



DENMEAD SCENE

Denmead's First Citizen of the Year



Our village is home to many remarkable people who make an extraordinary contribution to our community—often quietly, without fanfare, simply getting on with the things that matter most. They give their time, energy and care in ways that make a real difference, and they deserve to be recognised.

This year, the Parish Council was proud to launch its inaugural **Citizen of the Year Award**, created to honour an individual whom local residents felt truly deserved that recognition.

“Thank you, Tracy, for everything you do for Denmead. Your dedication, kindness and tireless support make a lasting difference to so many, and we are proud to celebrate all that you contribute to village life.” *Cllr Ranger*



Nominations were invited, followed by a public vote through social media and ballot boxes placed around the village. As a new initiative, it was a bold step for the Council—one we approached with a little nervousness—but the response was overwhelming. An incredible number of parishioners took part, making the award a genuine reflection of community appreciation.

We would like to acknowledge every nominee and thank them for their outstanding commitment to Denmead. Our village is fortunate to have so many people who give so generously of themselves in support of others.

Of course, there could only be one winner. At the Annual Parish Assembly, it was announced—much to her surprise—that **Tracy Ramsey** had been chosen as Denmead's very first **Citizen of the Year**.

Tracy was presented with her well-deserved award by Council Chairman, Councillor Ranger, in recognition of her exceptional service to the community. ■

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Chairman's Report



Welcome to this Summer edition of the **Denmead Scene**

What a first year it has been as Chairman of Denmead Parish Council. One of our biggest achievements over the past 12 months, and one I am particularly proud of, is the appointment of 13 Councillors. Each one gives up their valuable time to serve Denmead. Having a full Council means we can work more quickly and be more effective in addressing the issues that matter most to you. I would like to reiterate my previous offer of inviting you to attend our Council meetings, as this is one of the best ways to stay informed about issues that may affect you within our community. The calendar for future meetings is contained in this edition of Denmead Scene.

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at our recent Annual Parish Assembly and to see such strong representation from our community groups. We also held our first Citizen of the Year award, and I must give a special mention to Tracy Ramsey, our very well deserved inaugural recipient. Further developments by the Parish Council include our ongoing negotiations with Winchester City Council regarding the Kidmore Lane toilets and car park, as we explore how these facilities can be better managed in the future. The recent Chicken Run, held on the 21st March at the Denmead Community Centre, was another great success. You can find more details and photos in this edition. Thank you once again to all the volunteers whose hard work helped make the event so enjoyable.

The results of the Government reorganisation have now been released, confirming that Denmead will fall within a rural unitary authority rather than a combined Portsmouth Unitary authority.

On a sadder note, I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Michael Read, a former Chairman of Denmead Parish Council. Our thoughts and heartfelt sympathies are with Michael's family and friends at this difficult time.

Finally, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about what you would like to see DPC focus on, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are here to serve you and the wider Denmead community. ■

Chr Chris Ranger
Chairman

Denmead Parish Council's Annual Chicken Run

What a cracking day for the Denmead Parish Council Chicken Run! Under bright blue skies, families flocked to the Denmead Community Centre for some egg-stra special fun. Children became little detectives hunting out the cheeky chickens hidden around the Denmead Community Centre (no real chickens involved!). Their prize? A chocolate egg at the finish line. Chickens, chocolate, and sunshine... that's how you shell-ebrate Easter

The Council was delighted to showcase the fantastic groups also at the Community Centre, all coming together to create a truly wonderful day out for everyone.

A special thank you goes to:

- **Denmead Village Association**, for providing delicious refreshments, hosting the indoor Easter themed children's crafts, and running the craft fair table-top stalls.
- **Go Wild Denmead**, for offering free bulb planting and helping children build twig pile bug stacks to take home and encourage wildlife in their gardens.
- **Greening Denmead**, for sharing their exciting plans for the Community Garden at the Community Centre.

We also extend our sincere thanks to the Parish Councillors and marshals who supported the event throughout the day. The community spirit was *marvellous!*



The Great Denmead Litter Pick

Jenny Litton and Debs Carson—also affectionately known as the Denmead Litter Ladies spend six months of the year marching around Denmead in all weathers, climbing in and out of ditches, making sure that our village looks great by picking up tons of litter. For the last 8 years, from November to April, both Jenny and Debs tour the parish, collecting discarded waste that blights our beautiful countryside and in those 8 years, a staggering 16.68 tonnes of rubbish has been collected.

