

# North Mundham Parish Council

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## CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

When we met on 3 July, the organisers were able to report the success of the Open Gardens day, which generated a profit of £302.13 after all expenses were deducted. The event is normally held to raise funds to improve facilities within the parish but there is no particular project in hand at the moment. Because we didn't want to cancel this popular event, the Council decided to use the funds to make a donation to Home Start, a charity devoted to helping families with young children. Our thanks go to all those who supported the event so generously by opening their gardens on the day, and those who helped organise the event.

One of the issues that is frequently brought to the Council's attention is the very narrow pavement on the B2166 leading out of North Mundham to Hunston, which is difficult to negotiate particularly with a pram or pushchair. Councillors in Hunston have received similar requests. Together we were able to arrange a meeting with a representative from West Sussex County Council, which is responsible for highways, to show him the problem. There is very little scope for widening the existing pavement, because the road cannot be made any narrower, and the adjacent land is all in private hands. We discussed what we might need to do to attract funding for an alternative route, but before we can come up with a proposal we need to discuss what might be possible with the relevant land owners.

Some of you may already be aware that Chichester District Council is inviting us to 'Adopt an Area'. This is part of a campaign to reduce the amount of litter that spoils the look of the place where we live. The idea is that an individual or a group can take responsibility to try to keep an area tidy and litter free. I know that some people already take responsibility for keeping a particular area neat and tidy. If anyone is interested in following up this idea, please get in touch. And to set things in motion, the Council plans an 'Autumn Litter Pick' on the morning of Saturday 6 October starting at 1000. Please join us at the Village Hall. It will only take an hour of your time, and there will be tea and cake afterwards.

Finally, we would like your e-mail address. We are trying to build up a list of residents who would like to receive occasional information from the Parish Council —would you be interested in joining this list? If so please email the clerk at: clerk@northmundham.org with "Residents Update" in the subject line. We will not pass your details on to anyone else. We promise we will not bombard you with emails and you can unsubscribe at any time.

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