



# VERWOOD VISTA

The Town Council Newsletter for *Verwood* and *Three Legged Cross*

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## MAYOR'S REPORT



Hello to the residents of Verwood and Three Legged Cross. As with all notes that I make recently, things continue to change rapidly and it seems with a few

changes, life has almost returned to normal now. The majority of the activities which we used to enjoy, we can do again. The places we used to go to, are back open. I would, though ask everyone to continue to consider those who are still struggling, whether that is getting shopping or prescriptions in, isolating due to a positive test, or having difficulties in getting back outside after so long shielding. It will take time for some people, so patience is important for them. It is important to remember, that the way you have been dealing with matters is not necessarily the same as someone else and consideration of their concerns goes a long way.

I have been able to start attending events now as Mayor. Two recent highlights have been appointing my Guide, Drew Montgomery and my Scout Oliver Brealey. I am looking forward to them attending upcoming events with me. Whilst appointing Oliver I was also lucky enough to

be able to assist with the investiture of three other Scouts at Verwood Ararat.

The Council have been working hard on a new Christmas light display that we are delighted to be able to introduce this year. This will be the first part of the new lights and will be developed bit by bit over the next few years.

I am also looking forward to my Civic Day on 5th December. Normally this is the opportunity for us to showcase what Verwood has to offer to the rest of Dorset. This year I have decided to do something different and say thank you to the volunteers, shop workers and frontline staff in Verwood and Three Legged Cross for their efforts during the Pandemic last year. It is not much, but hopefully something to acknowledge the great work they and everyone else did during this difficult time.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and festive period and trust that you will enjoy the various events that are now on, getting back to the schools to watch the Christmas Services and all of the other activities that you all took part in, in years gone by.

**Councillor Matthew Parker**  
Verwood Town Mayor

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Christmas Extravaganza**

Saturday 11th December

**Verwood Pantomime**

Saturday 22nd to Saturday 29th January 2022



## CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

The Verwood Christmas Extravaganza will be held on **Saturday 11th December** between **5.00pm and 8.00pm** on **Ferrett Green**.

This wonderful community event is back, with Father Christmas at his grotto, Verwood Concert Brass playing seasonal music, food and drink on sale from the Heathland Heritage Trust and the United Reform Church, plus a variety of stalls.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Mayor, Cllr M Parker and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr S Gibson paid their respects during the 2 minutes of silence at 11.00 on 11th November at the Memorial Stone on Ferret Green with two members of the Royal British Legion, children from Trinity CE VA First School, staff from local businesses and many residents.



## BUYING OF THE FIRST POPPY

Verwood Town Mayor, Cllr M Parker, purchased the first poppy from the Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser, Mr Bob Richmond, by the Memorial Stone on Ferrett Green.





## VERWOOD PANTOMIME

If you're looking for a fun evening's entertainment, rehearsals are well underway for Verwood Pantomime Society's Production of Sleeping Beauty by Joshua Clarke and Lewis Clarke at the Verwood Hub.

After being postponed from January 2021, due to the pandemic, everything is on course for another successful show from this award-winning Society. There will be colourful costumes, topical comedy and well-known songs!

Cinderella, in January 2020, received numerous complimentary reviews for the entire cast and they really couldn't wait to get back together to do it all again. Tickets are available from the Verwood Hub on 01202 828740 or online

[www.verwoodpantomimesociety.co.uk](http://www.verwoodpantomimesociety.co.uk)

**Saturday 22nd January - 2pm & 6.30pm**

**Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th January - 7.30pm**

**Friday 28th January - 7.30pm Saturday 29th January - 2pm & 6.30pm**

**Friday & Saturday shows: Adults £10, Children £8**

**Wednesday & Thursday shows: all tickets £7**

Don't delay, buy your tickets early and have an affordable fun evening out with the whole family once all the excitement of Christmas is over!

Don't forget, audience participation is compulsory so lots of hissing and booing please!

## TRUSTEES FOR VERWOOD MEMORIAL HALL

Would you be interested in becoming a Trustee for the Verwood Memorial Hall? This building is an important meeting place for many community groups.

**For information regarding the role of Trustee and how to apply please telephone the Memorial Hall on 01202 828943.**



This friendly club for the more elderly residents of Verwood and surrounding villages gives people quality time to meet up and socialise in the company of those with similar interests.

