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# Newsletter

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Prescott - stay away from our door!

## News In Brief

### Community Speedwatch

The first volunteers were trained early this month and will be operating from the middle of August.

This is a community initiative aimed at reducing the speed of traffic through Worlds End and particularly on walking routes to Manor Field School. The team is trained and supported by Burgess Hill Police and will use a radar speed gun to monitor vehicle speed.

The Speedwatch team will be wearing high visibility reflective jackets, so they will be easy to spot. They will be operating in the Leylands Road and Maple Drive area, initially.

Made up of local residents, the Community Speedwatch team will log drivers exceeding the speed limit, who will be sent a warning letter but persistent offenders will be prosecuted.

If you would like to join the Speedwatch Team and can spare one hour a week, please get in touch with a committee member.

### School Travel Plan

Manor Field Primary School has been awarded a Travel Level Mark 1 award by West Sussex County Council, for its School Travel Plan. The Plan is designed to encourage more pupils to walk to school with the benefits that brings. It also has the aim of reducing traffic at the school gates, the problem of which was recently highlighted in the The Mid-Sussex Times.

Michael Longley is looking to build two, one bedroom houses behind the old Ash-down shop; now the Tack shop. He is having problems with flooding though; as it all ends up there.

## New Housing - where is it all going to go?

### The recent publication of Housing Allocation plans, has again focused attention on developments in Worlds End.

Burgess Hill Town Council has released its response to the Preferred Options and Draft Sustainability Reports and excerpts relating to Worlds End and surrounding areas are reproduced here:-

**Manor Road** (147 homes including 44 affordable) - This is a very isolated site and the health and well being of the new residents would need careful consideration as existing medical and community services are not within walking distance.

The nearest area for employment is also on the other side of town. St Andrews Ward is already grossly deficient in playing space, by the NPFA standards. Development of this nature will not improve the ecology of this area and this should be considered as part of the overall plan. Before development is considered it is essential the right infrastructure is put in place as Worlds End has major drainage problems.

The Town Council has the following comments on the proposed Brownfield sites:

**Covers Builders Yard** - this is a site that must be considered.

**The Gas Holder Site** - The development of this site is welcomed provided an adequate footpath network should be provided.

**Former Sewage Treatment Site** - This site may not be suitable for residential because of the contamination but possibly could be considered as an extension to the business park.

In addition the existing traveller site would be displaced. If residential development were to take place, consideration should be given to traffic and hazards from heavy lorries using the surrounding sites.

**Burgess Hill Town Football Club** - Although the Club themselves may welcome relocation this should be delayed until an alternative site is available that other sports and community groups could also use. It was suggested that the Former Sewage Treatment Site or land opposite the Triangle Leisure Centre are options that could be considered.

**Keymer Tile Works** (475 homes) - Although this site may be considered for housing, no development should take place until the major infrastructure deficiencies of access, drainage, sewage and community facilities are resolved. It should be noted that the "accessible green spaces" 300 metres to the south are not accessible as the railway is in the way.

There was concern that some sites might not realistically be delivered by 2011 and that developers will step in during the interim to fill the housing numbers. It was questioned as to whether Mid Sussex District Council is confident that these identified sites are deliverable given the need for suitable infrastructure. It is very clear that development of this nature will present huge opportunities for Burgess Hill, however major deficiencies in the infrastructure together with piecemeal development will

create additional strains on the following areas:  
Drainage/sewage/water  
Roads/transport  
Community Facilities  
Health Facilities  
Open green spaces

*The full document can be accessed from the WEA website - [www.worlds-end.com](http://www.worlds-end.com) - click on News.*

### COMMENT:

**By now, it must be dawning on more and more people that Worlds End is going to be impacted considerably from housing development.** A reasonable view is that people have to live somewhere but does there have to be so many houses in a relatively small area? Also, to impose this scale of development on the local community **before** putting in place supporting infrastructure is an unacceptable burden.

On completion, the **Keymer Tile works** housing will generate hundreds of extra car journeys per day, not to mention the 6 - 10 years of construction work.

The plans for **Manor Road** envisage two access points, one from Manor Road itself with another from Welbeck Drive. The latter will alter the 'feel' of that area as well as create traffic chaos when the newly generated traffic meets the school run. Please let us have your views to put up on the website. Use any of the email addresses overleaf. Already up on the site is an objection from Welbeck Drive about the Manor Road development.

**Theobalds Farm** is on its third developer. Wilson Homes, Laing Homes and Bellway Homes have all come up against the same problems of access and drainage problems. Laing Homes are still in discussion, but have not made progress in overcoming the various issues.

