



Fleet & Church Crookham Society Newsletter – Spring 2020

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The ‘Annual General Meeting’ issue

In order to comply with guidance on avoiding gatherings due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the Society’s AGM will not take place in April. In this issue are details of various items that we would have asked you to vote on at the AGM. You can ask questions or vote on these matters by phone or email.

These are unprecedented times and we are pleased to see how Fleet & Church Crookham are pulling together as a community to support those particularly affected. Please see page 12 for details of the local public body response co-ordinating volunteers and requests for help.

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Chairman’s Introduction

I find myself writing this Chairman’s report on 23 March, not knowing whether I will need to re-write the whole thing in the morning, following whatever update in Government advice on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation has been issued overnight. Given that the advice is that the emergency situation will continue for at least 12 weeks, it is with some certainty that my report will still be relevant at the time when this newsletter is distributed.

On this subject, page 12 contains useful information and contact details for those needing to isolate or shield themselves at this time. A collaborative group formed by Hart Voluntary Action, Churches Together, Fleet & Hart Lions and other volunteer groups is co-ordinating the local effort to mitigate the effects, whether you are in need of assistance or are able to volunteer your time to help others. Hart Voluntary Action is a really useful

resource all year round, not just at difficult times such as the current crisis. Whatever your circumstances, we urge you to heed the advice in order to stay safe, and to do whatever you can to look after your friends, family and neighbours.

Given all the advice, the Society has cancelled the AGM that was scheduled in April. Instead members are encouraged to approve the accounts detailed on page 3 and re-appoint the committee members standing as listed on page 4.

The Society is sad to advise that Gillian Wain and Patric Downes are not standing for re-election. Both have contributed massively during their time with the Society, and I would like to express my thanks to both of them for their commitment. Gillian is redirecting her community support to her involvement with some of the other local groups such as Friends of Oakley Park, whilst Patric is

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relocating to the north of England.

Gillian's contribution has been immense, having served several positions from committee member, Co-chairman and latterly Membership Secretary and Newsletter Editor. We receive many compliments about the presentation of this newsletter and this is down to Gillian's skill.

Patric has contributed extensively to many projects, most notably the work undertaken on Assets of Community Value and Heritage Listing, the latter being a vital piece of work that has fed directly into the recently adopted Fleet Neighbourhood Plan.

The Society is therefore seeking a Newsletter Editor and a Membership Secretary to fill the vacant positions. The newsletter is produced using Microsoft Publisher twice a year in Spring and Autumn whilst the Membership Secretary role is largely focused at membership renewal in January & February and keeping the membership list updated during the year. Please contact Gillian or myself for an informal chat about what is involved with either role

In other news, the Fleet Town Council residents' meeting, scheduled for 24 March,

was postponed due to coronavirus restrictions. I was hoping to report that the HDC Full Council meeting scheduled for 26 March had ratified the long overdue Local Plan: the meeting was set to go ahead as planned, albeit with public onlookers encouraged to view by online live streaming rather than attending in person. Unfortunately that has now been postponed due to coronavirus restrictions, adding yet another delay in the ill-fated progress of the Local Plan. Not for the first time, we hope to be able to report more positive progress in time for the next newsletter.

As always, I need to emphasise that we cannot function without your support and that of the hard work put in from the dedicated committee, for which the Society and I are extremely grateful.

The next few weeks will be rather challenging, but I urge you to stay safe and look out for your local community, friends and family. It is circumstances such as these that reassure us that community spirit in Fleet & Church Crookham is very much alive.