Meetings are held at the Verwood Memorial Hall on the second Thursday of each month between 2.15 and 4.15 and generally take the form of either an interesting talk or musical entertainment followed by tea and cakes served by a group of friendly volunteers.

During the summer months numerous events are arranged in the form of half day coach outings to various places of interest including a stop for refreshments (usually a tasty cream tea!). A New Year lunch is also arranged at a hotel in January.

If anyone is interested in Verwood Friendship Club for themselves, or think it might benefit one of their friends or relatives please telephone either:

**Lesley on 01202 827457  
or Anne on 01202 814059**

**for further details and a friendly chat**

## REFURBISHED PLAY PARKS

The Mayor, Cllr M Parker, had pleasure in officially opening the fully refurbished junior play parks at Crane Close, Ebblake Close and Kiln Way. Each site has a different theme with equipment suitable for very young children.



## FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE RESIDENTS OF THREE LEGGED CROSS

Are you a group, or even an individual with the get up and go to improve the facilities and environment of Three Legged Cross? Or even bring the community together?

If you are, the 3LX community fund has grants available to help finance projects or events which will help enhance our village life.

Homeland Solar Farm has provided a fund since 2014. This year 2021 we have received £15,236. We, as a committee have used these funds, from your grant applications, to support worthy projects.

So, what can we achieve with these funds? Please look at our Facebook page, the 3LX Community Fund, to have an idea of what

some of the funds have been spent on. We are quite diverse. All ages catered for. The committee has met and discussed a number of grants requested. I'm hoping to hear from some of you soon. Our next meeting will be early in the New Year - plenty of time to get your ideas and applications in to makes changes for 2022!

Happy New Year to you all

Apply now using the 3LX Community Fund application form available Online at:

[http://www.verwood.gov.uk/\\_UserFiles/Files/Community/Application%20Form.pdf](http://www.verwood.gov.uk/_UserFiles/Files/Community/Application%20Form.pdf)

Also available from the Town Council Offices

Or get in touch via our Facebook page and we can drop one round to you

The committee look forward to hearing from you soon.

## VERWOOD YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

To enquire about Verwood Youth and Community Centre lettings please email: [youthandcommunitycentre@verwood.gov.uk](mailto:youthandcommunitycentre@verwood.gov.uk)

For information on Youth Socials please see:

 @verwoodycc  youth\_centre\_verwood

## VERWOODIANS ON WASTE

Verwoodians on Waste are a growing and popular local eco group whose aim is to inspire their fellow Verwoodians to make some small changes and reduce their use of waste, plastic waste in particular, for the good of the planet.

Their recycling centre can be found in the Potters Wheel Car Park (behind the Heritage Centre) and their new monthly pop-up recycling surgeries are held on the first Saturday of each month, again by kind permission of the Heritage Centre.

Which plastic-free swap can you make when you next go shopping?

Verwood  
Heritage  
Centre  
9.30 -  
10.30am

**VOW**

REDUCE | REUSE | INSPIRE

Pop Up  
Recycling  
1st Saturday  
of Every  
Month

- ✓ Padlocks
- ✓ Keys
- ✓ Brita water filters
- ✓ Gillette razors (metal)
- ✓ Medicine blister packs
- ✓ Cables & wire
- ✓ Mobile phones, kindles, iPads  
(working or not, no landline or TV items)
- ✓ Foreign currency (notes or coins)
- ✓ Daily newspapers (flat)

Starting 6th November 2021.  
8th January replaces 1st January 2022.



For more eco-friendly tips & events, join  
Verwoodians on Waste Facebook Group

## VERWOOD HEATHLAND HERITAGE CENTRE

Volunteers are required to help out at Verwood Heathland Heritage Centre. Could you spare a few hours a week? If you are interested or want to know more, please drop into the centre between 09.30 and 12.00 from Monday to Saturday.



# VERWOOD POLICE REPORT

As the year draws to a close, we would like to urge the public to report crimes to 101 (our non emergency service) or to call 999 in the event of an emergency. If possible, please email reports to 101, details of how to do this can be found on the Dorset Police website. If crimes are not reported to us through these channels, then we may never hear about them or, by the time that we do, it could be too late. By reporting crimes to us, a more effective picture can be built up of the types of crimes taking place in your area and we can respond/ prevent accordingly.

