

# Compton & Shawford Parish Council 2013 Annual Report

## Chairman's Letter

Dear Parishioner,

We have compiled this report as a summary of the many things the Parish Council has been doing over the past year, and to invite you to the Annual Parish Meeting at Shawford Parish Hall at 7:30pm on Thursday, 25 April.

Do come along. You'll have a chance to put questions, comments and suggestions to parish councillors.



Pupils from All Saints School Compton open the Hockley Viaduct cycle path on 26 February, with a little help from Olympic and World Champion Dani King

## Affordable Housing

This topic has been on and off the Parish Council agenda since at least 1994. At last there will soon be some tangible proposals, which we can evaluate and discuss.

## The M3

I am continuing my efforts to obtain a quiet surface on the section of the motorway through our Parish. Our MP, Steve Brine has arranged a meeting with the Roads Minister for the 14 May, which Mike Southgate, Tricia Caffyn and I shall attend with Steve.

## Awards

In 2012, we entered the Hampshire Village of the Year Competition for the second time. In 2010, we had been highly commended. This time, we were runners-up overall, winner in the Diamond Jubilee and Olympics category, with an Inspirational Individual award for your Chairman. We also won the Hampshire Association of Local Councils shield for the 2012 Best Local Council website.

## Parish Council

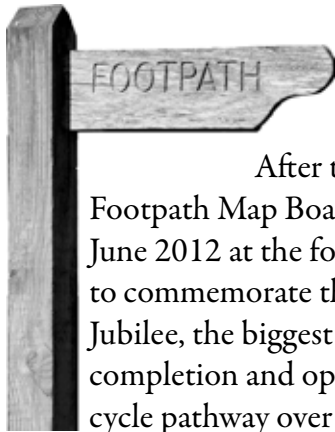
After the elections in May 2012, we were one councillor short. Martin Bell's resignation in September created a second vacancy. We were delighted that four excellent candidates came forward. Martin's planning expertise will be much missed, but the two new councillors, Mike Goulding and Naomi Sadler have settled very quickly into their roles.

## Other matters

Apart from the Parish Councillors, I'd like to give particular thanks to John Wilkinson for all the work he has done to improve our footpaths, to PCSO Michelle Wilkinson (no relation) for her support and to our excellent clerk, David Drake.

If you have anything you would like to raise with us, do please ring me on 712370, or the Clerk on 600198, or email us. For more information, please look at the notice boards for PC meeting agendas, and consult the Parish Magazine and our website.

*Una Stevens*



## Footpaths and Bridleways in Compton & Shawford

After the placing of the C&S Footpath Map Board (shown below) on 2nd June 2012 at the foot of Shawford Down to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the biggest event has been the recent completion and opening of the foot and cycle pathway over the renovated Hockley Viaduct.

We are now considering how to provide a footpath/cycle link from the Park and Ride to Shawford station and beyond. The footpath along Park View in Shawford has also recently been resurfaced, providing safer access to residents. Extra multi-purpose refuse bins have been placed at the Shawford road end of Park View and outside the station.

The inclement weather since last May has adversely affected parish footpaths, many having been very muddy and almost impassable at times. However, with better weather, they are beginning to dry out. Such conditions have highlighted where parts of

some routes need resurfacing and these are being looked at with HCC Countryside Rangers. We may need volunteers from the parish to assist in the work.

There is always a chance that some paths can be misused. We have had examples of horse riders and cyclists straying off permitted bridleways and causing damage to paths. The Clerk to the Parish Council has written to paddock owners on this subject.

We all need to be vigilant on matters such as these, littering and dog-fouling. Our thanks go out to those residents who regularly collect litter, and through walking and judicious cutting back of undergrowth ensure that our wonderful heritage of delightful footpaths can be enjoyed by an increasing number of people.

Several foot paths have reduced widths because of excessive vegetation originating from private property. House holders have a duty to make sure that they do not allow this to happen. If the hedges are not dealt with, HCC can cut them back and then charge the home owner for doing so.

*John Wilkinson. OBE  
Rights of Way & Environment  
Representative to C&SPC*

### Online footpaths map at

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/row/locating-row/row-online-maps.htm>

## Sparrowgrove & Oakwood Trust (SOCCT)

SOCCT have continued to concentrate their volunteer efforts on tidying up the roadside fence and paths within Sparrowgrove Woods. Much work has been done but there is always more to do. More volunteers and financial donations would speed progress.

