



Hawley Fayre - Hawley Green Saturday 14th July 2012 at 12 Noon

Come along and support this Annual Event
 For the Benefit of Local Causes
 For Further Details, Contact Fr. Martyn Neale on 01276 35287
 email enquiries@hawleygreen.org.uk

<p align="center">Special Offer - £50 Off To Blackwater and Hawley Residents For a Saturday Function Booking in either our Leisure Centre or Memorial Hall. (£25 off for our other customers) Call 01276 35411 For Details</p>	<p align="center">Hawley Fayre Homemade Competition Including cakes, preserves, pickles and children's categories. Bring your items to the competition tent between 12 noon and 1.30 pm on the day. There are three prizes in each class. Ring 07740 449 594 or email hayward2020@gmail.com</p>
<p align="center">Free Cycle/Scooter Marking If you bring your cycle or scooter to the Hawley Fayre on Saturday 14th July, the Blackwater and Hawley Safer Neighbourhood Team will security mark it for FREE.</p>	<p align="center">Hawley Leisure Centre Hawley Green Improve your health and well-being. Tai Chi, Pilates, Yoga, Diet and Exercise classes, tap, Cardio-Rehab, Mother and Toddler, Children's Dance classes, Zumba, Karate, Taekwondo, Kids Football, Outdoor Floodlit Hard Court for hire, Netball, Squash, U3A, Bridge Club, W.I. Cricket, Outdoor Bowls and much more. Call 01276 35411 for further details</p>
<p align="center">Blackwater and Hawley Safer Neighbourhood Team PC Paul Whitehouse, PC Jon Garland and PCSO Yvonne Wentworth. Phone 101, or email yateley.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or on twitter@YateleyPolice</p>	<p align="center">Blackwater and Hawley Neighbourhood Watch www.blackwaternw.org.uk</p>
<p align="center">Hart Voluntary Action Provide services and support for voluntary and community groups. Call 01252 815 652 or email admin@hartvolaction.org.uk</p>	

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The 2011-12 Annual Report

The following is a synopsis of the Annual Report presented by Cllr Collett, Chair of the Council in March 2012. A full version is available from the office or by going to our website

www.blackwaterandhawleytowncouncil.gov.uk

No Council Tax Increase for Fifth Year Running

The Council continues to work hard to reduce costs in every way we reasonably can, whilst increasing income by getting more people to use our facilities. There are an amazing array of activities available including Tai Chi, Pilates, Yoga, Diet and Exercise Classes, Cardio-Rehab, Children's Dance Classes, Zumba, Karate, Taekwondo, Children's Football, Squash, regular U3A and W.I. meetings, Lawn Bowls, an Outdoor Floodlit Hard Court area for netball and football and Licensed Function halls for hire. As a result of this work, there is no increase in the council tax once again this year for the fifth year running, following a very low increase of just 0.3% the year before that.

Street Lighting

Street lighting is normally provided by the Highway Authority, in our case Hampshire county Council. In Blackwater & Hawley, however, the Town Council owns and is responsible for over 60 streetlights, with all the cost of their maintenance, electricity supply and eventual replacement. This has to be paid for from the council tax raised by the Town Council. All of the street lighting in this area is reaching the end of its life and the County Council has taken advantage of a Private Finance Initiative deal to replace all its 120,000 lights over the next few years. The Town Council has negotiated a deal with Hampshire that by providing 31 additional lights in specific locations, the County Council will then adopt all but five of our lights, taking over all of the costs involved. So following a one-off cost, this double-taxation will be removed forever.

Quality Parish

This has been the third full year that Blackwater and Hawley Town Council has been a Quality Parish after being awarded this status in February 2009. This recognises a great deal of work done by our staff to improve the performance of the Council.

Planning Applications

The Town Council is consulted by Hart District Council on every planning application within the parish. Most of these are for minor extensions to people's houses, although there are sometimes major issues as well. Our Planning & Payments Committee meets fortnightly to consider any new applications and make comment on behalf of our community.

Car Parking in Blackwater

We continue to lobby Hart Council to reopen their car park next to Lidl near Green Lane.

Youth Services

Last year Hampshire County Council cut the youth service budget by 70%. Now several new organisations are springing up determined to plug the gap.

Traveller Encampments at the Railway Station Car Park

We are pressing Hart Council to install height barriers

Railway Station Taxi Rank

We are pressing Hart to provide a taxi rank so that people who arrive home by train can get a taxi home without having to pre-book it.

Fernhill Road Pedestrians

We are working with Hampshire County Council to develop a strategy to start putting together proper pedestrian facilities wherever we can without spoiling the rural nature of this road.

Newsletters

In the past twelve months we have produced four newsletters, two of which were distributed throughout the parish. The Newsletters are designed to keep people informed about what's going on in Blackwater and Hawley and all of them can be found on our website.

Our Staff

We would like to place on record our appreciation of the tremendous work done by all our staff.

Financial Summary

A summary of the audited accounts for 2010-11. Income £317,782 and Expenditure £324,405.