

East Boldre *and beyond* e-newsletter

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Hello Everyone and Happy New Year

There are three items of local news this month and, as always, we have some important local Neighbourhood Watch information in the monthly police report. And there's some of dates for your diary with more to come later. Please don't forget to send in your notices and advertise your events in this free newsletter. And please tell your friends about it or forward a copy to them. They can request a copy on the village website using the link above.

News from the East Boldre Village Hall Team

Have your say about the village hall refurbishment.

You are invited to attend the Public Project Briefings on
Saturday 25 January
Saturday 15 February
11am to 1pm

An opportunity to learn about the redevelopment plans and to voice your ideas, even if it's just about the colour scheme. There's lots of decisions still to be made so come and help to make them.

The hall's Business Plan can be seen on our website at:

www.eastboldre.org/referb.html

Project News

Costs

We've received tenders from four builders and will be appointing our chosen builder in the new year. Based on these tenders and other costs, we now estimate the project costs will be £450,000 but we'll know more when we firm up costs with our chosen builder in the new year. The cost is higher than originally expected but building costs have spiralled and we all want a hall which the community can be proud to call its own.

Funding

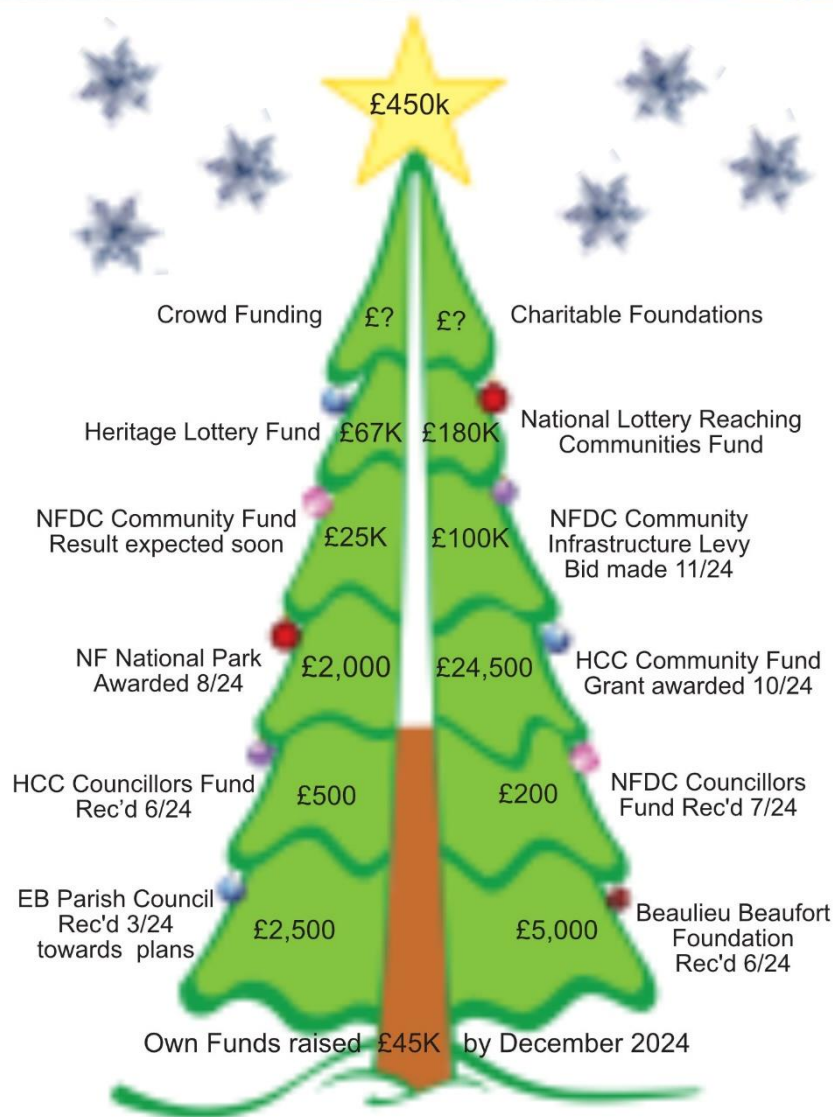
We have £45K already on the books available for the project in addition to grants of £5,700. Further grants have been awarded of £26,500 and we are awaiting the outcome of two other applications. Two further applications are in progress for larger grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund for restoration and exhibitions and the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund.

The Money Tree below shows where the funds are coming from and the progress to date.

Anticipated Timing for Building

Building start - May 2025

Re-opening - Sept 2025



The foundations of the funding money tree are in place with £80,000 of funds secured for the project from fundraising events, donations, previous and newly awarded grants. The commitment and support from local funding sources and the community will help us to achieve a successful outcome with our applications for lottery funding.

We cannot know the funding outcomes at this stage, the precise timing or the final costs, so we've built-in flexibility with potential to reach out to other charities and the generosity of crowdfunding. This gives us confidence in reaching the top of the money tree.

CPR and Defibrillator Training

Learn how to carry out CPR and use a Defibrillator – valuable life savings skills

East Boldre is lucky to have three cardiac defibrillators in the village located in old telephone boxes near the old shop, near School Fields and in East End. These are funded by the Parish Council, who also organise occasional training courses for residents.

The next session will be held in the Village Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 28th January. It will last for 1.5 to 2 hours with tea/coffee and cake provided during a short interval. If you interested in acquiring a potentially life-saving skill and like to learn in an informative and fun environment, please consider coming along. The session is led by one of our local Community First Responders.

