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**NEWS**

**The Most Wonderful Time of The Year**

Each year Ringwood Town Council work hard to find ways to promote our town and draw visitors to support the local trades. This year the Winter Wonderland did just that. Over 50 stalls took over the High Street and Market place, providing festive treats and bespoke gifts. There was live music, entertainment and even a visit from Father Christmas himself! The cafes, bars, and independent shops opened their doors to an array of customers, all wanting to show their support and shop local. The town felt alive with an amazing sense of community spirit, the damp weather certainly not dampening the mood.



This sense of community spirit is one of the precious jewels of both Ringwood and Fordingbridge. The ability of people to come together and help each other. This Christmas why not try to do things a little differently. Whether it's ordering your turkey from the local butcher rather than picking one off the shelves of the supermarket, visiting your local farm shop or country store for fresh vegetables and unique gift ideas, we can all do our bit to make sure our towns continue to be able to flourish.

A special mention has to go to The Lighthouse, an independent kitchen shop at 6 Market Place, Ringwood. if you want something different to make your Christmas table look extra special take a moment to visit this little gem. From kitchenware to festive place mats, they have everything you need to make your Christmas shine. So enjoy the Christmas festivities and build up. and don't forget to visit Ringwood on Christmas Eve for more family fun.

*Darren and Naomi*



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## CHRISTMAS EVE IN RINGWOOD MARKET PLACE 2023 Carols and Santa



THE Rotary Club of Ringwood has been organising an event in Ringwood which as far as we know is unique in this country.

We organise a carol concert complete with a Santas Grotto, in the Market Place in Ringwood but with a twist. Instead of the children who attend receiving gifts they give father Christmas a gift which is then passed on to local Childrens Homes and Special Schools.

The Ringwood Rotary Club took over and has been organising it since 1999. Some changes have been made over the years and it has now evolved into an event that the town just assumes will happen, so very little publicity is required. Even Covid did not disrupt the event for long. The event is still supported by a number of companies, Particularly Abacus who lend us the lorry for the grotto and Ringwood Town Council for financial support and equipment and other groups and individuals who help on the night and Ringwood and Fordingbridge news for the carols published in the local paper.

The main feature to the event is always our Reindeer and Sleigh which is now about 75 years old and which forms the centre piece for the event.

The event is also supported by the Town Council and by local churches and community groups who provide us with essential parts of our celebrations. In particular we have our music provided by the combined Salvation Army and The Ringwood and Burley Band who have a long-term commitment with the event. Every year about 3000 people attend.

Many of the parents that bring their children to the Market Place on Christmas Eve where themselves brought there by their own parents or grandparents.

The special part to the event is the presents that are given by the children attending and we collected 600 last year, and the thanks the children receive from Father Christmas which makes a

The other part of the event that generally goes unreported is the meeting up of friends and families at this special time of the year. There are usually groups of people going off to continue the celebrations after the event is over, as a prelude to Christmas.

This is not promoted as a religious event even if the local churches are involved. We also have our mayor and of course Father Christmas who have a Christmas message. The final blessing is more a thank you and an invitation to see you next year and to have a Very Merry Christmas.

The Rotary Club of Ringwood.

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## Ringwood Carnival shortlisted at National Awards

REPRESENTATIVES of the Ringwood Carnival Committee attended the 2023 National Outdoor Events Association (NOEA) Awards in Bath on November 22nd, where they had been nominated and shortlisted for three categories of the 23 awards that evening.

- The three categories were:
- Best Accessibility & Inclusion Initiative.
  - Best Events Team.
  - Regional Event of the Year Award.

It was tough competition, as some of the other short listers were VERY big household names – CarFest won the Best Events Team award and Liverpool City Council took the Event of the Year award (Public Sector) for Eurovision!



Alix Salsbury, Communications Officer for Ringwood Carnival said:

“We were thrilled to be nominated AND shortlisted in no less than three categories at this year’s awards, it really took us all by surprise. For our small market town event to be nominated is a real accolade. Not only do the volunteer committee organise Carnival each year, but the wonderful community of Ringwood also take part, get involved, offer their services and work extremely hard to put on this successful event. What an achievement for our town.”

