

HSCP Chatter









Keeping Busy, Keeping Active

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Lockdown latest

We are over half way through Lockdown Mark II! All being well HSCP will resume activities on **Tuesday 8th Dec**. At this stage we assume the same restrictions will apply, which means only 4 inside the Men's Shed at any one time, and limited numbers playing in each pétanque game. We will do our best to continue to provide refreshments but do feel free to bring your own hot flasks as the weather deteriorates! **Footballers note**: Walking football will restart at Holbrook Club on 3G.

Green Team working hard

During the summer our expanding Monday Green Team has been working on site to improve all areas. The pitches have received many hours of raking, aerating, seeding, feeding and mowing. Rob has shaped the drive from wasteland to garden border. Keith, Mike, Bill, Carol and Nigel have cut grass, trimmed hedges, cleared ditches and built bonfires. Roger and Andrew have battled weeds, searched for litter and kept the Pétanque pistes pristine. With help from carpenter Harry, the Green Team have repaired stiles in local fields (ready for our Health Walks in the Spring!). All of the above while maintaining safe social distancing AND with good humour and a smile; they have created an environment that we all enjoy. Thanks guys.

This **aerial photo** is one of an amazing set taken by Pete from the Shed using his drone. See the rest on the website





Walking Football - back to basics?

As our footballers know all too well, our version of "Walking" Football has progressed to something rather more energetic! It doesn't suit everyone and we don't get preparation for the pure-walking friendly matches. So we intend to find a way to incorporate the purer version in our sessions somehow. Watch this space...

Salvation Army Christmas Boxes Appeal

Donations of **chocolate selection boxes** and **boxed toiletry gift sets** (men and women) needed. Horsham collections at Dixey CB Opticians, Sakakini Jewellers and La Creperie at Horsham Sports Club; or Little Tea Room and Sharon Walker Cakes in Southwater. Or hand to Dawn or any of the HSCP Trustees and we will pass them on. Needed by 3rd Dec.



Sadly we can not get together this year for our Christmas Lunch. But we can still do a PAPERLESS RAFFLE - of sorts! If you would like tickets, @ £1 per ticket, email Helen at info@HorshamShipleyCommunityProject.org and let her know how many you would like. Helen will then allocate raffle numbers to you,

and email you back with those numbers. We will draw the winning numbers during a **Christmas-Zoom-Get-Together** that we hope to organise before Christmas... details to come. To pay for your tickets you can either transfer the money online or pay cash when we next see you. We hope you will support our raffle – a bit of fun!

Juniors make use of the pitch

All the efforts of the Monday Green Team has meant that the top pitch is now in such good condition that we share it with two Under 12 teams from Horsham Tigers FC. Each Saturday morning throughout the winter, players and spectators will enjoy this fine playing surface, made welcome by the TD Shipley FC reps who have provided refreshments. After all the efforts to build, equip and maintain the pitch it's great to see it now used for its intended purposes... a community pitch and a host for regular junior football.

Men's Shed news...

As it is an inside area, we have had to make many changes in the

Shed to comply with gov regs.
Reorganisation started with a big clear up and now four working areas have been created inside.
Luckily some of our members love to work outside; we have robust gazebos and are creating more covered outdoor space for the wetter days so more Shedders can work outside. Improving dust extraction inside is also underway. Recent work has focussed on making beautiful rustic benches for the local area.



Keeping HSCP going...

Please flip over to Page 2 and consider the ways you can help us raise funds. Thanks for looking – we appreciate your help!



Ways to Help.

HELP US RAISE THE FUNDS TO KEEP THINGS GOING...

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

Here are some of the ways you could help us raise funds which are used to keep things going. We don't have high costs but, as well as equipment and maintenance for the activities, we do have rent and bills to pay; insurance, electricity and water. Aside from the membership fee and regular refreshment fee, here are some possibilities which cost you nothing and which provide a slow, regular trickle of funds into HSCP's pot to help. Thank you @ !

HSCP CHRISTMAS CARDS

£2 per pack comes to HSCP

Dawn has been busy making Christmas Cards. She has lovingly remade cards from previous years and they are sold in sparkly packs of eight cards of various designs!

The cost is £2 per pack of 8 cards and every penny goes into our HSCP pot. If you would like to order please email Helen on the "Get In Touch" email below, and say how many packs you would like. They can be collected on Tuesday 8th December from the site, or delivered earlier if you are fairly local.



GIVE AS YOU LIVE

a small % of your online purchases comes to HSCP

Give As You Live is an organisation which donates a small % of your online purchases to the charity of your choice. HSCP could be that charity! Amazon has it's own version (see above). But literally thousands of other online retailers offer a donation through this scheme, ranging from Marks and Spencer, Booking.com, John Lewis, Argos, Boots, Easyjet, Currys PC World... the list is endless. Whether you are Christmas shopping online, booking a holiday online, buying a train ticket or ordering a pizza, every purchase could generate a small donation or HSCP.

Like Amazon Smile there is no cost to yourself. The contribution comes straight from the retailer. Over 2 years, four of us who have signed up have raised £325 for our charity.



Register on the Give As You Live website and choose Horsham & Shipley Community Project as your charity. Then you can get to your chosen retailer through the Give As You Live site, or install the "donation reminder" which means you buy direct from the retailers' sites. If you have any questions please contact us below and we can help you get set up. It is much simpler than it sounds!!

AMAZON SMILE

0.5% of your Amazon purchases come to HSCP

Amazon, one of the UK's most-used online shopping sites, will donate 0.5% of almost every purchase you make, to your chosen charity. There are many to choose from, and HSCP is one!



There is no catch. The only difference is you do everything on the Amazon Smile website instead of Amazon. Log out of your Amazon account. Then search for Amazon Smile and log into Amazon Smile in exactly the same way, using your usual Amazon username and password. All your previous purchase history, payment methods, Amazon Prime etc, is there. Amazon Smile is simply a different window into Amazon products, operated by Amazon. Once you have logged in you can choose a charity for your 0.5% to go to. Please search for Horsham & Shipley Community Project if you would like to support us. Then go ahead and make your purchases as usual.

Criticism of this initiative is that 0.5% is meaningless. But imagine how the small amounts add up for HSCP. If you are buying from Amazon anyway, using Amazon Smile is exactly the same experience and costs you not one penny more!

HORSHAM DISTRICT LOTTERY HORSHAM DISTRICT COMMUNITY

50p per £1 ticket comes to HSCP

Horsham District Community Lottery is a weekly, online lottery that helps to raise valuable funds to support charities, community groups & local voluntary groups whose work benefits residents in Horsham District. Anyone buying a £1 ticket can select the community group they want to support from those registered on the website. Our charity, HSCP is registered to receive funds.

At least 50p of the £1 ticket price goes directly to the ticket buyer's chosen group. 10p goes into a community lottery fund which will be distributed by the Council to community projects across the District. The rest of the money goes towards prizes, VAT and admin costs.

Since the lottery started a year ago, four HSCP supporters have won £25, two have won £250 and one a £100-B&Q Voucher winner!

If you would like to join in, please go to the Horsham District Community Lottery website. When you buy tickets you will be asked to choose your local charity or cause; please choose Horsham & Shipley Community Project. One ticket per week costs you £52 per year and nets us £26 extra. And you have the chance to win £25, £250, £2000 or £25,000!! Good luck and thank you for your ongoing support.