*Mike Southgate, SOCCT Chairman  
[www.socct.org](http://www.socct.org)*



## Highways and Transport

This parish now has one of the most spectacular and different routes to access the City Centre along the Hockley Viaduct. WCC are about to introduce 4 hour Monday to Friday day time parking restrictions at the Hockley Link Viaduct. Car sharers are being advised that they should use the near by Park and Ride.

The parking restrictions around Shawford Station and in Pearson Lane were implemented last summer. The feedback has been positive, and the outcome has met most of the Parish Council and residents' objectives. We have had problems with parking close to the bend in Shawford Road which should soon be resolved by a short extension of the double yellow line and a single white line on the 'Down' side of the road.

### Public Transport

There have been no major changes to our good rail and bus services, although the 63 bus from Compton Street is once again being operated by Xelabus.

South West Trains are considering increasing their summer Sunday rail service to hourly for an experimental six week period during the summer. We are thinking about ways to get the community more involved in looking after the station and its building.

### Roads and Parking

The traffic island in Otterbourne Road close to the junction with Shawford Road was installed this year, making access to the bus stop much safer. It needed some modifications which have now been done.

We are concerned about the number of cycle signs which popped up

on Otterbourne and Shawford Road. We queried the need for several of these which have now been removed or moved to existing posts.

During the year, repairs were made to the Otterbourne Road from the Bushfield Roundabout to Southdown Road. HCC also repaired the towpath by Bridge Cottages, and are about to commence a major resurfacing program for Shawford Road from the Station to Twyford.

Hampshire Countryside are hoping soon to tarmac the short missing section at the top of the path across the downs to Southdown Road from the Station.

We are working with HCC to resolve flooding notably under Shawford Rail bridge and in the dip in Compton Street.

We continue to remind school parents to try to park with consideration for others and think

whether they need to park so close to the school and how long they need to be there.

### Lengthsman Project

This year we took part in the HCC funded Lengthsman project. It was a mixed success; identifying projects and supervising the work has

taken up a great deal of time. HCC are currently reassessing the project. We have made suggestions to simplify the work for the parish council.

### Shawford Station Cycle Racks

WCC have recently installed four more cycle racks in an area previously occupied by a waste bin, which has been moved. We are also exploring further cycle racks by the old booking office. It is hoped that additional rack will move the number of cycles chained to the rails and encourage more local rail users to swap to the cycle to get to the station.

*Mike Southgate*



## Planning

*[This report has been edited to fit the space available. The full text is available on the PC website]*

The key planning questions concerning parishioners tend to be (a) “I would like to extend my property; when do I need planning permission and how to I go about it?” and (b) “I am worried about a new extension/building that my neighbour is planning, how do I make an objection?”

You can find a lot of help on the web, but the most important things to understand are the national planning policy and how this translates to local policy.

### **Winchester District Local Plan - Joint Core strategy - Local Plan Part 1**

The “bible” for local planning policy for the past several years has been the “Winchester District Local Plan Review 2006”.

This is being superseded by the new Local Plan Part 1 which has just been adopted by Winchester City Council (WCC).

There are several significant policy changes in the LP1 compared to the 2006 Local Plan.

### **Winchester District Local Plan Part 2**

The Local Plan Part 2 will allocate smaller sites for development and will only cover the part of the District outside the South Downs National Park. It will set out detailed planning policies, in accordance with the WCC development strategy.

It will also provide the opportunity to review existing policies and settlement boundaries to ensure that WCC is up-to-date and resilient to change, given that the Plan will extend until 2031. WCC considers that by including small sites for development, with a review of existing policies and settlement boundaries in Local Plan Part 2, the full Local Plan will provide comprehensive planning policy coverage for the Winchester District up to 2031.

### **Winchester District Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment**

The WCC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) report considers how much



**New build in Southdown**

housing land could potentially come forward within the District over the next 15 years. It identifies housing sites which are potentially developable and deliverable. It does not allocate sites for development, nor does the identification of a site within the SHLAA guarantee that planning permission will be granted on that site. Resulting from a “call for sites”, last year, as part of the above process, the WCC SHLAA report, identified three sites in our parish: one in Shepherd’s Lane, for 106 units of accommodation, flagged for development between 2017-2022, and two further sites between the east end of Compton Street and the M3, for 15 units, and 23 units respectively. There are significant access problems that would need to be resolved.