This year, both ladies were truly honoured to receive the Mayor of Winchester Community Award, a fantastic achievement and very worthy recognition for their tireless dedication in helping to keep our parish clear of unwanted waste in our roads, ditches, and pathways. Their motivation, in often inclement weathers, all spurred on by the many “toots and hoots” from passing motorists.

Well done Jenny and Debs, and on behalf of the Council and all residents of Denmead, thank you for what you do. ■





Hambledon Road Repairs

At the beginning of March this year the Parish Council contacted Hampshire County Council Highways expressing their concerns about the state of Hambledon Road.

Despite previous articles online and in the Denmead scene confirming that Hambledon Road had exceeded its expected lifespan and that it qualified for a full resurfacing, six years later nothing has been done. The condition of the road has continued to deteriorate and now poses a significant safety risk to all users.

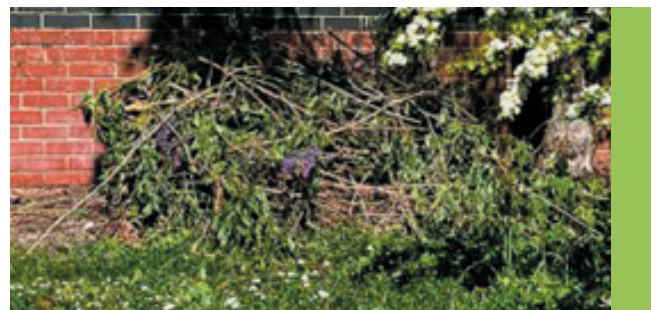
Recent correspondence from Hampshire County Council has stated: *Whilst surface delamination was noted, it does not meet the criteria for immediate intervention as per the safety-led criteria. Work is, however, planned through the village centre to the junction with Mill Road in late 2026 to repair the highway surface.*

The Parish Council would like to encourage residents to continue to report potholes via the Hampshire County Council website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes> ■

Would you dump your garden waste on your neighbour's garden?

Despite previous articles online and in Denmead Scene, there seems to be an increase in instances of Denmead residents using land owned by the Parish Council as a dumping ground.

There has been an increase in dumping items on Parish Council land – mainly garden waste. However other objects have been found by the Parish Council's Grounds Staff, many of which have been obscured by dumped garden waste or long grass, this then becomes a health and safety issue for the ground staff when they are grass cutting and run over obscured objects.



Removing dumped objects and garden waste incurs a cost, which the Parish Council has to recover from Denmead residents through the Council Tax. Please can you ensure that you dispose of your garden waste by either WCC's Brown bin collection or visiting your local household waste recycling centre. ■

Southern Water and Environment Agency meeting on 16th March 2026 at the Ashling Park Pavillon

Following a successful meeting held in Waterlooville, with Southern Water, Portsmouth Water and the Environment Agency, chaired by Suella Braverman, KC MP on 30th January 2026, Denmead Parish Council approached Southern Water and the Environment Agency to hold a more “local” version that was more relevant to Denmead residents. We had a great turnout on the 16th March with some sixty Denmead residents and 10 representatives from Southern Water and EA. The key take aways were:-



- Report any flooding (no matter how small) to Southern Water on **0330 303 0368** or the Environment Agency on **0345 988 1188**
- Set up a Flood Action Group with EA/DPC and residents from Denmead
- Communicate with Hampshire Highways re culverts, ditch maintenance to help with water flow

Regular communication between all parties will ensure everyone remains up to date with developments, issues and opportunities. A followup meeting will be arranged by DPC in late summer. ■

