

## **Kingsley Parish Council**

### **Lengthsman Scheme and Community Kingsley Speedwatch Volunteers**

Those of you that receive the Bordon Messenger may have seen in the Feb 7<sup>th</sup> issue an article on the front page entitled “ County Likes Lengthsman”. In a short piece, it concisely described the county wide Lengthsman Scheme that Hampshire County Council (HCC) has been supporting since 2010. Kingsley Parish Council are part of a local cluster of parishes coordinated through Grayshott PC, that take part in the scheme and share the services of a Lengthsman to clear pavements, cut hedges and clean road signs. Each parish gets a budget from HCC that can be used to pay for local work within the parish. HCC have agreed to continue with the scheme for another year and have allocated Kingsley £1000 (not the £1100 that was reported) for the year 2017/8. One other aspect that was not mentioned is that part of this budget is funded by the county’s Countryside Access Team and must be spent on “Rights of Way” or footpaths. In effect £250 is to be spent on clearing overgrown footpaths (ROWs) and £750 on clearing pavements and trimming hedgerows. This sum does not go far, so not every job can be completed each year. However the priorities are: -

- a) The pavements close to Kingsley Village Centre/All Saints Church/Upper Green/Lower Green
- b) The pavement from Sickles Lane out towards the allotments/County Market
- c) The path along the North side of Forge Rd towards the sandpit/Baker’s Farm.

If readers see other jobs on pavements or Footpaths that they think need doing, please let me know via the email address below. Please be aware though, that it may not be possible to carry out the work due to budget restrictions

By the time you read this magazine, the Kingsley Community Speedwatch Volunteers (CSV) will again have been using the Speed Indication Device (SID) for monitoring the speed of vehicles through the village. At the time of writing bad weather had limited the use of SID to one session on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, but at least 4 more sessions will have been undertaken before March. During the Feb 7<sup>th</sup> deployment, 24 vehicles (out of 132 counted) were measured as travelling at or exceeding 35mph and details of these have been passed to Hampshire Police. Also, several villagers thanked the volunteers for their efforts. The volunteers very much appreciated their support.

Two new volunteers are in the process of joining the Kingsley Team, but it goes without saying that we could always do with more. Do contact the author at [councillor.lowe@kingsleyparishcouncil.org](mailto:councillor.lowe@kingsleyparishcouncil.org). If you would like to become a Speedwatch Volunteer.

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