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Reselling items online, freelance work, pet sitting or selling puppies from a litter are commonly overlooked and not reported.

Now it is true that you do not need to report income if the gross trading income does not exceed £1,000. However, for income exceeding £1,000 you need to decide whether a trade is active or not.

There are 9 “badges of trade” which need considering. Here are a handful - the full list is available on the blog:

- **Profit Motive:** A consistent intention to make a profit indicates trading.
- **Nature of the Asset:** Items typically bought and sold in the course of trade (e.g., stock in trade).
- **Frequency of Transactions:** Regular buying and selling suggest trading activity.
- **Supplementary Work:** Efforts to make the asset more saleable point towards trade.
- **Original Acquisition:** How and why the asset was acquired.

When these criteria indicate a trading activity, the income generated must be reported to HMRC. This reporting is crucial for the correct assessment of income tax, National Insurance contributions, and potentially VAT.

No one badge is likely to be determinative but all badges must be considered and given an appropriate weight in deciding whether an activity is of a trading nature, and getting it wrong can have HMRC demanding payment of historic tax owed and penalties.

For tax purposes, individuals and businesses should maintain clear and accurate records of their transactions and seek professional advice if there's any uncertainty about their trading status.



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EDITOR

Too Hot to Handle

It's finally arrived! The sun has come out and stayed out, even despite the schools breaking up.

After days of clouds and rain, the sunlight feels like a much-needed breath of fresh air.. As the summer sun blazes down, it's a good time to remember the dangers that heat poses to our canine companions. Dogs, unlike humans, can't cool themselves efficiently. Their primary method of temperature regulation is through panting and a small number of sweat glands in their paws, which makes them particularly vulnerable to heat-related illnesses.

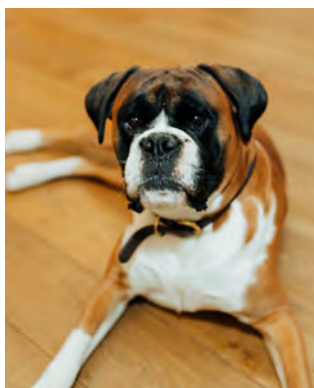
Pavement and sand can become searing hot under the sun, burning a dog's sensitive paw pads. If the ground is too hot for your hand, it's too hot for your dog's feet. Walking during cooler parts of the day, such as early morning or late evening, can help prevent these painful injuries.

Cars pose another significant threat. The temperature inside a parked vehicle can soar within minutes, even with the windows slightly open. Leaving a dog in a car, even for a short period, can lead to

heatstroke and death. It's imperative to never leave pets unattended in vehicles during warm weather.

Hydration is crucial. Dogs need constant access to fresh, cool water to stay hydrated. On particularly hot days, adding ice cubes to their water can help keep it cool longer. Providing shaded areas and cool surfaces for them to rest on can also alleviate the stress of high temperatures.

So whilst you're enjoying the sun remember to take measures that ensure our furry friends stay safe and comfortable, enjoying the summer as much as we do.



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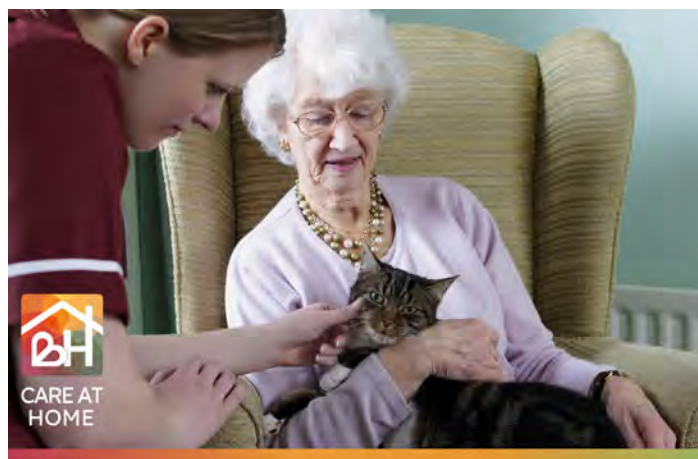
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Repair Cafes exist to help people learn how to make repairs to things in order to give them a longer life and therefore reduce waste. This cuts Co2 emissions and is a good way for people to live more sustainably.