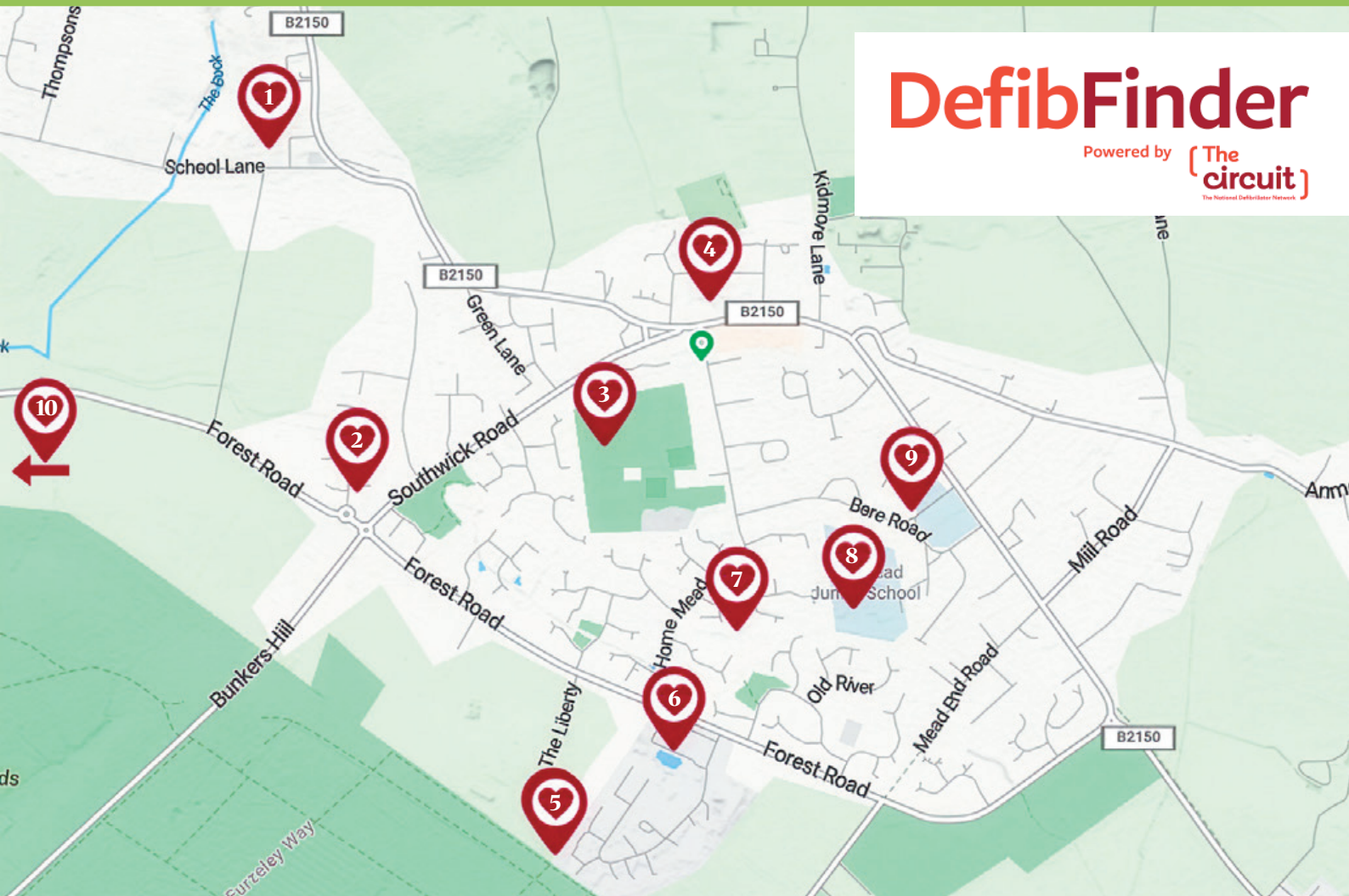
Neighbourhood plan update

The Denmead Neighbourhood Plan is one of the most important topics that the Council drives. It helps us shape the future of Denmead going forward. As such the Steering Group have worked tirelessly over the last few years to produce a draft plan that is now ready to be submitted to WCC for their screening process and a BIG thankyou goes to all involved.