### **Parish Council Approach**

Our approach is generally to take a neutral approach to planning applications, and to object if they conflict with planning policy or the guidelines in the Village Design Statement. The Parish Council continues carefully to monitor applications, not just within the parish but also those in neighbouring parishes which may affect us.

*Cllr Angela Jeffrey, Planning Convenor*



**HARAH development in Twyford**



## Affordable Housing in Rural Areas

### Meeting Local Housing Needs

The Parish Council has responsibilities to try to ensure that some specific needs of residents are taken account of, and this includes rural affordable housing in the parish. This matter has been on the agenda of various parish council meetings over the last twenty years.

The cost and affordability of housing in Winchester District is a serious problem. There is a real shortage of affordable housing in Winchester, with demand outstripping supply. Putting this into perspective, average house prices in the Winchester town area are over £350,000, and an income of over £60,000 is required to get a mortgage for a 2 bed roomed property. The average in Compton and Shawford is probably higher.

### What do we mean by Rural Affordable Housing?

This initiative is a national project that has the overarching objective of supporting communities and local authorities' efforts to enable and increase delivery of affordable housing in rural areas, focusing on settlements with a population fewer than 3,000 people. The Hampshire Alliance for Affordable Rural Housing (HARAH) aims to address the local need for affordable housing in the villages of Hampshire; working to ensure local people are able to afford to live in the places where they were brought up, work or have family connections. Individuals must be on the housing register of WCC, and must be in housing need and unable to afford a suitable home on the open market.

The Parish Council agreed in July 2012 that it would work with HARAH, Winchester City Council and the local community to quantify the demand for rural affordable housing in the parish, and to work with the relevant organisations and the community to take this forward. There is an assessed and substantiated need for over 22 individuals who have an identified link with the parish. Eight to ten well designed homes are suggested.

The parish's rural housing initiative was launched at an exhibition by HARAH, held in the parish, in

November 2012. The publication of the HARAH report arising from the meeting acted as a catalyst for galvanising the views from part of the parish.

**The sites:** Possible sites need to be suitable in terms of location, size, design and tenure and should avoid harm to the character of the area.

Initially, eleven sites, including several "exception sites" owned, in the main, by Hampshire County Council were identified in 2012. HCC does have the authority to release sites at a lower than market rate, helping to make the prospect of any building actually affordable. Three of the initial eleven sites have been prioritised for further consideration and appraisal. They are Stony Drove Farm Buildings/ adjacent to Warner's Farm, Place Lane; the end of Martin's Fields; and North East of Attwoods Drove. More recently, a further seven further sites were identified; four were assessed to have some potential in planning terms. Only two of these further sites are available, and they are located towards the end of Place Lane, beyond Warner's Farm. So this gives a current total of five options for further consideration.

The parish council website provides an up to date source of information about progress, including the current site options, associated constraints, possibilities, views and concerns. Current concerns relate to increased traffic, car parking, highways issues, road junction sight lines and being sure that an individual does have a demonstrable link with the parish.

At parish council meetings there is an opportunity for parishioners to ask questions, as part of an ongoing process of taking on board comments. As many parishioners as possible need to be involved with inputting their views and opinions to take this initiative forward to its next stage, which is a further sifting of possible sites in conjunction with an assessment of their suitability and availability.

**Timescale:** It is hoped that during 2013 clear options and possibilities will emerge which will have the support of the local community and lead to an innovative and viable scheme.