The Fordingbridge Repair Cafe is very popular but we really need some more helpers.

Do you love tinkering?

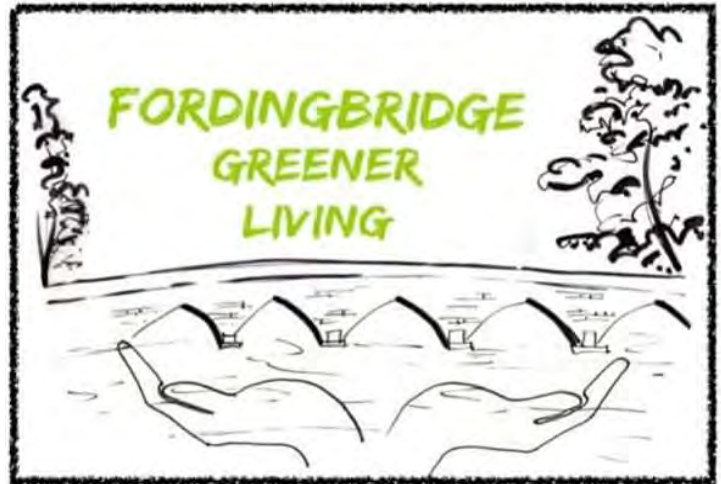
Do you hate throwing things away when they could be repaired? Would you like to show people how they can repair things (electrical and electronics, pedal bikes checks, wooden objects, toys,

books, textiles and clothing, crockery, ornaments, jewellery etc)?

If you could spare a few hours a month or even every month, then we'd love to hear from you.

Our event normally runs on the 3rd Saturday of each month, 10am-1pm at Avonway Annexe.

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Members of The Vale of Avon Lodge also staged a second fundraising Name the Teddy game. The activities were organised as part of the Lodge's fundraising activities in aid of the Teddies for Loving Care children's charity which provides teddies to hospitals nationally including our own in Bournemouth and Salisbury. Master of The Lodge, Dr Mike Horswell, explained 'the teddies are gratefully received by hospitals as a comfort and distraction for young patients whilst they are being initially assessed and then used subsequently by health professionals to explain to children



the treatment that they themselves are going to receive by first demonstrating them on teddy'. It costs £8000 per year to keep the project running; The Vale of Avon has been able to fund £1500 of this so far this year through their fundraising activities which have included a Barn Dance, Quiz Night and Skittles Evening. Anybody interested in learning more about The Vale of Avon Lodge, that meets in Ringwood, or future fundraising and social events in our area are encouraged to contact: vale_of_avon_social@outlook.com



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Ringwood Town Council is pleased to announce the launch of a new digital map of Ringwood Cemetery, now available on the Council's official website.

This innovative tool allows residents and visitors to search for burial records and locate graves with ease.

The digital map provides a user-friendly interface that enables you to search for specific burial records by name, date, or plot number. This initiative aims to enhance accessibility and provide a valuable resource for those researching family history or paying respects to loved ones.

"We are excited to offer this new service to our community," said Christopher Wilkins, Town Clerk. "The digital map not only preserves the historical significance of Ringwood Cemetery but also makes it easier for people to connect with their heritage and find the information they need."

The project was developed in response to community feedback and is part of the Council's ongoing commitment to improving public services through technology. The digital map is accessible from any device with internet access, ensuring that users can obtain information conveniently from anywhere at any time.


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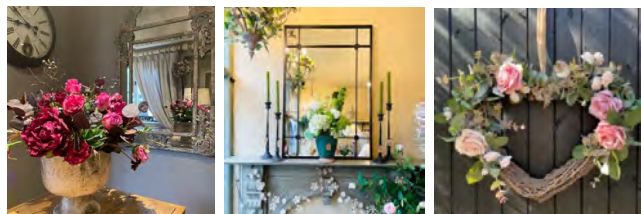
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Booking form available from Fordingbridge Town Council Website <https://fordingbridge.gov.uk/summer-holiday-club-for-children-aged-8-12/> or hard copies can be collected from Fordingbridge Salvation Army. Booking and payment to be made at Fordingbridge Information Office.