Phill Gower
Chairman

Fleet & Church Crookham Society Accounts 2019

With no AGM this year due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, the accounts for 2019 are brought to you for approval via this newsletter: please see opposite page. Points to note:

- Membership receipts are five members down on the previous year and stand at a total of £928. 'Donations (from membership contribution)' of £109.50 is where members choose to pay more than the membership fee they need to; the excess is accounted for as membership donations.
- The Hart Lottery receipt is the 'good cause' dividend that the Society receives as being a nominated good cause of subscribers to the Hart Lottery scheme. Our grateful thanks to those who have selected the Society as the beneficiary of their lottery contributions. For further details on how you can assist the Society whilst giving yourself the chance to win, visit www.hart.gov.uk/hart-lottery; 60% of your ticket price is provided to the good cause of your choice.
- The affiliation fee to Civic Voice is calculated on the number of paying members so is slightly down on last year's fee.
- Public Liability Insurance is slightly up on last year at £203.83 (from £194.12) but the Society enjoys a discounted rate from being affiliated to the Civic Voice movement.
- The cost of the newsletter has risen on last year, though this is met by equal contribution so there is no increase in cost to the Society.
- The Society ended the year with funds of £5,306.84 (up from £4,818.86 last year).

Should you have any query regarding the accounts please contact treasurer@fccs.org.uk or phone Phill Gower on 01252 624506. We are grateful to Stuart Bates for auditing the accounts.

We look for members to approve the accounts as audited. Given the accounts cannot be approved by a vote at the AGM, the committee will consider the accounts approved by 15 May 2020 unless any member raises an objection, in which case the membership will be contacted to agree an alternative course of action.

Should you have any objection to the accounts as stated, please contact secretary@fccs.org.uk.

Phill Gower

FLEET & CHURCH CROOKHAM SOCIETY			
2019 ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET			
From 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019		2019 YTD	Full Year
		2019	2018
INCOME & EXPENDITURE			
	NOTES	£.p	£.p
INCOME			
Subscriptions: Standing Orders			
Subscriptions: £5 payments	(a)	230.00	230.00 (a)
Subscriptions: £6 payments	(b)	12.00	6.00 (b)
Subscriptions: £7 payments	(c)	686.00	728.00 (c)
Bank Interest		10.81	9.69
Hart Lottery Receipts		124.50	57.00
Donations (From Membership contribution)		109.50	61.50
Donations (other)		0.00	0.00
<i>Donations in lieu of running costs</i>	(d)	<i>567.19</i>	<i>516.80 (d)</i>
Total (1)		<u>1,740.00</u>	<u>1,608.99</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Civic Voice affiliation		216.00	226.50
Civic Voice Convention expenses		0.00	0.00
Civic Voice - PLI		203.83	194.12
Donation to XMAS Lunch		200.00	200.00
Misc Expenses		0.00	0.00
AGM expenses	(d - part)	45.00	55.00 (d - part)
Donation to British legion		20.00	20.00
<i>Website / Marketing expenses</i>	(d)	<i>74.39</i>	<i>58.80 (d)</i>
Local Plan Leaflet Expenses		0.00	0.00
<i>Newsletter costs</i>	(d)	<i>492.80</i>	<i>448.00 (d)</i>
Total (2)		<u>1,252.02</u>	<u>1,202.42</u>
Income less expenditure, (1) minus (2) above		<u>487.98</u>	<u>406.57</u>
BALANCE SHEET			
Income less expenditure from above		487.98	406.57
Brought forward from previous year		4,818.86	4,412.29
Total		<u>5,306.84</u>	<u>4,818.86</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Santander balance (Statement Online)		2,242.09	1,964.92
Santander Reserve Account Balance		3,084.75	3,073.94
Outstanding receipts		0.00	0.00
Outstanding payments		20.00	220.00
Total		<u>5,306.84</u>	<u>4,818.86</u>
<i>The 'expenditure' entries in italics cover actual and notional costs, which are offset by identical entries under 'income' since the costs have been met by equal donations from those concerned. Main items are printing, website, postage, stationery, and telephone costs.</i>			
2018 NOTES			
(a)	46 Membership payments of £5		
(b)	2 Membership payments of £6		
(c)	98 Membership payments of £7		
(d)	Expenditure met or partly met by equal contribution.		
Phill Gower			
Treasurer			

AGM Matters

A proposed change to the Fleet & Church Crookham Society constitution

The Society's Constitution currently specifies that the Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary are authorised signatories for the Society's bank account. As Phill Gower is both Chairman and Treasurer, and the Society's cheques have to be signed by two signatories, there could be a problem if one of the signatories is away or unavailable. The Committee is therefore proposing to change the Constitution to allow the Committee to appoint one of their number as an additional signatory.

