – hopefully the cost of repairs would be recouped during this process.

### **Christmas Reception/Volunteer of the Year**

The Council's Christmas Reception is scheduled to take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, with invited guests representing many of Wareham's voluntary organisations. At the time of writing the Volunteer of the Year Panel was due to meet, the award winner to be announced at the Reception (full details in next month's feature).

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### **Wareham in Bloom Committee 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

- Britain in Bloom Competition 2011. The Chairman reported that, following consultation with Committee members, it had been decided to enter the Britain in Bloom Competition in 2011 following an invitation from the organisers. Britain in Bloom judges would make one unannounced visit during March, the main judging to take place in July or August.
- **Roundabout at North Causeway – Enhancement/Sponsorship**  
Plans to enhance the roundabout for Wareham in Bloom were announced and it was reported that contact had been made with Dorset County Council, who had confirmed that there was no objection to any enhancement, providing it did not involve County Council funding and complied with traffic regulations. There was already interest from local sponsors, however if **YOU** wish to sponsor the roundabout, please let me know!
- **Fundraising Sale/Photographic Competition** – date confirmed as Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in the Corn Exchange, no theme for the competition this time, all entries to be considered. The Royal British Legion Women's Section to run a chocolate tombola and there will be a raffle, bric-a-brac stall and refreshments.  
*We'll see you there!*

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