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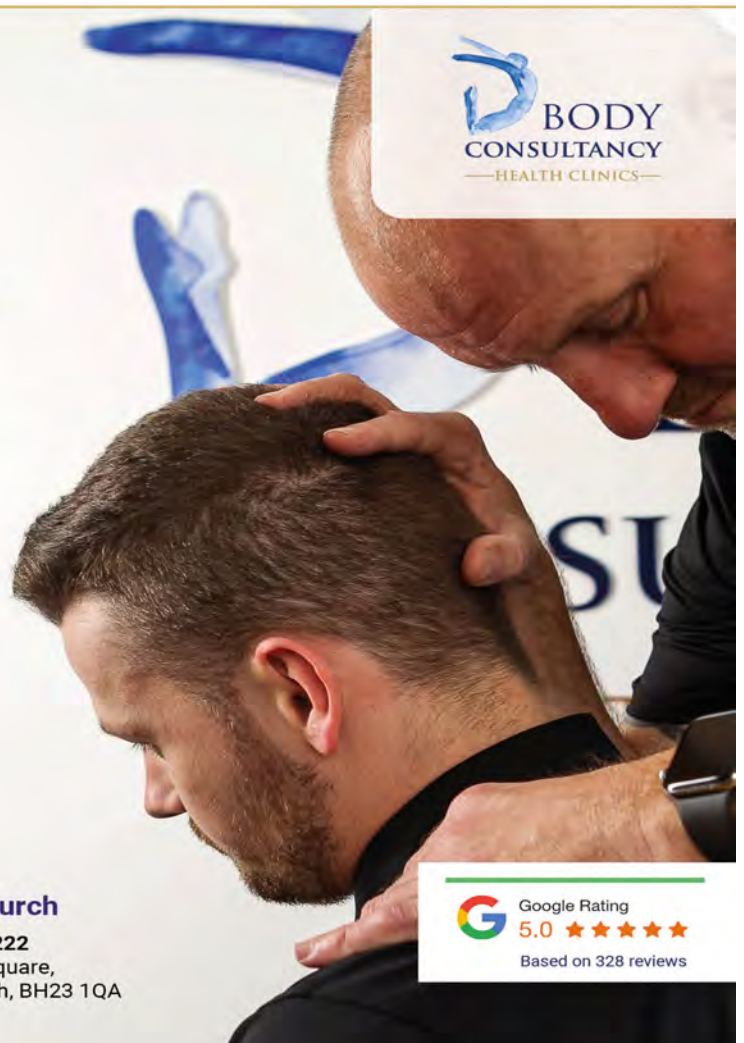
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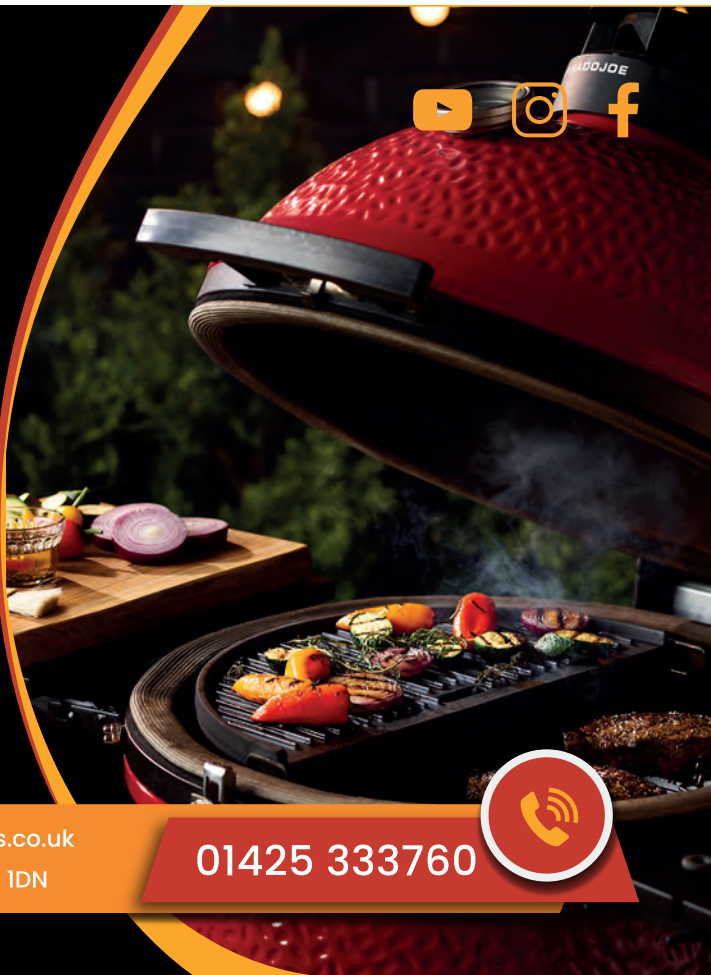
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After a very successful Joint Captains Day held on the 2nd June, Fordingbridge Bowls Club handed over a cheque for £1,000 to our chosen charity - The Salisbury Hospice. Our day included fun bowling games, raffles and sandwiches and cakes provided by our catering team. A Methusaleh sized bottle of Prosecco was donated by our Men's Captain and his wife which, when raffled, added hugely to the amount raised. Thank you to everyone from our club and visiting Bowling Clubs who gladly supported the ongoing raffle.



