

District Councillors Report

Four Marks, Medstead and Chawton

Monthly Report March 2025

Your Councillors

A reminder of our contact details, committees we sit on and other roles.

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Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

Further to the report from Mark-Kemp Gee in last month's edition there is consultation on devolution. This consultation is predominantly online and can be accessed at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution-consultation>

This consultation focuses on:

- The proposed geography
- Governance arrangements
- Supporting the economy
- Improving social outcomes
- Local government services
- Improving the local natural environment
- Supporting the needs of local communities

This consultation runs until midnight on 13th April

Ongoing Casework

We continue to receive our regular casework from residents on a variety of subjects.

We publicise our contact details and are available to assist with anything related to East Hants District Council and the services they provide.

We regularly attend the 3 parish councils of Medstead , Four Marks and Chawton to stay engaged.

Grant funding

Our EHDC Councillor Grant window closed on February 28th. Increased grants have been approved for the forthcoming year and we will be pleased to support local community initiatives and charities.

Planning and Development

Across East Hampshire there are currently pending planning applications that could potentially deliver around 1,100 new homes. The mandatory housing number or new homes per year for East Hants is 1,142 homes per year.

We await news of the local plan. In the meantime we have received Indicative Housing Numbers for the period 2024-2042 that should be used to support pending “neighbourhood” plans

Parish/Town	Annual indicative housing figure	Plan Period 2024-2042
Alton	196	3531
Four Marks	38	688
Medstead	27	480
Bentley	11	206
Ropley	15	272
Beech	5	92
Bentworth	5	85
Wield	2	37
Froyle	8	142
Binstead	7	132
Shalden	4	69
Lasham	2	30
Worldham	1	10
Farringdon	0	4
Chawton	2	38
Branshott & Liphook	93	1675
Whitehill	143	2599
Headley	52	931
Lindford	25	443
Grayshott	28	496
Kingsley	5	94
Selborne	4	76
Rowlands Castle	29	526
Horndean	118	2121
Clanfield	50	892

FAO Four Marks Parish Councilors

My name is Mark Blythe and I live in Farringdon.

I am a volunteer Community First Responder for the Ambulance service, and I am writing to you this evening to ask if the Council have any discretionary funds to use for charitable donations.

I have set myself a personal goal of being on call for 1800 hours in 2025. This works out to 150 hours a month of my free time as I work full time. I have set up a JustGiving page to raise funds for the South Central Ambulance Charity, which relies on donations and grants to fund the CFR program. I have set a target of £1800 for the 1800 hours. However I would love to surpass that figure.

Over the last 4 months since I started this role, I have responded and been first on scene to many 999 calls in Farringdon, Alton, Four Marks, Ropley and Alresford.

Could I also ask that the council share my fundraising efforts where possible with the community. I have attached a flyer which details my efforts and goals as well as the donation link.

Full details of my role, goals and the South Central Ambulance Charity can be found on my JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/page/mark-blythe-2025

 The logo for South Central Ambulance Charity consists of three overlapping rectangular blocks. The top block is yellow and contains the text 'South Central' in green. The middle block is teal and contains the text 'Ambulance' in white. The bottom block is orange and contains the text 'Charity' in white.	<p>Mark's fundraiser for South Central Ambulance Charity</p> <p>Help Mark Blythe raise money to support South Central Ambulance Charity</p> <p>www.justgiving.com</p>
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Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Mark Blythe

Community First Responder (Alton & Surrounding areas)



Mark's fundraiser for South Central Ambulance Charity



My name is Mark Blythe and I am hoping to raise money for the South Central Ambulance Charity.

Why? Because I am a volunteer Community First responder (CFR) for the South Central Ambulance Service covering Alton and the surrounding areas. The funding for this comes solely from donations and grants made to the South Central Ambulance Charity!

Over the course of 2025 I am hoping to raise £1800, which I know is a lot to ask, but it can make a huge difference.

I have set myself a personal goal for 2025 of 1800 logged on hours as a CFR, which is all done in my spare time. This equates to 150 hours a month of being on call and assisting the Ambulance Service by attending emergency calls. As CFR's are local we can often reach a potentially life-threatening emergency in the first vital minutes before the ambulance crew can get to the scene.

Full details can be found on the JustGiving page and if you scan the QR code below, you will be taken to it.



Help us reach our £1,800 target!

Make a donation with **JustGiving**

From: Hart, Cath <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 06 March 2025 16:51
To: clerk@fourmarks-pc.org.uk
Subject: Seeking support for CIL bid to improve Four Marks Byways 20 & 21

