

COMMUNITY FORUM

Alton and surrounding villages

Bulletin

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January's topics include:

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Insulate Hampshire
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**Come and hear how your home could
be insulated for free and save you
money on your heating bill!**

BUDGET 2012/2013

**The Forum will receive a briefing
on EHDC's proposed budget.**



Bentley Conservation Area Character Appraisal

The Forum will be asked to agree the overall content and proposed boundary changes, which will enable the document to be progressed to adoption.

Historic Building and Heritage Grants

The Forum will consider the following grants:

£1,000 towards the re-thatching of The Thatched Cottage, Spollycombe Lane, Upper Froyle; and

£2,000 towards the costs of a tree and hedgerow planting scheme in Medstead.

Use of Developer Contributions: Alton

Up to **£27,369** towards the refurbishment of the cricket wickets at the Jubilee Playing Fields, Alton.

The next meeting of the Community Forum (Alton and Surrounding Villages) will take place at **6.30pm** on **Tuesday 24th January 2012**, in the Alton Maltings Centre, Maltings Close, Alton, GU34 1DT.

Local residents are invited to come along and join in the discussions

If you have a community project and would like to apply for funding from the Community Forum, please contact Jude Simpson, Community Project Worker on 01730 234396 or email:

jude.simpson@easthants.gov.uk

To view agendas, minutes and reports in advance of the meeting please go to
www.easthants.gov.uk/meetings

October '11 Round up



Rural Crime

Karen, Dawes, Community Safety Manager, introduced a new website, www.crimereports.co.uk, which enables residents to see what crime had occurred in their area.

This website was unique to Hampshire and was superior to the national website in that it was updated every 24 hours, could focus on a smaller area and gave more detail about an incident, including the Police reference number.

Insp. Paul Owen introduced 'Country Watch', which was a county-wide initiative in Hampshire to tackle crime in rural areas. The types of crimes that Country Watch focused on included theft, poaching, anti-social behaviour on land, fly tipping and wildlife crime.

He explained that it was free to become a member of Country Watch and members could receive text alerts about crime in their area, as well as a monthly email update.

Free 'Country Watch' signage to display on premises was also available, along with free identity marking of tack equipment.

For a detailed account of all meetings of the Council, please see the minutes and presentations at:

www.easthants.gov.uk/meetings

Have your say on Police budgets in online survey



Hampshire Police Authority has launched an online survey to give the public the power to influence the policing budget for 2012/13.

Residents from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are being encouraged to share their views and opinions on the allocation of the policing budget and their policing priorities.

Councillor Jacqui Rayment, Chair of Hampshire Police Authority, said: "The Authority has always been led by the views and opinions of the residents of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

"The results of the survey will be used to help shape the future policing services for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and we welcome your views."

The survey, which can be done anonymously, asks questions about how safe people feel, whether they have been the victim of crime, and gives the opportunity to say whether Hampshire Constabulary should be spending more or less money in key budget areas.

To take Hampshire Police Authority's online survey, visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SQYHSK9>

Forward Plan

The April 2012 meeting of the Community Forum (Alton and surrounding villages) will take place at **6.30pm** on **Tuesday 24th April 2012**, at Medstead Village Hall, Roe Downs Road, Medstead.

Large print copies of agendas, minutes and the bulletin are available on request from the Committee Services Team on 01730 234073.

All meetings are wheelchair friendly and a hearing loop system is available.