Front Row from R - L: Karen Williets (President), John Bundy (Men's Captain), Neve Crawford (Salisbury Hospice), Val Lundin (Ladies Captain) and Prue Churchill (Ladies Vice Captain)

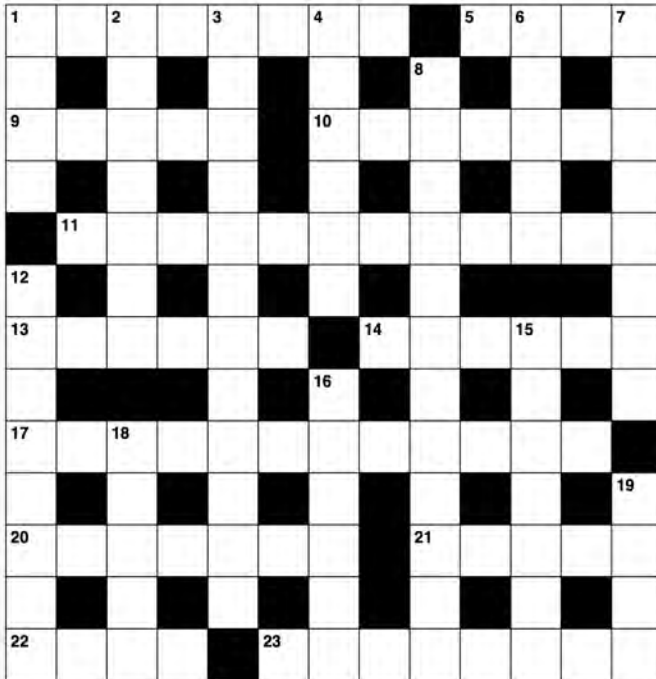
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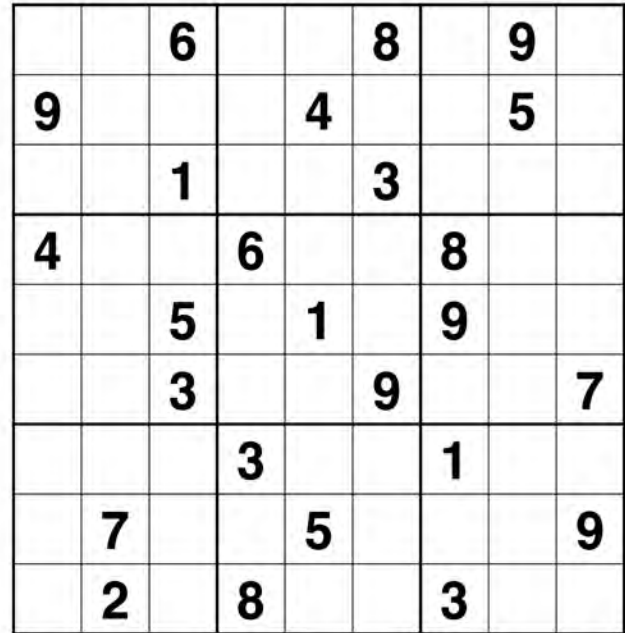
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- 1 - Search for minerals (8)
- 5 - Musical staff sign (4)
- 9 - Fit with glass (5)
- 10 - Imitate (7)
- 11 - Unplugged (12)
- 13 - Smelling horrible (of old food) (6)
- 14 - Fillings (6)
- 17 - Garments worn in bed (12)
- 20 - Deprived of food (7)
- 21 - Insurgent or revolutionary (5)
- 22 - Christmas (4)
- 23 - Translucently clear (8)