Miranda Cracknell-Burt, Treasurer and Trustee for Ringwood Carnival Society added:

“It’s an honour and privilege to be recognised nationally for our town’s event. The team work incredibly hard throughout the year and deserve to be nominated. We were the only nominees that were volunteers and not professional organisations! That is saying something.

This popular annual event is only possible because of our generous local sponsors and support from many local businesses and organisations.”

Fancy joining in and getting involved with next year’s Carnival? (September 21st, 2024). Contact us on [info@ringwoodcarnival.org](mailto:info@ringwoodcarnival.org), or via Facebook and Instagram. [Photo credit: Patrick Butler]



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### Ringwood Society Design and Conservation Awards

**RINGWOOD Society was delighted to present its Design and Conservation Awards on 18th October 2023, with three awards being presented by Town Deputy Mayor and Ringwood Society Committee member, Rae Frederick.**

The award for Best Residential Project went to Emily and Joe Sturdy for Orchard House, an excellent example of a thoughtful and thorough restoration. Inappropriate paint and poor-quality modifications have been removed, and new timber sash windows have been installed.

On receiving the award Emily said “We are so proud of our new home. It’s been a long road to get it to where it is now. It’s been great uncovering some of its old features and adding some new things too. We are excited for our future at Orchard House and glad we’ve been able to revive it.”

Best Commercial Project was won by The Pour House. Pictured receiving the award are Tina Saddington and Simon Jeanes. Ringwood Social Club closed its doors in 2011, and after 12 years of hard work the building is open and returned to its former glory. This is testament to the determination and drive of Tina Saddington and Helen Homewood.

Helen commented that “it was a wonderful surprise to be a recipient and to have the committee’s hard work and dedication recognised. We hope that The Pour House goes on to be a long-standing integral part of the wonderful community that makes up Ringwood.”

And the winners of Best Community Project were St. Peter

and St. Paul Church, South Window Restoration. Pictured are Jacqueline Brown and Roger Dewar from Ringwood Benefice and Emma Mullen of St Ann’s Gate Architects receiving their awards.

After nearly 200 years of weathering the South window stonework had deteriorated to such a degree that the glass was in serious danger of falling out.

Emma Mullen said “The urgent need to make the south elevation structurally sound and watertight provided an exciting and rare opportunity as church architect, to design a new window. The contemporary and simple design sought to enhance that which it replaced; introducing coloured glass and motifs inspired by the New Forest, whilst working within a traditional diamond leaded matrix. It was a pleasure to work with the Parish Church and the experts at Salisbury Cathedral Stained Glass and Colin Avery stonemasons on the successful delivery of this project.”

Jacqueline Brown added “The Parish Church is absolutely delighted to receive this recognition from the Ringwood Society. This was a long and at times arduous project and so we are even more thrilled with the result, and with the number of people from the town who have engaged with it and sponsored panes of glass. It’s good to know that the church is now weathertight for the next hundred years!”

Alex Bancroft from the Ringwood Society Committee explained, “All our winners show the desire and drive to restore and bring back to life buildings of historic importance within the town. Our awards aim to recognise the thought, attention to detail and efforts of those involved. Nominations are now open for the Design and Conservation Awards for 2024”

More details about the winners can be found at [www.ringwoodsociety.org.uk/awards](http://www.ringwoodsociety.org.uk/awards)



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# NEWS

## Could you help toads cross a busy road?

**WHEN the local toads start thinking in January about migrating down to Blashford Lakes to breed and lay their eggs, the Ringwood and Poulner Toad Patrol will be helping them safely across the road.**

Registered with the wildlife charity Froglife who coordinate toad patrolling throughout the UK, the patrol is looking for new volunteers to save the toads from being killed under the wheels of cars and vans, and asking local drivers to help by slowing down and being patient. Set up in 1989 and organised for 35 years by wildlife supporter Teresa Baker, the patrol is now run by Nicola Yorke – volunteer since the 2021 season.



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At the start of the breeding season in mid to late January, male and female toads crawl down from the wooded hills above Blashford Lakes to find a mate and breed. By early Spring after their eggs are laid they make the return journey, once again facing the dangers of the busy road.