*Cllr Angela Jeffrey , 28th March 2013*

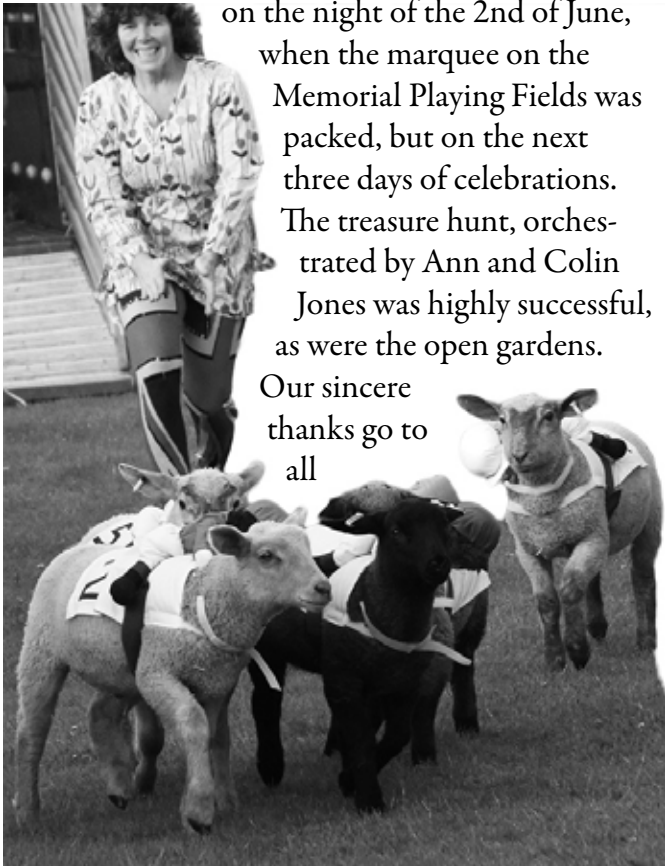
## The Remarkable Summer of 2012

As soon as we knew that we had a long weekend of four days to celebrate the occasion of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee, we set up two committees to plan for a fitting celebration of this remarkable event.

We made our own bunting, as a fun-filled community event for all ages in Shepherds Down School. Just look back to the July Parish Magazine of 2012, if you still have it.

In short, we had a ball. Not only on the night of the 2nd of June, when the marquee on the Memorial Playing Fields was packed, but on the next three days of celebrations. The treasure hunt, orchestrated by Ann and Colin Jones was highly successful, as were the open gardens.

Our sincere thanks go to all



parishioners thronged to the marquee and sang lustily. Our thanks go to our rector William Prescott and the choir for providing us with a really memorable service.

The Grand Fête on Monday 4th was a great success. The opening ceremony led by George Yorke, a resident in the village for over sixty years, set the scene for a momentous day, enjoyed by all ages. Susannah and Keith Mannerings organised four lamb races, the barbecue queue was very long, the Ladies Guild teas were delicious and the Olde Tyme Music Hall was much enjoyed. Other highlights were the children's bikes and hats parade, the wheelbarrow race and, of course, the torchlit procession to light our beacon on Shawford Down. I was overwhelmed by the hundreds who joined us, the sheer warmth of camaraderie and the solemn moment of singing the National Anthem together, as we looked across to other beacons in the distance. It was our village community at its unforgettable best.

Ten of our community represented Compton and Shawford by volunteering to help at the 2012 Olympics in different roles, organising transport, meeting and greeting at the airport, or handling tracker dogs. Much happened too at the Sports Club in honour of the Games and to promote further awareness of the benefits of sporting activities for all.

*Una Stevens*

who organised these events.

The traditional Compton versus Shawford cricket match drew crowds of supporters and on-lookers. It had been renamed The Steve Brooks Trophy Cricket match, in honour of a sadly missed star of this event in previous years, including in the Golden Jubilee match of 2002. Our two WIs in the village did sterling work with cricket teas.

During the Jubilee Jubilate, Commemorative Service,



## Compton & Shawford Sports Club - 2013

The Jubilee Pavilion and the Memorial Playing Fields form the focal point for our local Compton and Shawford Sports Club, (CSSC). The club's objective is to provide good, value-for-money facilities for cricket, football and tennis and to provide regular events for the community and members to enjoy.

Chairman Mark Jenkins says this year will have several special events to look forward to, such as wine tasting, BBQs and the regular First-Friday Quiz Night. The tennis club run a Third-Friday Mix'n'Munch evening combining tennis with supper (come rain or shine).

The fields and pavilion are also used as the focal point for other activities such as the village Walking Group and Running Club.

All sports sections go from strength to strength with additional youth cricket teams being well coached and including more and more local lads. Keep an eye out for details of Summer Camps which help keep the youngsters in good form.

On the patio, the Sports Club will run informal 'get togethers' every Friday evening, May through September from 6pm. Good weather certainly boosts the number of local families walking up to make their weekend plans or discuss the week just past. If anyone would like to put together a 'themed'

evening at the club, please just drop a note to Mark.

