

# Broadwaters

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# Matters



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## SUCCESS!

### SION HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL SAVED FROM BECOMING A GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITE

As you may already know, we have been successful in stopping Sion Hill Middle School from being used as a site for Gypsies and travellers.

The former Sion Hill Middle School has been officially removed from the Council's list of potential sites and I am sure we are all delighted with this outcome.

The petitions, meetings and residents' willingness to stand up and make their feelings known have been invaluable in the battle for Sion Hill and I want to congratulate and thank all the residents of Broadwaters for their time and effort.

I particularly want to thank the residents who responded to my petition. Their names (along with hundreds of others) were presented to the District Council and I firmly believe that our petition (along with others) helped to strengthen the opposition to Sion Hill as a proposed site. I know that the Council took our opinions and concerns very seriously and certainly took notice of the large volume of names presented in opposition.



### Contact your Broadwaters Conservative Team

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## CONSERVATIVES PROPOSE COUNCIL TAX FREEZE FOR 2012/2013

The proposed budget by the Conservative administration will see Wyre Forest District Council freeze its part of the council tax for the second year running, taking advantage of a Government grant to pay for part of it.

Broadwaters' Conservative spokesperson, Juliet Smith, says, "It is excellent news that the Conservative District Council is proposing to freeze its element of the Council tax despite rising costs. Broadwaters is no different to other local communities and we are



all struggling to survive as the national economic outlook continues to be uncertain. It is essential that public bodies do all they can to ensure the burden is eased on local communities".

She added, "It is also excellent news that the District Council is using its resources to help support our local economy".

### Budget Highlights

- \* £1m proposed to support the local economy
  - \* £300K investment in paddling pools
  - \* Council tax freeze for second year
  - \* New leisure centre for the district
  - \* Further efficiency measures to reduce bureaucracy
- For more information on the Council's budget proposals, visit:  
[www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk](http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk)

## NEW REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR WYRE FOREST

New refuse and recycling collections arrangements will come into effect later this year. The new, more efficient system of collection will bring savings for the Wyre Forest taxpayer and will benefit the environment.

The collections will be over a four-day working week, Tuesday to Friday. Council crews will still work 37 hours – just over four days and staff groups support the new collection arrangements. There will be no change to the number of collections, although some collection days may change for some residents who will be notified when this comes into effect.

Juliet Smith says, "We already have an excellent refuse collection system in the Wyre Forest, but given the tough financial constraints we all face, it is right that the Council should drive through further efficiencies in its core services to protect other front-line services.

For more information about your refuse and recycling collection services, visit: [www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk](http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk)

## SUCCESS! HURCOTT VILLAGE GRIT BIN

Your Local Conservative Spokesperson Juliet Smith is delighted to report that a new grit bin has been installed in Hurcott Village.

Juliet says, "This was a 'must have' for this area and will provide Hurcott Village and the Lane with far safer conditions for pedestrians and road users when severe weather conditions fall upon us".



## NEW HOMES IN PROGRESS

In the last issue of *Broadwaters Matters* we reported that Wyre Forest Community Housing Group (WFCH) had received planning approval for the demolition of five maisonette blocks and the construction of 97 new dwellings at Hurcott Road. We can now report that this work is well under way and once the demolition work is complete, the developer can build a variety of two-, three- and four-bedroom properties.

Juliet Smith says, "The Horsefair and Churchfields areas are where the Council is concentrating much of its efforts in terms of forward planning. We are delighted that our partners at WFCH are in tune with our ambitions for the area.

She added, "I am delighted that work is progressing in this area and I am looking forward to seeing the new housing".

## SPEED-ACTIVATED SIGNS – NOW ON BROAD STREET

County Councillor Nathan Desmond and Broadwaters' spokesperson Juliet Smith are delighted that speed-activated signs are definitely going to be installed on Broad Street. The dates for the signs are:

- **6 February to 27 February;**
- **23 July to 13 August; and**
- **15 August to 5 November.**

The issue of speeding cars is a constant problem on Broad Street and one that urgently needed tackling. Last year, both Nathan Desmond and Juliet Smith met with Highway Officials from County Hall to ensure that something was done and the signs – which are activated by speeding traffic and alert the driver of their exact speed – have proven to be very effective in other parts of the county.

County Councillor Nathan Desmond said, "I'm delighted that the speed-activated signs will be installed on Broad Street for a period of time and I am very hopeful that the signs will help to tackle the localised speed issue".

Juliet Smith said, "Speeding traffic on Broad Street is a serious problem and I'm sure the signs will be help to warn drivers to slow down".



## WATERSIDE GRANGE – ROAD ADOPTION UPDATE

Your County Councillor for St Mary's, Nathan Desmond has been working very hard for the last two years to push the process forward to get the roads adopted on the Waterside Grange estate and is happy to report that progress has been made.

At long last, Nathan is delighted to announce that Phase 1 of the Waterside Grange road adoption process has been adopted by the County. This Phase consists of the mini roundabout by Stoney Lane and the bridge connecting the estate. The street lighting defects have also been completed to an adoptable standard.

Now that Phase 1 is completed, which provides the link to the adopted highway network, it will enable the County Council to look at Phases 2 and Phase 3 (Taylor Wimpey) and 4 (Persimmon Homes). The Highway Authority could not enter into S38 Agreements with developments that are in danger of being isolated from the adopted road network but now that obstacle has been removed Highways can move forward and start to negotiate with the Developers to get the rest of the estate adopted.

Councillor Desmond fully appreciates the concerns of local residents that this issue has been going on for many years with no progress and he understands their frustration. For this reason, Nathan has been working hard since he got elected in June 2009 to push the issue forward and start the long process to get the roads adopted.

Cllr Desmond said, "At long last, progress has been made and the first major hurdle has been overcome with Phase 1 being adopted. This is a significant step forward as the County can now move forward and look at the remaining Phases and work to get them adopted. I will continue to work hard on this issue and keep you all fully updated in future issues of this newsletter".



## WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL INTRODUCES THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE FUND

Grants are available to community groups in the district who will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. If you are planning a local event in your neighbourhood – such as a street party, lunch in the park, tree planting or parade – you can apply for a grant.

Juliet Smith says, "2012 is a historic year for the United Kingdom with the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics. I am delighted that our District Council is encouraging local residents to get involved with celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee."

### FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY ONLINE VISIT:

[www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/diamondjubileefund](http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/diamondjubileefund)

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## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

### Act on Energy

Useful advice on how to make your home more energy efficient and save money with utilities suppliers.

Tel: 0800 9882881  
[www.actonenergy.org.uk](http://www.actonenergy.org.uk)

### West Mercia Police

Tel: 03003 333000  
[contactus@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:contactus@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

### Worcestershire Hub

Service Desk for all County and District Council Services.  
Remember to ask for a job number to quote should you wish to track your request.  
Tel: 01562 732928  
[worcestershirehub@wyreforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:worcestershirehub@wyreforestdc.gov.uk)

### Wyre Forest Community Housing

Neighbourhood Warden: 08001 694002  
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## PACT MEETING DATE

The next Broadwaters PACT meeting will be held on:  
Monday 23 April 2012  
7.00 pm, St Oswalds Primary School

## Need Help From Your Local Conservative Team?

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Something should be done about .....

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