“Toads only move when it’s warm enough” said Nicola – “five degrees and above. Wet nights are perfect but they’ll also cross when it’s not raining, particularly in the beginning when they’re keen to get down to the lake.

“As soon as the breeding season starts, our volunteers take turns to drive slowly along the road from dusk until 11pm, stopping to pick up toads and carry them across the road so they can safely continue their journey down to the water.”

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**FOLLOWING** a very difficult 2022, 2023 has continued to be challenging for many of the same reasons.

-Geo-Political concerns continue following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine along with the more recent attack on Israel and their subsequent retaliation.

-Inflation has proved harder to bring down so interest rates have gone up more than originally forecast.

These two factors have continued to negatively impact investment returns, albeit less dramatically than in 2022. At least cash returns have been attractive in the shorter-term.

And that’s an important point-“shorter-term”. When investing it is really important to be forward-looking and not make decisions based on looking backwards or on emotions. It’s quite typical right now for investors (especially inexperienced investors who may have only invested during the past few years) to feel as though cash is the best place to be and to feel frustrated by the lower or negative investment returns of the past 2 years.

Oh and don’t forget the extreme volatility during the COVID pandemic of 2020. It’s certainly been a tough period for investors.

It’s good news for savers that cash can now offer a better return than it has done for the past 15 years. But if this economic cycle is anything like others (they usually are), then as the effects of higher interest rates start to be felt by the consumer, the property market and companies with higher levels of debt, the central banks will then commence more stimulus and lower rates again (unlikely to be back to the historical lows post-2008 but “normalized rates” could be circa 3% to 4%). So we might then expect cash returns to be lower than they are today.

If interest rates settle at current levels, the valuations on fixed interest investments and equities look attractive. If interest rates fall, then these become even more attractive. In fact JP Morgan predict the future returns on a 60%/40% Equity/Bond portfolio for the next 10 years could average 7% per annum which is 1% higher than the average over the past 25 years vs cash returns of 2.9% per annum. Of course these are only predictions and are not guaranteed, but my 35 years of investing experience tells me that when investors lose patience, they usually make the wrong decisions (often selling low and buying high!). The role we play as investment advisers is to help clients zone out their emotions, zone out the news noise and think rationally. Having been through the pain of the past 2 years and with valuations more attractive, now is not the time to lose patience. Economic cycles change, it’s just no-one knows exactly when! Keep sufficient cash for the short-term (3 to 5 years) and hold your nerve with high-quality investments for the longer term.

Separately, a quick update on some developments at our Ringwood office. We have expanded and taken over the unit next door so we look forward to welcoming existing and new clients to our comfortable premises. There are now 3 financial advisers supported by two administrators. Maintaining a local office presence is really important as it keeps us accessible to our clients. It’s expensive for us (which is why other financial institutions are closing theirs) but illustrates our commitment to providing the best service possible. On that note, we won the inaugural Ringwood Business Awards “Excellence in Customer Service” award. We also continue to receive great client feedback online via Google Reviews-please take a look as they do give you a feel for our client’s experience.

Finally, we will be making a Christmas donation to a local charity again, as we did last year, in lieu of a client gift.

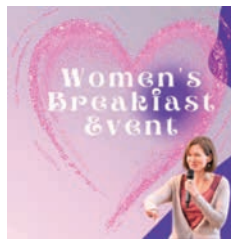
We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and hope 2024 is kind to you all.

Howard, Stewart, Harry, Maggie and Lynette.

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*Pictured: Kate Patterson*

### Experience Inspiration and Blessings: WTIR Invites You to Breakfast & more with Kate Patterson

**This event is open to all women and will be on Saturday 20th January 2024 at Poulner Baptist Chapel, Linford Road BH24 3HZ.**

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**NEWS**

**Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club CIO**

COME along and visit Santa in his Grotto outside The Meeting House in Ringwood on Saturday the 16th of December. Santa will be there from 0900 until 1400.