The current clause (clause 9.4 of the Constitution) is as follows:

The Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary shall each be individually authorised as signatories for payments by cheque from the Society's bank account.

The proposed amended clause will read:

The Society's cheques or bank transfers must be authorised by two signatories. The Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary shall each be authorised as signatories for the Society's bank account. The Committee may also appoint a further Committee member to be an additional signatory.

Given this amendment cannot be approved by a vote at the AGM, we would like to ask members to vote using the details below.

The committee will consider the amendment approved by 15 May 2020 unless any member raises an objection, in which case the Constitution will not be amended until such time as we can convene a meeting of members.

Election of Officers and other Committee Members

The following Officers have agreed to stand for election or re-election:

Chairman: Phill Gower
Treasurer: Phill Gower
Secretary: Judith Sutherland

The Membership Secretary role is currently vacant.

The following Executive Committee members have agreed to stand for election or re-election:

Judy Armstrong
David Bentley
Colin Gray
John Pearson

Jenny Radley is willing to be co-opted to the Committee as the Society's representative on the Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee.

Given election of officers and committee members cannot be approved by a vote at the AGM, we would like to ask members to vote using the details below.

The committee will consider the amendment approved by 15 May 2020 unless any member raises an objection, in which case the membership will be contacted to agree an alternative course of action.

**To vote (or for questions),
please contact
Judith Sutherland via email at
secretary@fccs.org.uk
or by phone on 01252 810322**

Spring Colour at Fleet Cemetery

In early December, the Society's committee braved the wintery weather to plant approximately 2,000 daffodil bulbs in the verge next to Cemetery Road, the road that leads directly to the entrance of Fleet Cemetery (which is managed by Fleet Town Council). The verge was difficult to dig due to roots and rubble under the surface, though progress was made slightly easier by a (rather noisy) petrol powered auger. Hopefully any residents disturbed by the noise on the Sunday morning will be adequately compensated by the sight of the mass of daffodils that are in beautiful bloom at the time of writing! The Society undertakes bulb planting from time to time, and if you are interested in helping to plant at the next event, then please email any of the committee, so that we know to contact you in the lead up to the next event (normally late November/early December).



Phill Gower

Shapley Heath – an Ever-Present Controversial Issue

In 2015–16 Hart District Council launched a consultation *Refined Options for Delivering New Homes* in pursuance of the developing Local Plan. This asked the people of the district for their favoured option for the future sites for house building in the district. A majority (58%) voted in favour of the single settlement option that would have the advantage of bringing infrastructure benefits like a secondary school and improvements in other services already in deficit like adequate road network, health provision and affordable housing.

The area encompassing Winchfield and Murrell Green was the likely location for a new settlement. Considerable delay in producing the Hart Local Plan has led to urban extensions and dispersed delivery of housing on a piece-meal basis. As a result, the Planning Inspector was able to rule that Hart District has adequate housing land identified and the new settlement option has been removed from the Plan for the period up to 2032.

Hart Council has decided that there is still a need to look for potential housing sites beyond 2024 when the approved Local Plan will need to be reviewed; it is likely that central government will increase the housing requirement. The Council has been granted funds to assess the potential and location for a new settlement; Shapley Heath remains a possible future site for development. The centre of this area lies to the north-east of where the M3 and railway cross. Understandably the rural parishes in and adjacent to Winchfield and Murrell Green are raising strong opposition and have formed a protest group to oppose any development in the green fields that would be lost under concrete and brick.