Hi Louise

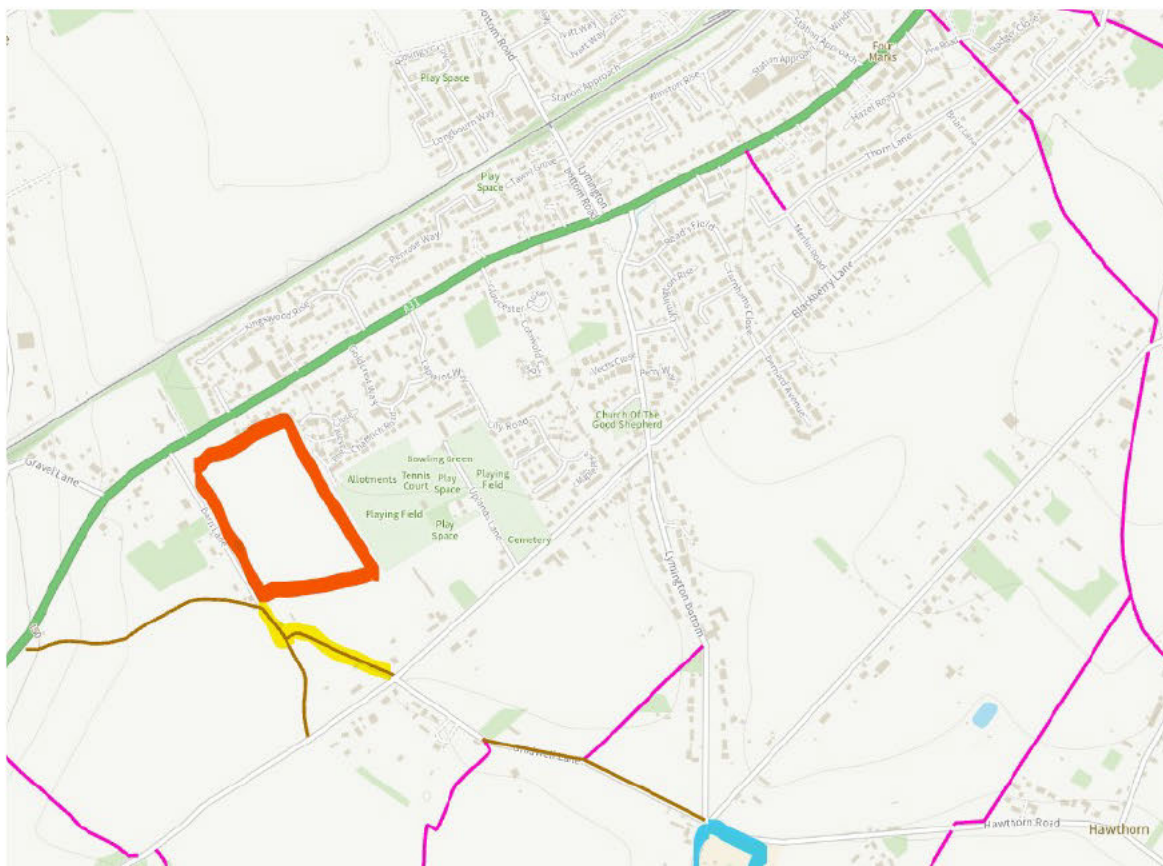
Good speak to you!

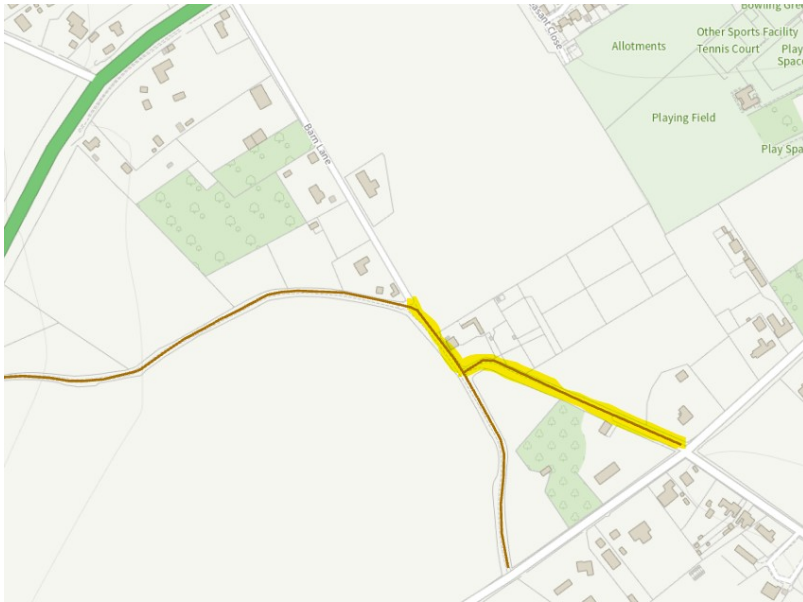
As discussed, we are hoping to bid to EHDC for CIL money to improve two Byways in Four Marks, as detailed below; the deadline for applications is 21st March.

Could you please ask if the Parish Council would be in support of the bid? If so, an email that I could include would be welcome; any background/context which your Councillors are aware of would also be useful as evidence.

Secondly, the form asks whether the Parish Council might contribute from the CIL which you hold (the 'Neighbourhood Portion'); if so a relatively small amount would be welcome in demonstrating support (perhaps £1-2,000 in this case?).

On the map below, the yellow highlighted lengths of Four Marks Byways 20 and 21 will form part of a route to school from the area outlined in red (identified in the emerging Local Plan as a site for 100 houses) to Four Marks Primary School outlined in blue. This length of Byway is part of the Green Infrastructure Network identified in the Medstead and Four Marks Neighbourhood Plan, as is the fork of Byway 20 which continues due south to also meet Blackberry Lane. The project's aim is to improve the path surface and the biodiversity. These paths provide very similar journeys and it is felt that improving the easterly one - which provides a more direct journey to school - will focus use on that path. Together with some vegetation works this will encourage regeneration of the verges on this path and along the whole of the other path, improving their biodiversity and value as green infrastructure assets. The project cost is estimated at £62,000; we're likely to request around £40,000 from EHDC. If successful, the works are likely to be carried out towards the end of this year. We are aware of requests for improvement from a local resident, supported by Councillor Kemp-Gee.





Many thanks!

Cath Hart

Countryside Project Manager (work days Mon, Weds, Thurs)

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