However, please be assured that this plan is one of the Councils highest priorities as its vital that we as a Parish have a say when it comes to any future development within our village. You will be able to catch up as the recommendations and actions taken after the Full Council meeting from the minutes that will be published following the meeting. A recording of the meeting is available on You Tube. ■



Defibrillator locations around Denmead



DefibFinder

Powered by **The circuit**
The National Defibrillator Network



1
Denmead Community Centre,
School Lane, Denmead, P07 6LU.



2
Harvest Home, Southwick Road,
Denmead, P07 6LB



3
King Georges Field Recreation Ground,
Ashling Park Road, Denmead, P07 6LA



4
Southdowns Funeral Service,
Old Post Office House, Hambledon Road,
Denmead, P07 6NN



5
Gibson White Chartered Accountants,
Ground Floor Larch House Parklands
Business Park, Forest Road,



6
European Exhausts & Catalysts Ltd,
Parklands Industrial Estate, Forest
Road, Denmead, P07 6TJ



7
White Wings House, Ashling Park Road,
Denmead, P07 6DL



8
Denmead Junior School, Bere Road,
Denmead, P07 6PH



9
Denmead Infant School, Hambledon
Road, Denmead, P07 6PN



10
The Chairmakers, Apless Ln, Worlds End,
Hambledon, Waterlooville P07 4QX

The Defibrillator in Green Meadow is currently NOT AVAILABLE.



Anti-Social Behaviour in Denmead

What It Is. **Why It Matters.** What It Costs You!

Anti-Social Behaviour: It's Our Community, It's **Your** Money!

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) isn't just "kids being kids" or minor annoyances. It is behaviour that causes harassment, alarm, or distress. In Denmead, ASB falls into three main categories. **Knowing the difference helps us tackle it together.**

1. Personal ASB: *Targeted at You*

This is behaviour deliberately aimed at a specific person or group.

- **Examples:** Verbal abuse, intimidation, or threatening letters/messages.
- **Impact:** It makes people feel unsafe in their own homes.

2. Nuisance ASB: *Affecting the Community*

This involves trouble that impacts the general public rather than a specific individual.

- **Examples:** Street drinking, intimidating groups blocking pavements, or misuse of motorbikes/E-scooters in public spaces.
- **Impact:** It degrades the peace and quality of life in our village.

3. Environmental ASB: *Damaging Our Spaces*

This is the "physical" side of ASB that targets the environment we all share.

- **Examples:** Graffiti, fly-tipping, and criminal damage/vandalism.
- **Impact:** It makes our beautiful Parish look neglected and invites further crime.

4. The Real Cost to You

When property is destroyed in Denmead, **you pay for it. Example:** Recently, two of our park benches were intentionally set alight. **The Cost to Replace:** Circa **£5,000. Who Pays?** This money comes directly out of the Parish Council Tax—your hard-earned money that should be spent on improving the village, not fixing senseless destruction. **Every pound spent on repairing fire damage is a pound less for our playgrounds, green spaces, and community events.**

5. Recent fire damage bench in Ashling Park



This is where a bench once stood! The photograph demonstrates the damage to the tarmac and hedging. This is not victimless crime! **Each Council Tax paying resident is a victim!**

Let's keep Denmead safe, clean, and a place to be proud of.

PCC Donna Jones said: "Anti-social behaviour casts a dangerous shadow over many of our communities. Severely impacting the quality of life for residents, it also threatens livelihoods and negatively imprints on the wider community as a whole.