For more information about the Sports Club please see the Sports Club's pages in the Parish Magazine, the pavilion noticeboards or contact Mark

If you'd like to come to the social events but are not an active sports person, why not join one of the sections of the club as a non-playing member for example by visiting [casltc.org.uk](http://casltc.org.uk) and going to Membership?

*mark.jenkins@vodafone.com*  
Sports Club Chairman

### Parish Website: did you know...?

Like many organisations worldwide, the Parish Council is working to make its website a place where you can find lots of useful information.

Did you know, in the right sidebar of most pages..?:

- you can ask to be notified when new pages are added
- the calendar tells you about parish events that are coming up (that we've been told about)
- there's a live traffic feed so you can check when the M3 (or other Hampshire roads) are blocked
- there's a list of recently updated pages,
- and links to many local and national organisations

See <http://compton.parish.hants.gov.uk>  
or <http://shawford.parish.hants.gov.uk>



Summer Cricket Camp

## Playing Fields

### QEII Diamond Jubilee field (Compton St/Attwoods Drove)

Throughout the year, the process of application and legal documentation leading to the successful dedication of the playing field as a Field in Trust has been completed. This ensures that the renamed QE II field will be protected and remain a playing field in perpetuity. New fencing at the entrance has provided a focal point for the QE II commemorative plaque.



The field was officially re-designated earlier this month at a community event attended by many Parishioners, many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen. The Parish Council also successfully bid for 420 hedging saplings from the Woodland Trust, mixed shrubs and trees to give a 'wild harvest' and these were planted by members of the school and community at the end of March and will further enhance the appearance of the boundary to the field. New fencing has also been erected behind the goal mouth on the eastern boundary to protect neighbouring gardens from stray footballs.

### Memorial Playing Field (MPF)

Since the last annual parish report, the MPF has provided an idyllic setting for the highly successful QEII Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Throughout the year, members of the Parish Council and the Sports Club have met regularly to develop ideas and plans for the next five years. These include improvements to the BBQ and car parking areas as well as development plans for the different sports clubs.

The boundary along the east side of the field was a problem area with underlying scrub and some trees that required thinning or felling for safety purposes. The area has now been cleared of the scrub and the line of trees made safe and attractive. A clear gap has been created to allow apparatus from the field to be stored in the area behind the trees.

The broken seat along the southern boundary has been replaced with a new one and the large Leylandii with branches through the power cables has been felled before it created a serious problem. The outside of the pavilion has also been redecorated. Future ideas for sports facilities are under discussion, but the provision of a petanque court will not go ahead as there was not enough public support for the facility.

The play apparatus on both fields is regularly inspected and maintenance work carried out as necessary.

After public consultation it has been decided not to proceed with plans to create a play area at the foot of Shawford Down.

The Open Spaces Funding will be replaced in April 2015 by the new Community Infrastructure Levy. The Parish Council has been asked to put forward their ideas for projects eligible for OSF, and to be completed within the next two years, very shortly.

*Cllr Myra Wilkinson*





## All Saints' School, Compton

*Deputy Head Rebecca Hewitt writes:*

Compton School is proud of its links with the local community. A very high percentage (74%) of the school children live within the catchment area of the school.

We have recently been involved in the tree planting project at the QEII playing field (see photo opposite) and continue to enjoy our Forest School sessions on the Mannerings' land opposite the school.

Also a very popular event with the community was our Red Nose Day breakfast which raised a fantastic £478.75 - thank you for coming and enjoying bacon rolls and coffee with us!

In the summer we have a very exciting event planned - The Circus! Join us on May 19th for a fun filled family day! Happy's Circus big top tent will be located in Church Field, Compton Street with gates opening at 12:30. We are really looking forward to the clowns and the acrobats - we are even going to have a go at some circus skills ourselves in school! See [www.facebook.com/ComptonHappyCircus](http://www.facebook.com/ComptonHappyCircus) for more details.

## Shepherds Down School

*Headteacher Jane Sansome writes:*

Shepherds Down School continues to serve the children of Hampshire who have learning difficulties. This year our numbers have been increased and we now have 113 primary aged children and 85 staff.

This year we have extended our provision with additional safety surfaced play areas and we are currently about to re-furbish our Soft play area. We are also in consultation with the local authority on extending the junior provision for children with Profound and Multiple needs.

Much of this work is funded through donations very kindly raised for us through the efforts of Neville Caffyn who has worked tirelessly on our behalf. We also fund raise ourselves and this year we have raised money for Comic Relief by holding a crazy red hair day. We also held a café event for the children, to raise funds to sponsor a Puppy for the Guide dogs for the Blind scheme.