Down

- 1 - Sheet of paper in a book (4)
- 2 - Enthusiastic reception (7)
- 3 - Dictatorial (12)
- 4 - Washes (6)
- 6 - Smallest quantity (5)
- 7 - Diabolically cruel (8)
- 8 - Occult (12)
- 12 - Male relation (8)
- 15 - Sour in taste (7)
- 16 - Leave the nest (6)
- 18 - Irritate (5)
- 19 - Delighted (4)

Sudoku



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Jewellers make a beach sparkle

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Their team of volunteers braved the heavy rain of Sunday morning (7th July) to conduct the beach clean and litter survey in association with the MCS.

Managing Director Jason Allum said, "As one of the UK's leading ocean protection charities, the MCS work towards cleaner beaches, cleaner seas and habitat protection. Living near the coast plays a big part in the lives of many of our store teams and we wanted to learn more, raise awareness and do a few things to help."

The MCS analyse results of litter surveys recorded nationwide to learn about the nature of our coastal litter, problem materials (plastic of course), so they can react and campaign accordingly. Ringwood store manager Keira Walsh said "It was pretty interesting to reflect on the materials picked up and it's opened our eyes to



this issue."

This award winning independent retailer has six stores across the South West and look to complete annual charity challenges and fundraising for local causes, from wing walks, sky diving to bike riding.

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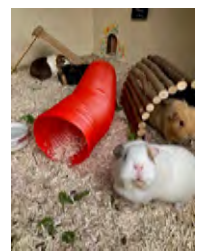
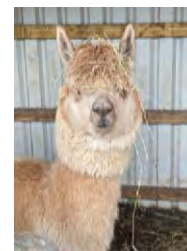
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14-26 August – Ringwood Arts Society Exhibition

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During August – Children's Art Workshops

Summer Holiday workshops for children aged 6-12. Various dates available. Contact thepaintboxarts@gmail.com for further information.

7 September – Blandford Camp Study Day

Experience the rich and varied history of Blandford Camp in the company of Lt Col (Ret'd) Bob Brannigan, 40 year veteran of the Royal Corps of Signals. Tickets £30.00 inc lunch and refreshments, available from Greyfriars

26 October – Moviola

Story of a young couple that bets on nature for the future of their failing 400 year-old estate. Battling entrenched traditions, they place their farm in the hands of nature. . 2pm for 2.30pm start, tickets available at Greyfriars or via ticketsource.com.

23 November – Moviola – Vindication Swim

Inspirational story of Mercedes Gleitze the first British woman to swim the English Channel and her battle against both the channel and the oppressive society of the 1920's. 2pm for 2.30pm start, tickets available at Greyfriars or via ticketsource.com.