To reserve a place please contact:

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500 Years of New Forest Romanies Exhibition - Update

The exhibition has become more than we could have imagined. Last May, around 1,500 people visited the exhibition at East Boldre. In June, it moved to Thorney Hill Community Centre where another 1,000 people visited. Half of the exhibition spent the summer in the New Forest Heritage Centre where an unknown number of people saw it, then the whole exhibition moves into their main gallery where a further 1,200 people visited.

Since May, we have sold 1,000 souvenir programmes, some of them being posted to addresses as far away as Scotland.

During September, an archaeological dig was organised at the Thorney Hill Gypsy Compound where up to 400 Romanies lived between 1926 and 1974. The finds will be exhibited at the New Forest Heritage centre in Lyndhurst, in an exhibition entitled 'The Close', the name given to a small number of temporary homes built on the compound in 1964 as halfway houses where Romanies were shown how to live in houses before being relocated into permanent council accommodation.

You can visit the free exhibition daily from 24 January to 9 March 2025 between 10am and 5pm.

And that's not all. The dig was filmed by the BBC for their programme 'Digging for Britain'. It will be shown on BBC 2 at 8pm on 16th January which covers Alice Roberts' visit to the dig.

Neighbourhood Watch

December's Update from our Local Police:

In January, please join us at one of our Beat Surgeries – We will be at the Happy Cheese in Ashurst at 11am on Tuesday 14th and we will again be joined by members of the Ashurst and Colbury Neighbourhood Watch team, and an hour later we will be opposite Tesco on Brookley Road in Brockenhurst. On Saturday 25th January we will be at the Village stores in East Boldre at 9.30am and on Monday 27th January join us at the Bramshaw Village Stores at 8am, at 9am outside the Post Office in Bartley and then at the Lyndhurst Parish Council Offices at the Community Centre at 11am.

Our Beat Surgeries last for 30 minutes, unless demand is high of course, but as we always say if you can't come to any of these meetings you can always call or email us, but to report a crime or any anti-social behaviour dial 101 or go the Hampshire and IOW Police website. Of course, if it's an emergency always call 999.

Twelve sheds, garages and other outbuildings were broken into in December with Quad bikes, garden tools, and a couple of bicycles stolen. The areas affected were Ashurst, Brockenhurst, Brook, Bramshaw, Stoney Cross and Minstead. A shed at Foxhills School in Ashurst was also targeted in December.

Other thefts included a delivery van whilst on its rounds in Copythorne, a trailer from a works site at Denny Wood campsite, some solar panels from another building site just outside Lyndhurst, a bicycle from Brockenhurst College and some stable doors from Fritham.

Vehicles parked in Brock Hill and Yew Tree Heath car parks in the New Forest and at the Travelodge at Stoney Cross and on a driveway in Ashurst were broken into in December and number plates stolen from cars parked in Ower, Winsor and Cadnam. December saw five shopliftings reported to us at the petrol station at Cadnam, the Co Op in Ashurst and at Fairweathers Garden centre in Beaulieu – all are still under investigation.

The last Op Mountie session of 2024 saw us return to where it all began 3 years ago – Bramble Hill Walk car park on the Roger Penny Way. And unlike 3 years ago we only stopped 3 drivers for exceeding the speed limit, which is a vast improvement, so thank you to the majority of drivers who stick to the speed limit across the Forest. Op Mountie is our multi agency approach to reducing speed and animal deaths across the New Forest.

During 2024, our Speed watch teams in Ashurst, Beaulieu, East Boldre, Brockenhurst and Netley Marsh were busier than ever and made a real difference to the speed of vehicles in their communities. Our busiest team is the Copythorne Community Speed Watch team. They went out on 48 roadside surveys, but another 33 surveys were cancelled mostly due to the weather! A total of 13,094 vehicles went by during the surveys with 4,636, which is 35.4%, travelling above the 30 Mph speed limit. A total of 1,771 letters were sent out to drivers who were recorded at 35+ Mph and of those, 67 were in excess of 50 Mph in a 30 Mph zone and had direct Police contact.

If you could spare a couple of hours a month and would like to join any of our Speed Watch teams, please email richard.williams@hampshire.police.uk

Finally well done to Frankie Dovey, Daisy Reynolds, Ava Roberts and Oscar Stone who were the winners of this year's Christmas Colouring competition. They were chosen by the retiring Headteacher of Bartley School Karen Stonehouse, who leaves the school at Easter after 25 years as Headteacher. We of course wish her a very long and happy retirement.

Stay safe everyone and Happy New Year.

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Dates for your Diary

Music at Beaulieu

Tickets for all concerts except Glyndebourne can be bought online at <http://www.musicatbeaulieu.org/>. It is possible to buy tickets directly from the Ticket Office by calling 07770 859900 and on the day at the door if the concerts are not sold out and subject to availability.

See our website, Facebook page or ring the Box Office for updates. Accompanied children under 16 are free for all concerts except Glyndebourne (subject to availability/capacity).

Friday 10 January

Boldre Parish History Society presents their Archive Evening. Boldre Memorial Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Friday 14 February

Boldre Parish History Society presents "History of the Isle of Wight Ferries" by Dr Alan Doe. Boldre Memorial Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Friday 14 March

Boldre Parish History Society presents "Sven Berlin" by Sonia-Aarons-Green. Boldre Memorial Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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