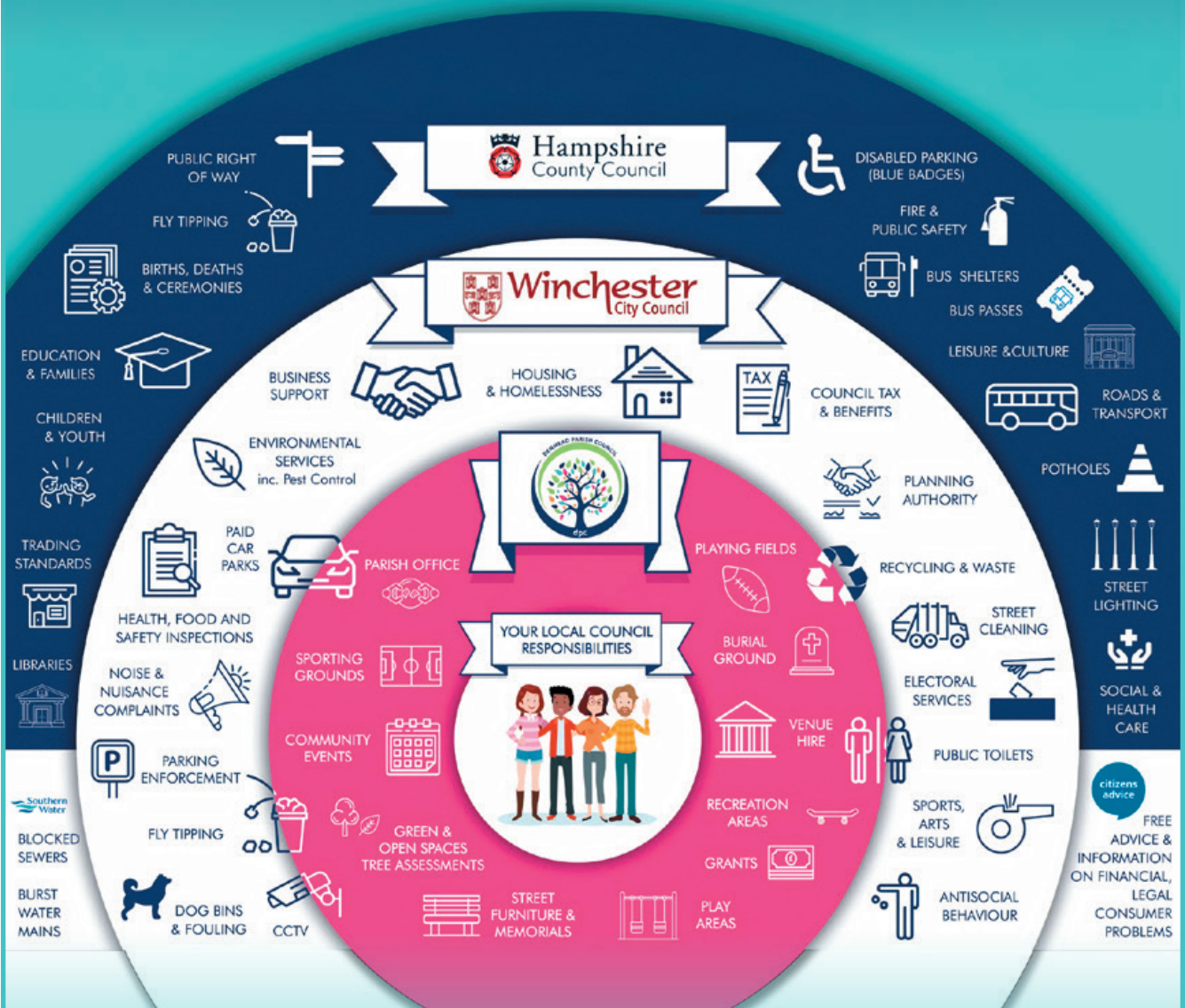
ASB has a cost to us all as residents whether we committed the actual offence, reported it or just witnessed it but not reported. Respect shared spaces. Challenge poor behaviour safely. Report incidents when they occur.


We all have a duty of care to the Parish of Denmead and we should all do our bit to minimise any ASB

To report this type of behaviour contact the police either via the non-emergency number 101 or by calling 999 if you think the situation could get heated or violent very soon or if someone is in immediate danger or report to winchester.gov.uk/report

Need Help?

Denmead Parish Council works closely with Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council and the Police. The guide below shows which authority is responsible for different types of issues, helping you know where to report a problem.



 **Winchester City Council** 01962 840222

 **Citizens Advice** 0344 411 1306

 **Denmead Parish** 023 9224 7947

 **Hampshire County Council** 0300 555 1375

 **Southern Water** 0330 303 0368

 **Police** 111 if urgent call 999

Communicare

Denmead &
Hambleton



Do you need help getting to a medical appointment?

Don't have your own transport?

Friends and Family unable to help?

Then Communicare may be able to help. We are a local charity for people in the Denmead and Hambleton area. Call Communicare on 07543 571911

Denmead Communicare Minibus Trips

Communicare currently runs several activities with our Minibus for those who live in the village. Places are limited though, and some have a waiting list. The contact telephone numbers for each trip are given below.