At the exhibition, all the pictures are hung alphabetically by location. The aim, according to son Nolan, 72, is to make it easy for visitors to find a scene they may know or remember or have some connection with. "It could be a favourite pub, a much-loved beauty spot or simply an iconic view that, since it was painted in the 1980s, has been lost to the march of progress," he said.

Would Gerald Mills have approved of the sale? "Dad never painted to make money, but I think he'd be happy to know that his art continued to give pleasure after his death," said Nolan, "and that his favourite charity would benefit from their sale."

The exhibition runs from Monday 5th to Saturday 31st August. Entry is free and refreshments are available. Check venue for opening times.

Local Landscapes II

Final opportunity to own an original Gerald Mills watercolour

After local artist and art tutor Gerald Mills passed away in 2023 aged 104, his sons discovered a veritable treasure trove of more than 150 watercolours stored away at his home in Poole.

Now, to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation, a second and final exhibition of his remaining paintings is being held at the Ringwood Meeting House & History Centre, with unique and original watercolours available from just £5 (unframed).

WHATS ON

From Monday 5th August to Saturday 31st August 2024 inclusive.

Admission is free at the Ringwood Meeting House & History Centre. 22 Meeting House Lane BH24 1EY & light refreshments are available

We are open Monday to Saturday 10.00am – 12.00 noon. (Wednesdays - 10.00am to 2.30pm)

Exhibition of "Local Landscapes" (2)

Sale of Paintings by Gerald Mills, 1918 – 2023 Local Artist & Art Tutor

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Ashley Heath, (Queens Copse)



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NEWS

Maternal Journal Exhibition

Artwork created by local mothers was exhibited at Fordingbridge Town Hall on 1st June 2024.



The event included poetry readings and an opportunity to try out creative journaling. The artists were proud to show their work to friends and family and read heartfelt words on the themes on motherhood. Maternal Journal groups run in Fordingbridge and Wimborne, more info here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/alice-aston-families-46246443783>



National Relaxation Day at David Lloyd Ringwood

Thursday 15th August, 9:30am. Free event.

David Lloyd Ringwood have teamed up with local sports marketing agency, The Athletes House, to raise awareness on neurodiversity.

Annie, founder of The Athletes House, will be leading the day. Starting with yoga at 9:30am by the lake with Sian, followed by a coffee morning in The Clubroom to discuss neurodiversity and how sport and exercise is good for neurodivergent brains!

David Lloyd members can book via the app, non members also welcome and can pop in or call up 01425 470101 to book on. Or email Annie on annie@theathleteshouse.com



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Planning application for Moortown Lane development withdrawn in light of new Neighbourhood Plan

A planning application for a development of over 400 houses on land off Moortown Lane, Ringwood was due to be considered by New Forest District Council's Planning Committee on 10 July but was removed from the agenda at the 11th hour because there had been "two substantive events which were, in-combination, considered to be material to the determination of the application".

The first event was the election of the Labour government on 4 July 2024, with speeches already given indicating a clear intended 'direction of travel' on national planning policies relating to housing delivery.

The second was the adoption of the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan at the meeting of the Council on 8 July 2024, making the Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for the determination of planning applications.



Cllr Philip Day, Chair of the Town Council's Planning, Town and Environment Committee said "As a Town Council, we accept the principle of building new houses on this site but were concerned that the proposals ran counter to a number of the principles that Ringwood residents overwhelmingly approved when they voted in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. We trust that the developers will now reconsider their proposals and return with an amended scheme that provides a greater number of affordable homes for local residents, including in particular first-time buyers, a better overall layout, more green space and better quality and "greener" dwellings. We have other concerns about access to the site which we hope will also now be addressed."



Chris Treleaven, a member of the Neighbourhood Plan team, said "I am passionate about the need for more smaller and affordable homes and am delighted to see the policies that we put forward being taken seriously in regard to the strategic sites in the parish." Town Mayor, Rae Frederick, said "It's great to see the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan already making an impact on planning appli-

cations so shortly after its adoption. The policies within the Plan aim to preserve the town's character, prioritise smaller, affordable homes and promote energy efficiency. Let's hope this leads to positive changes for Ringwood."