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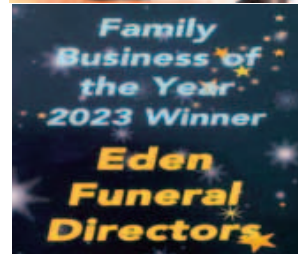


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We are happy to say that this Christmas Eve you will once again be able to give toys to Father Christmas in person in the Market Place on 24<sup>th</sup> December

This year his helpers will also be collecting them for him before then and you can leave them at a drop off points in Ringwood. The Rotary Club of Ringwood will be collecting the toys which will be distributed to Special Schools and Children's hospices. If you can't make it to the Market Square on Christmas Eve then please leave simply wrapped presents at The Greyfriars Community Centre reception in Ringwood or at The Council Offices at the Ringwood Gateway building or at The Ellingham & Ringwood Rugby Club in Parsonage Barn Lane

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# NEWS

## Lions Peace Posters now on display at Lunns Art Store in Ringwood

THIS year over half a million young people across the world aged between 11 – 13 took part in this year’s International Art Competition sponsored by Lions Clubs International. The aim is to create a 2d poster that expresses their vision of peace, tolerance and understanding, and reflects this year’s theme, ‘Dare to Dream’.

Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club (CIO) were proud to have sponsored this competition at both Burgate School and Forres Sandle Manor School in Fordingbridge where nearly 200 Year 7 students took part showing their enthusiasm, compassion and creativity in abundance with their colourful and thoughtful designs.

Heidi Killen, Manager at Lunns Art Store in Ringwood has been kind enough to agree to exhibit both the winner and runners up for this competition from each school in her shop in Ringwood Town Centre throughout December. If you are passing Lunns Art Store on Old Christchurch Road please pop in and take a look at their wonderful designs. The winning entries shown above are the work of Noah and Regina with Barnaby and Beatrice coming a close second. The winning entry from one school was designed by a pupil who has a close connection with Kyiv and has drawn a picture showing the devastating impact of war and of their dream for peace in that region, which is something we all share.

Lions Club President, Stephen Sherring was full of praise for every student at both schools who entered this competition and commented “it is humbling to see so many young people united together both locally and internationally in their thinking about peace and expressing this through art”. One winner from each school was selected to progress to the District Final stage of this competition and we wish Noah and Regina the best of luck with their entries at the next stage of this competition.

Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club would like to thank all the pupils at each of the schools that took part in this exciting competition and to the staff in the art departments at each school whose help was invaluable in launching and promoting this international art competition locally. Finally, we would like to offer our sincere thanks to the support of Heidi Killen at Lunns Art Store in Ringwood for her invaluable help each year with this amazing competition and for exhibiting the students’ work. Anyone interested in this project or Lions should contact R & F Lions on 0345 8335819 or through their website ([www.randflions.org.uk](http://www.randflions.org.uk)).



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industrial heritage site that invokes the sights, sounds and smells of Victorian life. The Brickworks history will be brought to life by the Museum's Site Manager, Richard Newman, when he joins Fordingbridge History Society (FHS) on Monday 11 December at 2.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Fordingbridge.

FHS Committee Member, Katie Gregory, comments, "Richard is a very enthusiastic and incredibly knowledgeable ambassador for the Museum. His talk will focus on the site's history from 1897 to the present day and celebrate how in its heyday Bursledon produced more than 20 million bricks per year."

FHS Secretary, Helen Coote, adds "Our FHS site visit to Bursledon was fascinating. So many bricks of different shapes, sizes and colours! And the machinery, beautifully restored to working order, just added to the experience. Do come along and join us to find out more about this unique Museum: you'll be sure of a warm welcome and a fact-filled afternoon!



Check out the FHS website ([fordingbridgehistorysociety.org.uk](http://fordingbridgehistorysociety.org.uk)) for further details."

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He knew it all – He knows it still –

Each hurt, each pain, temptation.  
Nought's new on earth, for  
good or ill,  
Since He designed Creation!

But He alone can bring a cure  
If we will only ask:  
This Babe, this Man for evermore  
Would aid us in our task.