Residents of Fleet and Church Crookham can sympathise with the Winchfield-based objection groups at the potential sacrifice of their green fields to dense housing developments. Just as an example, over the 33 years that I have lived in Fleet there has been the development of estates at Ancells Farm, Elvetham Heath, Zebon Copse, Watery Lane, Edenbrook and, now under development, Netherhouse Moor. All were once green fields around our towns. Add these together and bearing in mind the “brownfield” developments at Queen Elizabeth barracks and Pyestock, the two towns have increased in area by more housing than was proposed for the new settlement. Add the fact that none of these developments have delivered adequate supporting infrastructure or sufficient affordable housing to meet local need and you can see why FCCS feels that a new approach is now needed and that the new settlement option should not be forgotten. A new settlement will contribute much-needed infrastructure and take the pressure off further expansion of Fleet and Church Crookham.

I was appointed by FCCS to represent the society on the North-East Hampshire Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) Committee. FCCS resigned from membership of CPRE mainly due to the lack of consideration given to the impact on urban settlements of their “brownfield-first” development policy. I stayed on the CPRE local group in my own right as a member of CPRE and have attempted to keep the local group aware of the serious concerns urban residents have. I have made the point as clear as possible, but CPRE does tend towards favouring the interests of rural communities.

Colin Gray MBE



Concept plan from the Shapley Heath Vision Document. Hook is on the left, the western edge of Elvetham Heath on the right, and Winchfield is the rail station shown. The Vision Document is available on HDC's website

Airspace Change and Flight Paths at Farnborough Airport

Photo from www.farnboroughairport.com



At last, Farnborough Airport has finally introduced its Airspace Changes, which have taken so long to decide. The launch of the Airspace Change commenced at 7am on Thursday 27 February. During the initial 3 weeks, the management at Farnborough Airport has decided to reduce the number of flight movements, to allow the air traffic controllers (ATC), aircraft operators and pilots to acclimatise to the new flight routes and procedures.

Some local residents may already have noticed some change. Most flight movements from Farnborough Airport over the Fleet and Church Crookham areas are flight departures; this is because aircraft are directed to take-off into the prevailing wind and 70% of the time that is to the south-west. All departing flights in this direction are now being directed to turn south after take-off and gain altitude over low populated areas before establishing their flight path to their final destination. That should mean that all departing flights will now avoid flying over the heavily populated areas of Fleet, Crookham Village and Dogmersfield and most of Church Crookham.

For flight arrivals (30% of which arrive from the south-west), the overall procedure has not changed: flights should follow a strict ILS (Instrument Landing System) approach on a direct flight path from a distance of 3 nautical miles out and a glide path of 3.5' (unless otherwise instructed by ATC). However, all flight arrivals are now being directed to their final approach from areas to the south of the airport, which should also help to avoid low-level flights approaching the airport over high-populated areas.

Farnborough Airport has published a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document on the Airspace Change and flight paths at Farnborough Airport (available at www.facc.org.uk). This includes maps showing the new flight paths and contact details for a variety of groups you can use to raise questions in relation to flight operations at Farnborough Airport. They have also made a public flight tracking system available (WebTrak:

www.farnboroughairport.com/webtrak) which shows the tracks of all aircraft operating at Farnborough Airport and nearby areas. (Note that there is a 30-minute delay in the flight movements shown for security purposes.) This tracking system should help people to investigate flight movements that cause concern, and there is a link to make a comment or complaint about a flight.

It is early days, and at the time of writing we are still in the 3-week introductory period with lower numbers of flights, but I have to say that so far it seems to be going to plan. There have been no obvious flight departures over the main populated areas of Church Crookham, and I trust the same is true for residents in Fleet.

The team at Farnborough Airport was still very busy in its preparations right up to the Airspace Change launch date. It decided to develop the FAQ document rather than organise local exhibitions to explain the final agreed Airspace Changes to the public before the launch. However, they are willing to attend local community events later in the year, if invited to do so, to explain the airspace changes. We will make sure that the local town and parish councils are aware of this opportunity to invite the Farnborough Airport team to make a presentation to their local communities, so please do let us know if you would like us to help to organise an event.

