



## Keeping Busy, Keeping Active Issue No 21, January 2021

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### Christmas Fund Raising

Thank you all for your support in 2020. The Christmas Raffle raised £254 and the sale of Christmas Cards £96. Dawn also says THANK YOU, on behalf of The Salvation Army, for the gifts given which meant 398 families and 800 children did have some Christmas cheer. **She is still collecting** used stamps, old cards, old keys, used ink cartridges and milk bottle tops, so please continue to amass them until they can be handed over.

### HSCP Walks & Summer BBQs

Richard is raring to get the HSCP Walks going just as soon as possible. The South Downs Way, for the more adventurous, is very much on the cards this year so work on your fitness and distances in the next few months to tackle the 8 - 13 mile legs. More gentle local walks are also being scheduled in and will restart as soon as we can – we hope (but can't promise) around Easter. We are also really looking forward to reinstating the summer evening BBQs – they seem like a forbidden fruit at the moment but we will get back there.



### Keeping HSCP going...

Please flip over to Page 2 and consider 3 easy ways you can help us raise funds through 2021, especially if you are buying more items online now. Thanks for looking!

### A new year for HSCP

**Efforts are underway across the charity's activities to improve the experience for our members**

The **Shedders** have gained vital external work space with the recent investment in two heavy-duty gazebos, acting as sizeable work pods and safe places to share a cuppa. We are also constructing more work space behind the shed, making room for turning lathes, 3 work benches plus a brand new dust extraction system for the main shed. We will have created a safer environment by doubling the size of the working areas. New members with turning skills have joined us with plans to make a range of croquet mallets ...which ties in with the Green Team's target to turn the old bumpy walking football surface into a well-manicured croquet lawn!

The **Green Team** have been very active installing secondary

### Welcome to 2021!!

Here we are in Lockdown 3, which all of us were expecting, but none of us wanted ☹. Brexit is at last decided, which some of us wanted, but none of us expected to happen on Xmas Eve. We have the cavalry in full flow, in the guise of vaccinations, but we have to wait our turn. Over the water the Americans have a new President. Who dares predict what else in 2021...?!

### Keep in Touch

All our activities at Horsham and Shipley Community Project are currently suspended but the Trustees will keep up to speed with announcements and legislation, and we will open up what we can, when we can. Many of you are in touch with other Members via WhatsApp groups or regular/occasional Zoom calls! It is great that the HSCP Community is supporting each other, and there are some new ideas on the **Chatter Puzzle Page** on our website. If you need help with anything, or just fancy a chat (we are good at chatting!) please contact us. Also do let us know if you do become ill so we can help.

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### Jobs for the garden

In the garden it looks as if there isn't much to do, but Monty would disagree! He has a list as long as your arm – check the link below. If you have a garden there's no excuse!

[www.gardenersworld.com/what-to-do-now-january](http://www.gardenersworld.com/what-to-do-now-january).

drainage into the Junior football pitch. They have managed to capture and divert the natural flow of rainwater into our primary drainage system and we now stand a chance of getting Junior and our Walking Football squads back on the pitch a month or so earlier than usual (subject to Lockdown rules of course).

Our **Walking Football** sessions are evolving with the recent introduction of pure-walking football in addition to our popular "Darting Football". It is a very different game, sticking to the WFA rules but our 25-plus members are learning fast - we are wearing out our whistles in this process! The aim is to take on other clubs, well versed with the stricter rules.

It will be business as usual for the **Pétanque** squad as soon as we can, but some maintenance on levelling of the four pistes is scheduled for later in the year.

## 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 provide a slow, regular trickle of funds into HSCP's pot to help. Thank you ☺!

### 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.



Give as you Live®

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

**\*\*\*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, five 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.



*If you have any questions about any of the above initiatives, please Get in Touch...*

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