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HISTORY & NEWS

What is The Ringwood Society?



In 1962 a local estate agent put a house on the market for sale. Not an unusual event in itself, but one which influenced the appearance of our historic Market Place until the present day.

The house was a vernacular double fronted property, and the last residential house in the Market Place. The replacement is now occupied by Keskins and Cancer Research, but was built as Ringwood’s first supermarket; Pricerite. Locals were so incensed by this, and other losses in the heart of Ringwood, that a group decided that our town needed a civic society to protect its character for future generations.

New commercial future for former vehicles garage dating back nearly 100 years

Wells Garage site in Ringwood, south-west Hampshire, acquired by D R Smith Properties – first time land sold in 96 years; back to the future as name to live on with new vehicles showroom.

The vacant Wells vehicle garage site, just off the A338 and close to the A31 in Ringwood, south-west Hampshire, has been acquired freehold by local company D R Smith Properties. The new owners will be refurbishing the premises and seeking a new commercial tenant for the property in the coming months.

What was formerly the family-run Wells vehicle garage, just off the A338 and close to the A31, is to be turned into a new vehicle showroom or similar.

Ben Duly, an associate for Vail Williams, working out of the Bournemouth office, said: “There are categorically no plans for housing development. D R Smith Properties, who we act for, are committed to keeping the site for employment and have significant inward investment planned.

“The intention is to modernise the site, subject to planning permission, into a new vehicle showroom or similar.

D R Smith Properties is a family business which is headquartered in Ringwood and owns and manages various commercial units, industrial yards, residential properties and holiday lodges in Hampshire, Dorset and London.

As a family, the directors of D R Smith Properties recognised Wells Garage as an important historical site within Ringwood and ideally didn’t want to see it demolished.

The firm said: “Wells is now the only survivor of the original garages

of Ringwood. The society they founded; **The Ringwood Society** was instrumental in ensuring our town benefitted from having one of the earliest Conservation Areas.

Since 1962 The Ringwood Society has championed our historic market town through a variety of endeavours; They do this by commenting on planning applications to ensure proposals reflect the nature of the town, enhance the historic buildings, and provide a twenty-first century place of which we can all be proud. Exhibitions and talks are held throughout the year, in addition to their spring AGM. Each year their Design and Conservation Awards celebrate excellent projects in Ringwood. The Ringwood Society also undertakes projects, with their current project being ‘Memories of Ringwood Railway’, which included an exhibition at Ringwood Meeting House and History Centre on the history of the railway in the town, and will include restoration of one of the last remaining remnants of the railway in the town. Previous projects have included the Millennium Clock in the Furlong, planters on Southampton Road, and the Fridays Cross sign.

The Society promotes the town through their Town Trial, which leads visitors through the town, illuminating the history and character to those who may not be aware. Copies of this can be picked up throughout the town centre.

The Ringwood Society always welcomes new members to support their work with projects and by joining the executive committee. The more members the Society has, the more which can be achieved! Membership of the Society is only £10 a year for a single membership, only £18 per year for a couple, with students receiving free membership. Further details can be found on their website www.ringwoodsociety.org.uk

of Ringwood. The building has been in the area since 1930, when the land was bought by garage founder James W. Wells.

“Since then, the site has survived world wars, been used by the Ministry of Defence where the pumps were

commandeered and guarded by the army, and been through depression, recession and changes in government.

“Although over the years the site has expanded, the main building is still as it was all those years ago. As a company we wish to recognise this and keep a bit of Ringwood history alive, honouring the Wells family name.



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The pros and cons of Boomerang Employees

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Pros:

- 1. Fresh Perspectives:** Returning employees bring new insights from different workplaces.
- 2. Increased Loyalty:** Often, these employees show greater loyalty and are more likely to stay long-term.
- 3. Cost-Efficiency:** Rehiring former employees can be less costly than hiring new staff.
- 4. Positive Morale:** Showing that the company doesn't hold grudges can boost overall morale.
- 5. Business Opportunities:** Boomerang employees might attract new business or bring back former clients.