FACC meeting

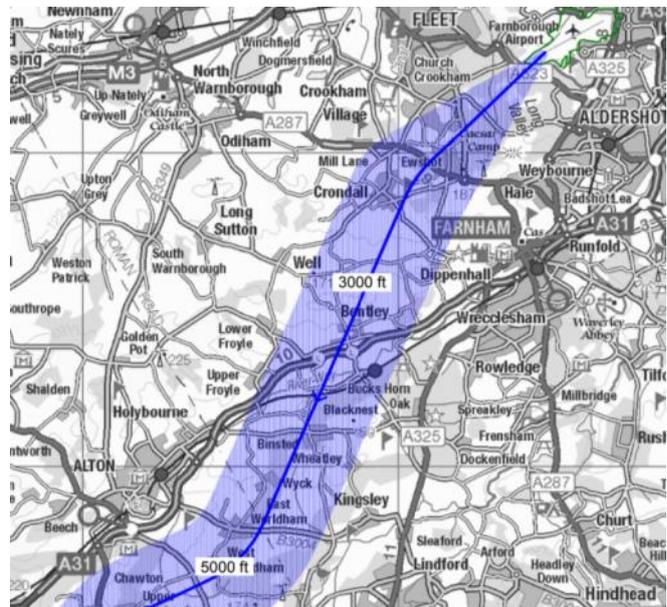
As luck would have it, the latest FACC meeting was held on the same day as the Airspace Change launch and the Farnborough Airport team reported that all was going as well as expected. Roger Walker, Director of Airport Operations, explained that the new flight paths would be carefully monitored as part of the post-implementation review agreement with the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority), with an interim report after 6 months and a final report after a year. They are collecting all necessary flight operations data for movements at Farnborough Airport, but they have also been asked by the CAA to find a way to monitor Class G (uncontrolled or general) airspace around the airport as well. They are working with NATS

(National Air Traffic Services) to figure out how to do that. This means that they will have to monitor any changes that their new flight operations and airspace changes are having on all aircraft movements in the area. It is important to note that all related complaints from members of the public will also be taken into account.

Once again FACC members were joined by several local members of the environmental campaign group Extinction Rebellion and members of GRAW (Greater Rushmoor Against War). The visitors made their presence known by holding up banners and handing out leaflets at the entrance to the building. A number of the campaigners then joined the meeting and were able to ask a series of questions during the public session. It was clear that they were deeply concerned about the impact that a business airport was having on the local environment, on local communities and beyond. They invited all members of the FACC to a public meeting at Princes Hall, Aldershot, to explain what they do. They asked for a response then and there, but the Chairman explained that would have to be up to individual members to decide in their own time. He also explained that the FACC meeting could only address matters pertaining to operations at the airport. Several of their questions could not be answered by the FACC members at the meeting and there was clearly a sense of some frustration. It was noted that some FACC members, who are representatives of the local planning authority, were not at the meeting. The questioners from Rushmoor were therefore advised to contact their own borough councillors directly.

Presentation from ICANN

The Chairman introduced one of the commissioners from the Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICANN) to give a presentation to the meeting, as had been requested at the previous meeting. ICANN is a new and 'genuinely' independent body that was set up in January 2019. There are five commissioners at ICANN, each one representing a different part of the UK. The commissioner for the south-east, Howard Simmons, explained that the team at ICANN had been very busy in its first year and is keen to introduce itself to a great many stakeholders. It has already published its first 2-year corporate strategy and a review of a survey of noise attitudes. ICAAN believes that the impact of aviation noise on people's lives needs to be better understood. It recognises that aviation is going through a period of rapid change and opportunities, but it also understands that there is a lack of faith from the general public. Its main aim is to improve public confidence and trust in the management of aviation noise, by



Map from www.farnboroughairport.com/airspace-change-proposal

Departures to the south-west under the new Airspace Change

building on its expertise, credibility and profile across the UK.

ICANN has resisted an invitation to be based within the Department for Transport in London, but instead have a separate office in Woking. It is determined to remain independent and unbiased, and will do its best to work with a wide range of stakeholders. Its wishes to foster good co-operation, rather than just become part of the network of agencies who simply talk at each other.