Our major fundraising event will be our school fete which will this year be held on September 21st, Please put the date in your diary.

As a school we continue to engage with the local community and have joint activities with Otterbourne school, Twyford, St Faith's, Owslebury and Compton schools. We also liaise very closely with Pilgrims school in Winchester. These activities serve to raise awareness of children with difficulties and the skills and talents that they have. It also allows our children the opportunities to mix with children of their own age from mainstream schools.

The school has recently taken part in a music and drama based production called 'Animazing' at the Ferneham hall in Fareham a wonderful cultural experience for the children. We are also participating in the 'Go Rhino' project with Marwell Zoo and our rhino will be one of many exhibited in Southampton in due course.

We are proud to be a part of the local community and will happily meet with groups of clubs to talk about our school and to host visits if the local community are interested.



A community fundraiser organised by the Compton School Asso-

**IS COMING TO COMPTON SUN. MAY 19TH. 2 - 4 PM**

The Circus will dazzle you with crazy clowns, magical illusions, daring aerialists and other speciality acts. Sure to be a fun filled family day! Check out [www.happyscircus.co.uk](http://www.happyscircus.co.uk) and [www.facebook.com/ComptonHappyCircus](http://www.facebook.com/ComptonHappyCircus) to get all the latest information.

Happy's Circus bigtop tent will be located in the church's field, Compton Street (opposite the church & Compton school's main reception).

Gates open at 12.30 - stall holders, refreshments, food, games and more !!!!

**TICKETS ARE £7.00 EA. AND A FAMILY OF 4 IS £25.00 (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN).**



**Purchase tickets on-line at**

**[www.wegottickets.com/event/208197](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/208197) (10% booking fee applies)**

*If booking on-line, please retain your booking reference number for entry.*

**All proceeds go to Compton All Saints School, the church and a Compton community charity TBA. Hurry! Don't miss out.**

(Any queries to Lee Bush on 07970 534674)



## CASCA 2013

CASCA, the Compton & Shawford Community Association, was set up as a registered charity and runs the Parish Hall.

The Hall's customers remained very similar to last years at around 75 different users. This generated a turnover of £29,675 a small drop on last year's figure of £30,299. The surplus was £2,676 compared to a deficit last year of £3,161.

Last summer the Shawford Hall was painted and a professional company carried out a deep clean of the lavatories. No major work was carried out on the premises although the rear steps were identified as being in need of replacement.

This work has just been completed and the old wooden steps have been replaced by galvanised steel steps. The cost of this will be shown in next year's accounts.

The committee has looked into the provision of WiFi. At this stage the cost of £45 per month plus installation costs would not be recoverable but its provision will be kept under review.

Our charges have not gone up for over two years and as our running costs do increase there will be a modest increase in our costs for 2013.

Ably supported by our caretaker Frank Smith, the Hall continues to provide an excellent venue for parish activities and other outside groups but we must ensure that the facilities we offer are up to-date and meet customers needs.

Please make a note in your diary to come to the CASCA Christmas Party on Friday 13 December.

*John Griffith, chairman, CASCA*



### Do you take the Parish Magazine?

The Parish Council is happy to support the magazine, your best source of information about events run by local clubs, societies, the church and the Parish Council, as well as lots of very useful adverts..

Contact John Richardson on 712124 to arrange a subscription (£8 a year).

### New to the village?

You should have received a Welcome Pack leaflet, a copy of the Parish Plan, VDS and the Parish Magazine with details about how to apply for an initial **free subscription** period.

If you missed out, contact Adrian on 606957.

## About the Parish Council

### Who does what?

Most of the Parish Council's work is done in its various committees. You can find a list of committees and their members on the PC website. The committees have to be re-elected every year, at the PC's May meeting. So we try to publish an updated list of committee members in the June edition of the Parish Magazine.

### Can I attend a PC meeting?

Yes, by law all PC meetings have to be open to the public. Most parish councils, including ours, have an open session at each meeting for people to make comments and ask questions.

### When does the PC meet?

We meet eight times a year, at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month, mostly in Shawford Parish Hall, and twice in the Scout Hall. Check the Parish Mag or the website or the Parish notice boards for details.