Yes, He breathes Hope with Peace, with Love,  
Rebirth – free gifts for everyone -  
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# Christmas Services

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## Ringwood Benefice Advent & Christmas Services 2023

### The Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul, Market Place, Ringwood

Sunday 10 December	6pm Candlelit Carol Service
Saturday 23 December	4.30pm Christingle Service
Christmas Eve	11pm Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10.30am Family Service with Holy Communion

### The Church of St Paul, Bisterne

Sunday 17 December	11am Nine Lessons & Carols
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### St John the Baptist, Poulner

Sunday 10 December	6pm Family Carol Service followed by a Christmas Tea
Sunday 17 December	3pm Christmas Messy Church
Sunday 17 December	6.30pm The Well Christmas Celebration
Christmas Day	8am BCP Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10am Family Service

### All Saints, Harbridge

Wednesday 20 December	7.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols with Hyde Band
Christmas Day	10am Christmas Day Matins

### St Mary & All Saints, Ellingham

Sunday 03 December	5.30pm Darkness to Light Service
Sunday 17 December	5.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols
Christmas Eve	11pm Midnight Holy Communion

### All Saints Church, St Leonards & St Ives

Sunday 03 December	10am Advent Service
Sunday 17 December	6pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve	10am Crib Service
Christmas Eve	11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10am Holy Communion

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Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	4pm	Christmas Carols for All ~ including Christingle making & puppets
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Children's 'Nativity' Service for All
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Traditional Carols by Candlelight
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Christmas Day All Age Service
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	4pm	Family Time Event ~ New Years Party

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## Crowe Hill Methodist Church

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am  
'All Age Carol Service & Nativity led by Brian Skelley

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7pm  
Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2pm  
'Blue Christmas' A Service for those that find Christmas a difficult time led by Rev'd Mike Shrubsole

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 3pm  
Carols & Communion led by Rev'd Mike Shrubsole

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  
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**Monday 25th of December at 11am**  
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**Sunday 24th December 7:30pm**  
Carols and Readings, Mass at 8 pm

**Monday 25th December at 9am**  
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**Sunday 24th December 10.30am** - Christmas Eve Celebration

**Monday 25th December 10-11am** - Christmas Day gathering

**Sunday 31st December 10.30am** - New Year's Eve Gathering



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# CHRISTMAS SERVICES



## Friday, 1 December

**17.00** Lights Switch On (*AVCM Shop open*) **Fordingbridge Town**

## Sunday, 3 December

<b>08.15</b>	BCP Holy Communion	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
<b>10.00</b>	Advent Communion	<b>Hale</b>
<b>10.00</b>	All Sorts for Advent	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
<b>10.00</b>	Advent Communion Service	<b>Hyde</b>
<b>10.00</b>	Advent Morning Service	<b>Breamore</b>
<b>18.00</b>	6 O'clock Service	<b>Fordingbridge</b>

## Wednesday, 6 December

**14.00 to 16.30** Pre-Christmas Social **Hulse Hall, Breamore**

## Friday, 8 December

**10.30 to 12.00** Fair Trade Christmas Coffee Morning & Christmas Tree Festival Launch **Woodgreen**



## Sunday, 10 December

<b>10.00</b>	Sung Communion	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
<b>10.00</b>	BCP Holy Communion	<b>Breamore</b>
<b>10.00</b>	Carol Service	<b>Woodgreen</b>
<b>17.30</b>	Carol Service ( <i>then Mulled Wine &amp; Mince Pies</i> )	<b>Hyde</b>



## Monday, 11 December

**15.30** Messy Church **Hyde**



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*(All services at the relevant Church, unless otherwise stated.)*