ICANN has planned for a busy year ahead, as it expects to publish a report on best practice for airports on how to engage and consult around airspace change, and intends to produce an opinion on noise metrics by April 2020. In September it hopes to publish initial recommendations on aviation noise regulation and a review on best practice on noise insulation.

It recognises the need to reduce aircraft noise pollution and wants to make sure that aviation noise is taken seriously. It is also keen to recognise and support the need to reduce the impact of aviation on the overall carbon footprint. ICAAN's fresh approach and enthusiasm was welcomed by the meeting, and members looked forward to hearing from them again in the future.

General Update from the FACC

Brandon O'Reilly, the CEO for the management team, gave his verbal update on the operations at Farnborough Airport over the past year. Brandon was pleased to say that the number of flight movements still showed steady growth in the past year. In 2019 total movements were 31,561, up by 5% on the previous year, a record-breaking level at the airport so far, although still within permitted flight movement limits.

He explained that already the reported flight movements for January 2020 were up by 6% on the previous year, although they expected to see a slight drop in the February figures due to the impact from the Storms Ciara and Dennis. They were waiting to see how much the business flights would be affected by the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus. Meanwhile, he reported that Northolt Airport, which had been closed for maintenance and repair works for much of last year, had re-opened and was operating business aviation flights again on weekdays only. Farnborough Airport had been one of the local airports that had taken on the business flights that would normally have used Northolt.

He also gave a brief update on other matters at the airport:

- There have been some changes since the new owners MIRA (Macquarrie Infrastructure and Real Assets) took over from TAG last September. Members were shown the new Farnborough Airport logos. All the TAG branding has now been removed.
- The external building of the new Gulfstream facility is now complete, so it is weatherproof. They are busy finishing off the internal layout and they expect to complete the building by 8 June, with an official opening shortly before the next International Farnborough Airshow in July. Some of their staff will be moving from their current base in Luton (closing in 2021), but they are also recruiting 300 additional staff and are keen to recruit locally, which will be good for the local economy.
- Gulfstream has also asked Farnborough Airport to be the first UK airport to provide 'sustainable alternative aviation fuel'. This

fits well with Farnborough Airport's carbon-neutral philosophy, so it is keen to assist. However, it is still very difficult and costly to obtain a good supply of sustainable alternative aviation fuel, a blend of oil mainly sourced from the Middle East, blended in Belgium, and transported to the UK. Gulfstream wants to launch a new facility at Farnborough as part of the 'World Fuel Service', which can provide the new sustainable fuel that it believes will be in demand. Gulfstream has also been asked to provide it for the International Airshow in July.

- Brandon was also delighted to say that he had been invited to Calthorpe Park School to be one of the 'dragons' for a mock interschool dragons den-style competition. He had thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful event.

Miles Thomas, the Environment Manager at Farnborough Airport had also been busy. He had supported Rushmoor Borough Council in planting 1,000 trees on the new Southwood Meadows SANG. He had also been invited to talk to various airports about how to improve environmental standards. As a keen cyclist he had even taken the opportunity to cycle to Brussels to deliver his talk there rather than travel by plane (although he admitted that he had used the Eurostar to cross the English Channel!).

It was noted by one of the FACC members that there had been a monumental decision by the High Court in London, that same morning. The High Court had acknowledged that the decision to allow a third runway at Heathrow was unsound and recognised that it was indeed necessary to factor environmental impact and climate change into the decision-making process. It was pointed out that this

Photo from www.farnboroughairport.com



fact may be an issue with regard to Farnborough Airport, in that any plans for further expansion would need to justify business flight activities that are often recreational in nature, and how climate change impact would need to be addressed. In the past the balance between the benefits of business and environmental impact may have been considered differently.

A request was also made to include an update report on the use of the Farnborough Airport Community Environment Fund at the next FACC meeting, and on an annual basis in future (see box).

At the end of the meeting Brandon O'Reilly spoke to various members of the FACC. He explained that he was retiring and moving to the United States in June, before the next FACC meeting. We thanked him for all his

hard work over the past 10 years and wished him well.