## Worlds End Association Committee 2005-06

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### Committee Meetings

The dates for committee meetings have been set as follows:  
13th September, 15th November,  
10th January 2006.

If you have any subject you wish the committee to discuss, please get in touch with a committee member.

### For your Diary

Public Meeting **Wed 19th October**.  
Venue: Manor Field School. 8.00pm  
**'Old Worlds End'** an illustrated talk by Mark Dudeney & Eillean Hallett, back by popular demand.

### Wivelsfield Station

We are seeking a meeting with Southern Trains about various items at the station that need attention. One in particular, the sudden appearance of bollards on the forecourt. These are making it more difficult for residents to drop off passengers known as 'kiss and ride' in the railway world. One of the effects is to push traffic onto the pavement as the only place to park, thereby endangering school-children going to Manor Field School and other pedestrians. Committee member Mike Mundy is leading for the Association on this and other matters with Southern Trains. In the longer term, we are seeking the construction of a car park on the western side of the station. This was given planning permission in 1992 but delayed by Network Rail Property Limited.

### Subscriptions

Thank you to everyone for responding to the subscription mailing. This has resulted in record membership. There has been a good level of donations, for which we are grateful.

### Who to complain to?

The enclosed card is with the compliments of the Worlds End Association in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch. It is designed to be kept near your phone for handy reference.

### New style AGM is a success

**The 20th Annual General Meeting of the Worlds End Association was held on Wednesday 16th March.**

A new venue - Manor Field School - and a different format, proved to be successful with the 40 members who attended.

As announced in the March newsletter, the AGM was designed to attend to the business of the Association in a brisker fashion than previously, without detriment to questions and discussion.

A break for wine and cheese after the formal proceedings, was followed by an illustrated talk by Don Weller, who used old postcards to take us on a journey from Cuckfield to Brighton. Trying to recognise buildings and roads of many years ago, as they are today, got everyone thoroughly involved.

We are grateful to Don for his research and for the absorbing presentation, despite a heavy cold. He left us laughing and talking, and most of the audience had to be ushered out of the building some time after the hire time was up.

### Committee

Denis Jones was re-elected Chairman. Gerry Canning was elected Secretary. Geoff Holbrook was re-elected as Treasurer. Committee members Debbie Maslen, Mike Mundy and Alan Eyles made themselves available for re-election and were duly re-appointed.

Secretary Ronald Rankin, retired under the 'three year rule' which requires officers to retire after that time in office. He has agreed to continue as the lead member dealing with the flooding problems in and around Worlds End, about which he has built up a deal of knowledge over recent years.

### Comings & Goings

Subsequent to the AGM, Alan Eyles has resigned due to other commitments. Our thanks to Alan for his years of service to Worlds End also, to Charles Bird, who retired from the committee after 16 years service.

However, we are now joined on the committee by Kelvin Sutton and Jacqui Landriani and we look forward to their contribution to our work. We still need one more member to serve on the committee, and anybody interested can have an informal talk with Denis Jones on what that involves before committing yourself. (tel: 235829).

**2006 AGM** - 15th March 8.00pm  
Manor Field School.

## More road works

**The sequence of road works around Worlds End now seems to be as follows:**

### Leylands Road

The traffic calming scheme (as highlighted in the last newsletter, for completion by July) - will go ahead after new traffic lights have been installed at the junction of London Road and Maple Drive.

Another factor delaying the start, is the requirement for Transco to install a new gas main at the junction with Mill Road and Leylands Road. This commenced on Monday 25th July and could take four weeks.

### Janes Lane

The team currently doing the work here, is being transferred to the Leylands Road project which means Janes Lane will not be worked on during August. When they return, it is anticipated that they have about six to eight weeks work to completion.

### Mill Road

When Janes Lane is finished the team will be transferred back to Mill Road, where they are likely to be working for three to four months, digging their way up towards the Town.

## Burgess Hill into the Future

You will have seen in the local press, news about the progress of this project. Your Association has been represented on this committee from its inception, 18 months ago.

This has resulted in Worlds End being the only Burgess Hill neighbourhood being specifically mentioned in the review results. More importantly, it gives us a better opportunity to press for improvements in Worlds End. Full details of the review can be found on this website: [www.midsussex.gov.uk](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk). Look for Town Regeneration on the home page and click on Burgess Hill.

## A Sign of the Times

**Worlds End is likely to get road signs defining the Worlds End neighbourhood.** These will be sited at Janes Lane, Valebridge Road and by the bridge at Wivelsfield station.

This is something your association has been asking for over the last three years, so our locality can be recognised as a being a defined community with its own name and character; recently described as a living, working community.