## Finance and Admin Committee

The F&A Committee “does what it says on the tin”: we are responsible for the Parish Council’s finances, and also for complying with the ever evolving rules and regulations for local government; most recently a new mandatory Code of Conduct with an increased focus on declarations of financial interest. Thanks very largely to our clerk, David Drake, we do keep on top of the legislation and are often held up as an example of good practice to other councils.

**Online banking:** recently, with the approval of our auditor, we introduced a way of authorising payment of bills by electronic banking instead of writing cheques, saving time and postage. This may sound an obvious move, but we are actually ahead of the legislation in this area.

### Income

This year’s precept (the money the Parish Council receives to run the Parish), is unchanged for the fourth year running at £27,170.

Our parish receives £31.86 for the year from a benchmark Band D property . It works out at 2.5p in the pound of your overall Council Tax bill (whatever Council Tax band you are in).

We monitor our precept against neighbouring parishes. Band D precepts for 2013/14 are (rounded): Compton £32, Otterbourne £44, Twyford £80, Hursley £51, and Badger Farm £30.

### Expenditure

Our expenditure for 2012/13 is shown in the pie chart.

### Variations

Outgoings remain pretty similar from year to year, with the exception of capital expenditure funded from the Open Space Fund (OSF). This

is a fund to which developers have had to contribute. We have been able to call on it for improvements to sporting and play equipment. This expenditure varies from

year to year. As it goes through our books, it is largely responsible for the year-on-year variation in our income and expenditure.

The PC’s policy during the noughties was to let our Open Space Fund accumulate for an eventual major purchase. We had in

mind a play area in Shawford, but the only candidate for a Shawford Play Area turned out to be land at the foot of Shawford Down which HCC would not sell, but might have leased to us.

The OSF is being abolished so we will be consulting over the best way to exploit the remaining funds. We have until 2015.

### Overall finances

After allowing for the sinking funds which we have been building up for major maintenance of the Pavilion and Parish Hall, our uncommitted reserves cover about six months’ worth of turnover, in line with recommended best practice.

### 2013/14 Budget

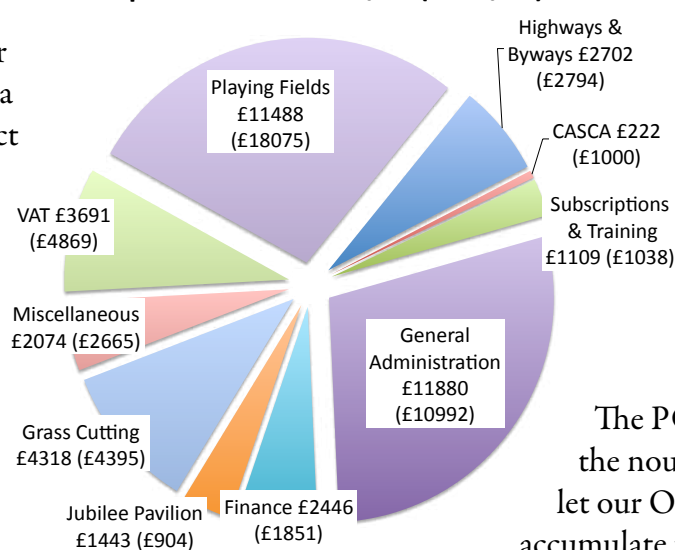
In order to keep the precept unchanged, we have to look hard at expenses in other areas, so we have reduced our planned contributions to the sinking funds, which are now quite healthy.

### And finally

My thanks to my colleagues on the Finance and Admin committee, and especially to David Drake, our clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

*Adrian Walmsley, Chair  
Finance & Admin committee*

**Expenditure for 2012/13 (2011/12)**





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# **Invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting 7:30pm Thursday 25 April 2013 Shawford Parish Hall**

The Parish Council will be reporting on activity during the past year and looking at future changes that may affect the parish of Compton and Shawford. County and District Councillors will be present.

The agenda will include updates on

- the possible provision of Affordable Homes in Compton and Shawford
- our continuing campaign for a quiet surface on the M3 through our Parish
- application for grants to enhance the area in which we live
- South & South-East England in Bloom 2013

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. There will be opportunities to ask questions on any issues relevant to the Parish.

We aim to finish not later than 9:30pm, when coffee and biscuits will be served for those who would like to stay and chat.

Una Stevens  
Chairman  
Compton and Shawford Parish Council