Next FACC Meetings

The next FACC meetings will be held at Rushmoor Borough Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough, GU14 7JU, at 2pm on Thursday 18 June and 2pm on Thursday 29 October (dates may be subject to change). Any changes of date or venue of meetings will be posted on www.facc.org.uk.

The meetings are open to the public, who are permitted to ask questions during a 15-minute session. The Chairman may be willing to permit members of the public to speak during other agenda items.

Jenny Radley
Co-opted member of FCCS as
representative to the FACC
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N.B. Since this article was written, Farnborough International Airshow July 2020 has been cancelled. After careful consideration, the unprecedented impact of the global coronavirus outbreak has forced this decision in the interests of the health and safety of the exhibitors, visitors, contractors and staff. Further details are on the FIA website: www.farnboroughairshow.com

Farnborough Airport Community Environment Fund

The airport pays a levy of £2 for every take-off or landing, or £5 if the aircraft is a Boeing business jet or an Airbus A310 corporate jet. This money goes into the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund, which is managed by Rushmoor Borough Council (RBC).

Who can apply for funding?

Charitable organisations and voluntary or community groups can apply for a grant from this fund to support an environmental project, as long as it meets all the conditions below.

Any group or organisation must be a properly constituted not-for-profit body or organisation and it must have a bank account. It will need to provide a copy of their constitution and a set of accounts with the application.

Funding conditions

To apply for a grant, a project must:

- Be located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) of the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway)
- Be demonstrably and regularly affected by aircraft travelling to and from Farnborough Airport
- Result in the improvement or provision of an outdoor facility or area that is accessible to the public and able to be enjoyed by the community as a whole
- Be a community or environment-based bid

Projects may include open spaces, natural habitats, environmental improvements, outdoor play and community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment or outdoor education. In exceptional circumstances, RBC may support other organisations where a project will improve the environment and the applicant can demonstrate it is a not-for-profit activity.

More details about the fund can be found at www.rushmoor.gov.uk/airportfund.

Resurfacing at Fleet Station Car Park

Six years ago Fleet Railway station benefitted from a major car park expansion to add an upper deck. At the time we were disappointed that the works did not include any resurfacing or marking of bays on the ground level.

The condition of the ground level parking was extremely poor, with potholes and the previous bay markings worn away to almost nothing. Given the considerable cost of the construction work required to add the additional tier of parking, we were amazed that the project plan excluded what seemed to be a proportionally small amount to attend to the condition of the surface.

We are pleased that in late February,



contractors moved in to undertake this work and we now have an excellent new surface, with vibrant markings, though it is frustrating that it has taken six years to complete this part of the job that we feel should have been included from the start.

Ironically, most of these bays have yet to see a car in them as the current restriction on movement means the station car park is virtually empty since completion. Just another month and the works would have coincided with current travel restrictions and disruption would have been virtually non-existent! We all wish we had a crystal ball...!

Phill Gower

Fleet & Church Crookham Society Activities November 2019–March 2020

- 11 November **Objection to planning application at The Fosse, Pheasant Copse.** The Society registers objections to the latest in a series of planning applications to subdivide a plot within the North Fleet Conservation Area.
- 18 November **Hart Voluntary Action Voluntary Sector Forum & AGM.** Society represented by John Pearson where presentations were given by The Small Charities Coalition, Action Hampshire and The Step by Step Leadership Programme.
- 25 November **Fleet Town Council planning meeting.** Applications in Elvetham Road and Fir Tree Way were met with objections about inadequate parking.
- 1 December **Bulb planting outside Fleet Cemetery.** FCCS Committee members plant daffodil bulbs (see page 4).
- 19 December **Fleet Town Council planning meeting.** Society represented by Phill Gower where objections were raised about an application in Reading Road South whereby a proposal for a garage conversion might allow a separate dwelling to be established.
- 13 January **Fleet Town Council planning meeting.** Applications included a proposal to demolish and replace the Scout Hut at Basingbourne Park and was met with positive support by the committee
- 27 January **Fleet Town Council planning meeting.** Society represented by Phill Gower. Applications included the conversion of a retail shop in Fleet Road to residential despite only one parking space being provided, despite a need for 13 spaces to be provided according to Hart's parking policy!
- 30 January **Green Grid meeting.** Society represented by Colin Gray. The meeting took the form of a workshop in which local councillors and community organisations were invited to give their views on important matters relating to transport links (such as that pictured opposite), uses of green spaces and green corridors between communities, transport links and leisure areas. Further workshops are planned.
- 10 February **Fleet Town Council planning meeting.** Objections raised against an application to build a four-bed detached property in Birch Avenue as it breached Neighbourhood Plan policies.
- 19 February **Hart District Council announces receipt of the Inspector's Report for the Local Plan** prior to formal adoption.

