

## Joint Funding Secures New Sports Facilities at Warblington School

Warblington School is delighted to announce closer links with Havant Hockey Club and a large investment in sporting facilities on the school site.

Owen Davies, Headteacher, commented that this is an exciting new development and will provide greatly improved facilities for the students at Warblington School.

Under the scheme, the Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) have authorised Hampshire County Council to dispose of an unused part of the Warblington School site. Money raised from the sale of the land should provide at least one and possibly two all-weather pitches and refurbishment or replacement of the existing sports hall. The extent of the development is dependant on funding released from the sale of the land.

Havant Hockey Club is a thriving local club with a membership of over 500. It plays at the highest level in England's Hockey Premier League and has a very strong junior section. The club has been very active in the community for a number of years, but has suffered from a lack of good quality all-weather pitches in the local vicinity.

This proposed development will obviously benefit both the School and Havant Hockey Club but will also provide enhanced sports facilities in the borough for use by the community, schools and other sports clubs and leisure groups.

Mary Wigley



Warblington School Under 16 Mixed Hockey Team

### Crime Reduction and Environment Week (CREW)

Police Officers from Havant joined forces with partner agencies to launch a Crime Reduction Environment Work (CREW) week in Emsworth, Warblington and Denvilles during autumn half term. CREW is an initiative aimed at reducing crime and creating cleaner, safer neighbourhoods.

Agencies involved in the organisation of the week included, Havant Borough Council, Hermitage Housing, Hampshire Fire and Rescue, Hampshire Ambulance Service, Trading Standards and Connexions.

Many activities were held throughout the week, including football, ballroom dancing arranged by Streetsport and Hertmitage Housing as well as litter picks and art workshops. In Emsworth, a major clean up of the Warblington Road underpass was carried out including removing the graffiti on the walls.

Compiled by the Editor

### Emsworth Primary School awarded Sustainable Development Fund

Emsworth Primary School is becoming greener and more sustainable. Like most schools today, the school is already involved in recycling schemes, but this was not enough for the students and staff of the local primary school.

As part of their Geography scheme this term, the children from Year 5 have been working with the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Education Team. Together, they have been studying rising sea levels in Chichester Harbour, which could be attributed to global warming. They have also been looking at ways of becoming more sustainable and kinder to the environment. Last Tuesday, the Year 5 children walked into Emsworth to research pack-aging in the Emsworth Co-Op and identify how many plastic bags are being unnecessarily used by local shoppers and shop keepers. Emsworth Primary School is hoping to work with the Emsworth Business Association to reduce the number of plastic bags in Emsworth. To this end, they will be helping to distribute cotton bags to local residents.

Furthermore, the school has been working hard this term to win a grant from the Chichester Harbour Sustainable Development Fund to help with their outdoor classroom. The project aims to maintain the school's pond and wildlife area, to develop a compost area for waste from the classrooms and kitchens, to develop an allotment site for each year group, as well as plant an orchard with some dwarf fruit trees. The children have been actively involved in the project from the outset, researching and designing the area. Their involvement in all aspects of the project will be a key factor to achieving its aims. When Year 5 heard that the grant had been awarded, they cheered with delight. Now that the fund has been awarded, the children just cannot wait to get started.

The fund will be used to employ a ranger, Alistair from the Chichester Harbour Conservancy and a local expert, Maggie Haynes from Tuppenny Barn Organics, to give advice and hands on sessions with all the children. The money will also be used to purchase equipment; gardening tools, a shed, overalls for the children, etc. (and where possible this will be sourced locally, predominantly from Emsworth Home Hardware). Havant Freecycle has also been a helpful source of required materials. Many people will be helping voluntarily with advice, such as the Emsworth Tree Wardens and the Emsworth Horticultural Society. The school hope to have a Gardening Day next term, where the children come dressed to get muddy and are all involved in digging, planting, making bird boxes and hedgehog homes along with carers, parents and grandparents.

This project will be of enormous benefit for all the children, staff and parents and will hope to achieve many of the objectives from the new outside education manifesto as well as enhancing the children's education. Rosie Law, the headteacher of Emsworth Primary School said, "We are thrilled to be able to link the children's learning with parents and other community groups. The children have been very motivated by this topic; it involves their town and their school environment and means so much more to them. We all hope this becomes a sustainable approach for future topics as well. Thank you to all involved."

Caroline Fisk

### THE EMSWORTH SHOW

The Emsworth Horticultural Society (EHS) is pleased to report that, after expenses, a surplus of £5,350 was available from last year's annual Emsworth Show, enabling donations to be made to the undermentioned organisations.

The combination of perfect show weather, the large number of visitors who came along to enjoy the attractions, and so many Society members giving their time freely to organise and run it, largely helped to realise this financial result. Appreciation also goes to all the sponsors and those who gave prizes - and bought tickets - for the Grand Draw which contributed £1,585 to the final figure.

Organisations benefiting include: Cub Scouts, Emsworth; Girl Guides, Emsworth; St John Ambulance, Emsworth; Red Cross, Emsworth; Friends of Emsworth Memorial Garden; SYRCH Centre, Emsworth; The Emsworth Centre; Emsworth Community Association; Cygnets Play Group E.G.A.; St. Thomas Catholic Church, Emsworth; Emsworth Primary School; St. James School, Emsworth; Southbourne Primary School; Friends of Havant War Memorial Hospital; Off The Record, Havant; RSPCA 'The Ark'; Perennial; Police Benevolent Fund; Hampshire Fire & Rescue.

Additionally, the Southbourne Dragon Ladies Club, who ran the Tea Tent for the Society, took £900 on the day and have donated this to their 'Charity of the Year', the Canine Partners for Independence.

The EHS Show Committee have already held their first meeting in preparation for this year's Show on August Bank Holiday Monday and very much look forward to seeing everyone there again. In the meantime, they are always seeking fresh ideas and would welcome hearing from anyone who feels able to contribute in some way; just call the Society Chairman, Daphne Tomsett on 01243 374633.

Dennis Doye

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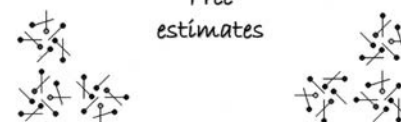
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