

Hardway Newsletter

This Newsletter is to provide an update on the activities of the Friends of Hardway Committee since February 2020



Website & Social Media

Whilst our website and social media has been a little quiet in recent weeks since our members like the rest of the country have been coming to terms with the impact of coronavirus pandemic, we are now hoping to publish more regularly – you can see our latest blog “A Strong Hardway” at

<https://www.friendsofhardway.com/post/a-strong-community>

You can subscribe to our website and it is a useful place to stay up to date in between published newsletters or you can join our facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofhardway>

Anti-Social Behavior – All Agencies Meeting March 2020

In March 2020 members of the FoH and RAG Committees met again as a follow up to October’s meeting with our MP (Caroline Dineage), local councillors, senior officers from Gosport and Fareham police, young people support workers and members of Motiv8. Plans for the summer events were discussed in detail and funding has been secured (*which are currently on hold pending lifting of government restrictions*).

Longer-term deterrent measures e.g. CCTV covering the Hardway Memorial Garden have now been agreed in principle and discussions are continuing reference the installation timetable.

Community Support During Coronavirus Pandemic

There is much focus on community support during this pandemic. There is a lot of help out there, but it is up to each of us individually to watch out for the more vulnerable in our community and support our friends and neighbours during this unprecedented time. If you need help or support please contact FriendsOfHardway and we will try to help.

On a larger scale Gosport Voluntary Action GVA are coordinating support for those that need help or assistance across Gosport.

If you or someone you know need help this is the link to GVA:-

[Covid-19 community support request form](#)

Hardway Community FETE

POSTPONED



Unfortunately our VE Day Fete has been postponed, like all other events, due to Coronavirus – but we hope that this fete will happen later in the year once social distancing restrictions are lifted.

In the meantime plans are in place to fly bunting in our community over the weekend of 8-10th May and we hope that as many of you as possible will join in this commemoration by decorating your homes to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day to make sure that this landmark day does not pass by without us marking the occasion.



If you are looking for an activity to do with your children there's some great ideas for Great British Bunting for VE Day commemorations on the [BBC website](#) and search for #GreatBritishBunting

Community Litter Picks



Planned litter picks have been cancelled for the foreseeable future due to the Social Distancing restrictions. It has been noted that general littering has been massively reduced but there has been an increase in fly-tipping in recent weeks. A number of individuals in our community regularly volunteer as Fareham & Gosport 'Wombles' and they continue to litterpick as part of their daily exercise during the Coronavirus to keep our community litter free.

If you see any incidents of fly-tipping they should be reported to Gosport Council, Streetscene

Website: <https://www.gosport.gov.uk/article/795/Fly-tipping>

via EMAIL: streetscene@gosport.gov.uk

via Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/GBCStreetscene/>

If you are interested in becoming a community 'Womble' you can find out more via the group's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Gosportandfarehamwombles/>

Community Helping Community - Acts of Kindness

COMMUNITY (SOLENT) FOODBANK Registered charity 1180072 have a new collection point at – **132 Priory Road** (opposite Hardway Memorial Green) Please 'doorstep donate' by placing goods in the box provided. Please help us feed those in the community struggling during this crisis.


We are currently in need of the following please-

UHT MILK, Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Tinned vegetables / Meat/ Tinned Pies, Cereals

Jars of Sauces, Jam, Tinned Fruit

Interested in joining Friends of Hardway?

Membership to support your local community group is only £5.00 per person per year.



WHO WE ARE

The Friends of Hardway is a society founded in 2019 to safeguard the environment of Hardway for present and future generations.

FRIENDS OF HARDWAY

Our AIMS are to:-

- Promote Hardway community involvement.
- Maintain the neighbourhood of Hardway.
- Engage with the community through events and projects.
- Protect and improve the environment and appearance of Hardway.
- Engage with similar groups that benefit the community.
- Maintain the identity and history of Hardway.

[Join Friends of Hardway](#)

For this you will:

1. Have a vote and say on community projects and events around Hardway.
2. Have community support on any of your ideas and suggestions.
3. Help fund more community events.
4. Fund environmental and conservation projects that are not covered by the local authority.
5. Receive a regular newsletter on your local neighbourhood.
6. Be supporting your local community group.

Joining FoH is simple

You can join from our webpage: <https://www.friendsofhardway.com/become-a-member> or by contacting Friends of Hardway Secretary by email: secretary@friendsofhardway.com

or by post through the following address:

Secretary Friends of Hardway, 49 Heritage Way, Gosport, PO12 4FG (*if using this option please observe Social Distancing rules*)

“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much” – Helen Keller

It's up to us to choose to actively offer encouragement and kindness every day.



Stay at home
no unnecessary journeys
or social contact



Only leave home for
essential shopping
or medical needs



Or exercise once a day



Or travelling to work if
absolutely necessary

Thank you to everyone
at Hardway that has
been following the
social distancing rules
to protect the NHS and
save lives
Thank you all
KEYWORKERS