Cons:

- 1. Unresolved Issues:** Problems that led to their initial departure might still exist.
- 2. Overlooking Better Candidates:** There's a risk of missing out on better-suited candidates when focusing on former employees.
- 3. Recurring Problems:** Past issues may resurface, leading to another quick exit.
- 4. Cultural Fit:** Changes in the company or the employee might result in a poor fit with the current culture.

Our Advice: Carefully weigh up the risks and rewards of rehiring former employees. Many left due to financial challenges or for opportunities your company couldn't provide at the time. These individuals might be strong candidates for rehire. However, those who departed due to cultural issues require careful consideration, as cultural shifts take time.

Apply the same rigorous hiring process to former employees as you would to new candidates. Involve impartial team members in the decision-making process to ensure fairness. Manage their return thoughtfully, considering the impact on current employees. Transparency and communication are key to maintaining a positive work environment.

In Summary: Employers must be discerning in the boomerang market, selecting former employees only when they can address skills shortages, enhance company culture, and align with the company's mission, vision, and values.

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News from Friends of Fordingbridge Surgery



We have had a wonderful surprise, as two Friends, Ray and Pauline, have kindly presented us with a mini sound system.

On 10th July 2024 Jane, Chairman of FoFS and Judy, Secretary/ Treasurer visited Ray and Pauline at their home to receive this most generous donation. Pauline explained to Jane and Judy about the great care she has received from Salisbury hospital, Fordingbridge surgery, carers and physios and this donation was to show hers and Ray's appreciation.

The Horse and Groom Quizzers at Woodgreen, have also been incredibly generous and donated £600.00 to FoFS.

ment Defibrillator at the surgery. Together with a new T.V. screen for the main reception area and a replacement ECG machine, along with the service and maintenance contract.

These items are not provided by the NHS, but are to benefit the surgery and most importantly patients. We thank everyone for their amazing support.



Saturday 20th July 2024 was rather a dull, dismal day, but this didn't stop us setting up our tombola stall at the Fordingbridge Summer Festival. Amazingly, we sold all our tombola tickets and raised £212.00 towards the fund. It was so disappointing that the day ended with heavy rain!

Most recently we have agreed to assist in the purchase of a replace-



UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT



Helen Stacey
MD of Aspire
Recruitment

Family: Husband & 2 step daughters.

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If you could change one thing to Ringwood what would it be?

Affordable housing for Ringwood residents to be able to continue living in this beautiful community minded town

Which 3 people would you invite for dinner, dead or alive?

Princess Diana, David Beckham, George Clooney!!!

Any advice for our younger readers?

Work hard, be prepared to start the bottom of the career ladder and work your way up. Find your passion. Save for a pension now (boring but trust me you will thank me when you get to your mid 50's), wear factor 50 on your face every day!!!

Last film or box set you watched?

Firefly Lane

What would be your Superpower?

Invisibility!

24 hours - no food or no sleep?

I get hangry and am awful with no sleep so neither!

Last Supper?

Tapas starters - Roast beef with all the trimmings my husbands very cheesy (calorific) cauliflower cheese - Melt in the middle chocolate pudding with mint choc chip ice-cream

BEREAVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS & SMALL ADS

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

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Catherine Mary "Kate"

It is with great sadness that we have to announce Kate's passing in the Royal Bournemouth Hospital on 17th July 2024 aged just 67 years. Kate was a Nurse for over 40 years and cared for many people in various Nursing Homes in the area.

Kate leaves behind seven grandsons, her children Melanie, Liam and Anna and her Husband David of 45 years. Funeral service to be held at Church of the Sacred Heart, Ringwood on Wednesday 14th August at 1.00pm followed by burial at Harbour View. (Please wear bright clothes at Kate's request)

Family flowers only thank you but donations if desired for Great Ormond Street Hospital are welcome and may be made online at www.tapperfuneralservice.co.uk or cheques may be sent to Barrow & Tapper 29a Southampton Road Ringwood Hampshire BH24 1HB (01425 472104)

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