

Parish Council update report: November 2019

Out of sight, out of mind? Please watch your dog at all times – and please clear up after your pets! These are just some of the messages from schoolchildren and families in the parish in the community's latest campaign against this **anti-social behaviour**. The Parish Council has recently reported problems on the Recreation Ground (and elsewhere in the village) to the District Council who are planning tougher measures for anyone in charge of a dog who doesn't have a suitable bag with them. Everyone is being encouraged to report offenders to the District Council and fines or prosecutions could follow. All the litter bins around the village can be used for dog waste as long as it is sealed in a bag. It is an offence not to clean up after dogs and no-one should be leaving any dog poo anywhere – and, if it has been put into a bag, then it should be put into a bin. There is no magic dog-poo fairy to pick up bags left anywhere!

The Parish Council has started its work to address **ash die-back** in a number of trees on Council-owned land (with more to be done next year) and parishioners are encouraged to check the health of any ash trees on their land. Not all trees will necessarily be infected and it could be a shame if resistant trees are felled unnecessarily. Advice can be obtained from the Parish Council's Tree Warden, Matt Marriott via 07713 575398 or sequoiatreeservices@gmail.com

Money has also been spent to repair some of the equipment in the **playground** and, in future years, it will clearly be necessary to set larger sums aside to ensure that everything in the new, greatly enlarged play area is kept in good condition.

The darker evenings seem to tempt unwanted visitors to the parish bringing **fly-tipping** material. The District Council is usually very good at clearing things away quickly (and tracking down culprits) and the **Buriton Community Website** (www.buriton.info) has been expanded to include quick ways for anyone to report problems. The 'Useful Information' section of the website now has direct links for:

- Fly-tipping
- Rights of Way problems
- Road problems
- Reports to the Police
- Planning Enforcement issues
- Other Useful Contacts

Our village hall continues to be a very popular venue but please tell your friends and business contacts about it and make contact with Village Hall Manager, Steve Franks via 07878 027845 or buritonvillagehall@gmail.com

And the **'Dottie Tots' Nursery School** is still looking to increase its intake and hours of operation. More details are available via www.dottietots.co.uk or via Karen Burrows on 07872 040 614.

Finally, we are still hoping that lots of parishioners will wish to help with **commemorations for the 75th anniversary** of the end of the Second World War. Please contact the Parish Clerk via buritonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk (or 07943 536065) to let us know that you are willing to help.