Our monthly pop-up stand at Morrisons continues with PC Creasey (Verwood), PCSO Pepper (Verwood) and PCSO Flanagan (rural) attending to answer any queries you may have about crime or crime prevention in your area. We will be carrying on with our pop-up stand into the new year so please do come and speak to us, we would love to hear from you.

Every week, I publish a crime report that covers Verwood, Alderholt and Three Legged Cross. This report is published via Dorset Alert and signing up is easily done on the Dorset Police website with the link being close to the bottom of the front page.

From us, the Neighbourhood Policing Team, we would very much like to wish you a very merry Christmas and our best wishes for the new year!

Best wishes, Albi

PCSO **Albert PEPPER** 7133, PS **Jane MOORE** 1451



## POLICE POP-UP STAND & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH EVENTS

Opportunities have been organised for residents to meet PC Mark Creasey, PCSO Albi Pepper and PCSO Andy Flanagan, members of the local neighbourhood policing team, at a pop-up stall at Morrison's and a Neighbourhood Watch event in Hainault Drive. A selection of 'give-aways' were available to help with crime prevention. Councillor Philip Mann, one of the Town Council's Police liaison representatives, attended in support.



**VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL FULL MEETINGS**

21st Dec - Verwood Town Council Office  
 18th Jan - Verwood Town Council Office  
 22nd Feb - Verwood Town Council Office

**YOUR TOWN COUNCIL**

**Dewlands North Ward**

**Cllr Mrs L J Clark**  
 01202 822275  
**Cllr Mr M Hudson**  
 01202 974654

**Dewlands South Ward**

**Cllr Mrs S Bhowe**  
 07812 569974  
**Cllr Mrs T B Coombs**  
 01202 827376  
**Cllr Mr S G Flower**  
 01202 821231  
**Cllr Mrs S Grove**  
 01202 826449  
**Cllr Mr P Mann**  
 01202 820866  
**Cllr Mrs S Rose**  
 07855 201532  
**Cllr Miss K Stephens**  
 01202 940456  
**Cllr Mr M D Thorpe**  
 07483 213309

**Stephens Castle Ward**

**Cllr Mr A Biggs**  
 01202 821186  
**Cllr Mrs L Dedden**  
 01202 824473  
**Cllr Mr S Gibson (Deputy Mayor)**  
 01202 820822  
**Cllr Mr A Maw**  
 07808 167949  
**Cllr Mrs P Morrow**  
 01202 814733  
**Cllr Mr M Parker (Mayor)**  
 07703 342039  
**Cllr Miss B J Salmon**  
 07867 334841

**Three Legged Cross**

**Cllr Ms J Russell**  
 01202 822236



**Moors Valley**  
 Country park and forest

Whether you're looking to keep the kids entertained, or enjoy a relaxing day outdoors, there's something magical for everyone. With Christmas crafts, activities and our real Christmas Tree Shop opening on the 27th of November, we've got Christmas all wrapped up!

Don't forget... Moors Valley is open every day during the festive season, except Christmas Day

Discover more at [www.moors-valley.co.uk/christmas](http://www.moors-valley.co.uk/christmas)



**VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL HELP DESK CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**

**Friday 24th December**  
 09.00 to 12.00  
**Monday 27th December**  
 Closed (Bank Holiday)  
**Tuesday 28th December**  
 Closed (Bank Holiday)  
**Wednesday 29th December**  
 09.00 to 12.00  
**Thursday 30th December**  
 09.00 to 12.00  
**Friday 31st December**  
 09.00 to 12.00  
**Monday 3rd January 2022**  
 Closed (Bank Holiday)

**VERWOOD HUB**  
 COMMUNITY & LEISURE



**December Cinema**  
**RESPECT (12A)**

Wednesday 8 December - 1pm and 7:30pm  
 Sunday 12 December - 2pm

*Following the rise of Aretha Franklin's career - from a child singing in her father's church choir to her international stardom - it's the remarkable true story of the music icon's journey to find her voice.*

**For up-to-date information and to book tickets please contact Verwood Hub**  
[verwoodhub@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:verwoodhub@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)  
 Tel: 01202 828740



**GRANT AID AWARDED**

Verwood Town Council were pleased to award Grant Aid to the following organisations in September:

- Citizens Advice Bureau - **£5,000**
- Three Legged Cross Village Hall - **£2,450**
- Verwood Concert Brass - **£2,310**
- Verwood Pantomime Society - **£2,000**
- Verwood & Three Legged Cross Dementia Friendly Society Association - **£350**