### Wednesday, 13 December

14.15 Christingle Service

Hyde



### Sunday, 17 December

08.15 BCP Holy Communion

Fordingbridge

10.00 Morning Service

Fordingbridge

10.00 Time of Prayer

Hyde

10.00 Carol and Readings

Hale

15.00 Carols on the Common

Hyde

*(in Village Hall if bad weather)*

18.00 Carols by Candlelight

Fordingbridge

18.00 Carol Service *(then Wine and Nibbles)*

Breamore

### Wednesday, 20 December

19.00 Carols in the Pub *(with band)* **Horse & Groom, Woodgreen**

### Thursday, 21 December

11.00 Shortest Day Christmas Service

St Giles, Godshill

19.00 Just Carols

Fordingbridge

### Sunday, 24 December (Christmas Eve)

08.15 BCP Holy Communion

Breamore

10.00 Holy Communion

Hyde

10.00 Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Woodgreen

16.00 Christingle & Crib Service

Fordingbridge

23.00 Midnight Mass

Fordingbridge

23.00 Carols and Readings

Woodgreen

### Monday, 25 December (Christmas Day)

08.15 BCP Holy Communion

Fordingbridge

10.00 Family Communion & Carols

Fordingbridge

10.00 Family Communion Service

Hyde

10.00 BCP Christmas Communion and Carols

Breamore

10.00 Christmas Communion

Hale

### Sunday, 31 December (New Years Eve)

10.00 Parish Communion Service

Hyde

## **Cllr Jill Cleary sets goals for New Forest District Council after first year as Leader**



**Cllr Jill Cleary has now been Leader of New Forest District Council (NFDC) for one year. With responsibility for the overall strategy of the council and the Cabinet, Cllr Cleary has reflected on her first year and what the priority projects are for the New Forest.**

“It's a privilege to have taken on the role of Leader and to have spent the last 12 months taking on the Leader portfolio, listening to residents, visiting key projects, and working with officers at the council.”

“It's important we build a full picture of the district and so we've been liaising with local groups, towns and parish councils, the county council, partners, businesses, and voluntary sector organisations to continue making the New Forest a great place to live, work, rest and visit.”

“Our beaches and local walks provide an excellent space for residents in the district. It was a real highlight for me to celebrate the work of our coastal and climate team at the New Forest Show in July and promote the importance of protecting our coastline.”

“As a Cabinet, we're looking forward to publishing our Corporate Plan which will help to shape services based on the results of the residents' survey. We're working to ensure we're working in greener and smarter ways. This includes helping to cut food waste and emissions as part of the waste strategy and making more efficient use of our base at Appletree Court in Lyndhurst.”

“Continuing to look ahead, we've got a brilliant opportunity to develop the Solent Freeport, a hub for global trade and investment. The effects of the Freeport are going to touch every resident, not just the Waterside. It's going to create better business opportunities for ordinary people, increase skills and bring investment to the New Forest.”

“We're also working towards making a difference in Calshot and support the community there. We're working to update facilities for residents, improve wellbeing, and find solutions for food insecurity. We're liaising with the local community, parish council, and the army welfare team to ensure a holistic approach to supporting young people and families in the village through enhancing the facilities at St George's Hall. The space will bring more people together and provide a valued space to support residents in the area.”

“It's been a privilege for me to talk with residents in my local ward about a variety of topics, including the extra care housing being built in New Milton. This will be a great opportunity for New Forest residents and will help our tenants who may need this support.”

“As councillors, we're here to talk with residents about the problems they're experiencing and work with officers to know how to advise on next steps. I'd like to thank staff at NFDC for all they're working on. The officers are exceptional at what they do.”

“I'm passionate about making sure that New Forest District Council continues to be a respected local employer with benefits that support people's home lives as well as thriving in the workplace.”

“Watch this space as we continue to make this wonderful area a place to live, work, rest and visit.”



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The funeral Service will take place at New Forest crematorium, New Milton on Monday 11th December 2023 at 4pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired can be made to "The Salvation Army Ringwood" or "The Royal British Legion".

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Passed away in her sleep on 19th November 2023 at her home aged 95 years. Widow of the late Norman, loving Mum of Meriel and the late Peter and Grandmother of James and Christopher, Great-Grandmother of Emilia, Jack and loved by Grand-daughters-in-law Zoe and Jemma. A service to honour the life of Rosalie will be held at Trinity Church, Ringwood on 15th December at 2.00pm. The family would welcome those who attend the service. Family flowers only thank you, but donations if desired for Cats Protection or The Stroke Association may be made online at [www.tapperfuneralservice](http://www.tapperfuneralservice) or cheques may be sent to Barrow & Tapper 29a Southampton Road Ringwood BH24 1HB (1425 472104)

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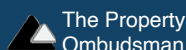
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