Photo form Phill Gower





- 24 February **Hart Voluntary Action Voluntary Sector Forum.** Society represented by John Pearson where presentations were given by Hampshire County Council's Waste Prevention Team (a useful outline of how HCC, in the INTEGRA partnership, is handling domestic waste disposal); Rushmoor Voluntary Services Transport Team (an update on the current provision of community transport in Hart including information on Fleet Link and on minibus hire for local community groups); and Church Crookham & Fleet Men's Shed.
- 24 February **Fleet Town Council planning meeting.** Society represented by Phill Gower where objections were raised against an application to place 18 advertising signs on Kennels Lane promoting the Hartland Village development
- 27 February **FACC meeting.** Society represented by Jenny Radley. This was the launch date for the Airspace Change (see page 6). The Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise gave a presentation about its main aim to improve public confidence and trust in the management of aviation noise.
- 9 March **Fleet Town Council planning meeting.** Society represented by Phill Gower where an application to relax planning conditions restricting opening times at a licenced premises in Fleet Road was met with robust objections.
- 23 March **Fleet Town Council planning meeting.** This meeting was conducted by email due to coronavirus restrictions.

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) – helping Hart residents most in need



Hart Voluntary Action



A helpline is now available to provide information and advice, as well as practical support, to frail or vulnerable Hampshire residents during the coronavirus outbreak.

The Coronavirus Hampshire Helpline is 0333 370 4000

The helpline is available 7 days a week, from 9am to 5pm, and is for vulnerable people who do not have support from families, friends or their local community, and who need urgent assistance with practical issues such as essential food/household supplies or collection of medication, or who are at risk of loneliness.

Hart residents who contact the helpline will be directed to appropriate support within the local community, including services and support being provided through the newly formed Hart Response Hub. The Hub is jointly managed by Hart District Council and Hart Voluntary Action, working in partnership with established voluntary groups such as Fleet & Hart Lions, Churches Together in Fleet and Hart Foodbank, and local volunteers.

If you wish to volunteer your help (opportunities include shopping, picking up prescriptions, but also offering a daily reassuring call to those who need it), please go to: www.fleetlions.org.uk/_contact.html

COMMUNITY ACTION RESPONSE: COVID-19

5 things you can do to make a positive difference in your community

 <p>Think of others, consider your actions & be kind</p> <p>People in every community will face the challenges of Covid-19 in some way – from needing basic provisions to help while they are unwell.</p>	 <p>Connect and reach out to your neighbours</p> <p>As self-isolation increases, we need to find new ways to stay connected and check in on one another for our physical and mental wellbeing. Share phone numbers and stay in touch.</p>	 <p>Make the most of local online groups</p> <p>Keep up to date, share information and be a positive part of your local community conversations.</p>	 <p>Support vulnerable or isolated people</p> <p>Different groups in our communities are at increased risk and social isolation and loneliness are key concerns for all ages. There are things you can do like volunteering for local support services or donating to food banks to help.</p>	 <p>Share accurate information and advice</p> <p>Support anyone who may be anxious about Covid-19. Sign post them to the correct advice from Public Health England and encourage people to follow the correct hygiene practices.</p>
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