Shopping

Every Tuesday Morning at 0900 to Morrisons, Horndean Richard – 07749 75 5275

2nd Wednesday Afternoon at 1300 of every month
to Sainsburys and associated shops in Waterlooville Steve – 07482 446643

Outings to various places in the area:

1st & 3rd Wednesday Afternoons at 1300 Maz – 07946 462286

2nd Monday Afternoons at 1300 Jet – 07929 5123874

Monday Afternoons at 1300 Martin – 07833 643673

Events:

Luncheon Club Every Thursday at 1200 Suzie – 078 3344 5658

Afternoon Social Club 2nd Tuesday of month at 1400 Liz – 074 4322 8836

Film Night Last Saturday of the month at 1900 Richard – 077 4975 5275

Call Communicare on 07543 571911

Denmead Parish Council

– Meetings Timetable 2026



All meetings are held on a Wednesday at 7.30pm, at Denmead Community Centre, School Lane, Denmead (*unless otherwise stated*). Members of the Press and Public are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

Month	Full Council	Planning	Amenities	H&GP	FA&P	Other
May	*20	13	27	**13		*Annual Council Meeting **H&GP at 6pm prior to Planning
June		3, 24			10	
July	1	15	8	*15	22	*H&GP at 6pm prior to Planning
August		5, 26			*26	*FA&P at 7pm prior to Planning
September	*2	16	9	**16	23	*Fields In Trust at 7pm prior to Full Council **H&GP at 6pm prior to Planning
October	14	7, 28	21	*28		Safer Neighbourhoods 22 nd October *H&GP at 6pm prior to Planning
November	25	18			11	
December		9	2	*9	16	*H&GP at 6pm prior to Planning

Bank Holidays:** (** subject to change due to VE & VJ day commemorations)

Fri 1 Jan – New Year’s Day
Fri 3 April – Good Friday

Mon 6 April – Easter Monday
Mon 4 May – Early Spring BH

Mon 25 May – Late Spring BH
Mon 31 August – Summer BH

Fri 25 Dec – Christmas Day
Mon 28 Dec – Boxing Day (substitute day)

Table Of Meeting Attendance From 21st May 2025 to 1st May 2026

Number of meetings held to date	Full Council		FA&P		Planning		H&GP		Amenities		TOTAL		
	10		11		18		8		9		56		
	Attended	Out of	Attended	Out of	Attended	Out of	Attended	Out of	Attended	Out of	Attended	Out of	%
Cllr Chris RANGER (Chair)	7	10	9	11	16	18	8	8	6	9	46	56	82.1%
Cllr Martin CLAY (Vice-Chair)	10	10	11	11	17	18	8	8	9	9	55	56	98.2%
Cllr Anthony BERRY	9	10	4	4	18	18	4	4			35	36	97.2%
Cllr April BETTS	3	4					3	4	2	5	8	13	61.5%
Cllr Samuel BOLAM	2	4			3	10			4	5	9	19	47.4%
Cllr Debs CARSON	8	10	10	11					7	9	25	30	83.3%
Cllr Richard GRIFFIN	0	1			3	5			1	2	4	8	44.4%
Cllr Phil HARRISON	3	3			5	8	2	3			10	14	71.4%
Cllr Tim LEWINGDON	3	3			7	8			5	5	15	16	93.8%
Cllr Michele SNELGROVE	4	4	1	2	9	11	3	4			17	21	81.0%
Cllr Elzbieta SOLECKA	1	1			3	4			0	1	4	6	66.7%
Cllr Daniel STALLARD	10	10					7	8	9	9	13	14	92.80%
Cllr Christine VICKERS	10	10					7	8	9	9	13	14	92.80%

The shaded areas indicate that the parish councillor is NOT a full member of that Committee and does not attend meetings. Reasons for non-attendance are recorded when known and held in the Parish Council office. This list is not comprehensive. Parish Councillors also attend other meetings such as working groups and external meetings with other organisations regarding matters concerning the Parish of Denmead. Some Councillors have not been a member of committee throughout the full year.

Flag Flying Days 2026

- 13 June:** Official Birthday of His Majesty The King
- 21 June:** Birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales
- 17 July:** Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen
- 8 Sept:** His Majesty The King’s Accession



MEET OUR NEW COUNCILLOR

Welcome Cllr Solecka to Denmead Parish Council who brings experience from the public and education sectors and a strong grounding in law, which informs her commitment to fair, transparent decisionmaking within the parish. She is particularly focused on improving local facilities and expanding opportunities for children and young people. Her priority as a councillor is to help create safe, supportive spaces and meaningful activities that allow the parish’s youth to grow, connect, and thrive.



Who's Who at Denmead Parish Council

Denmead Parish Councillors

Cllr Chris Ranger: Chairman of the Parish Council
Cllr Martin Clay: Vice Chairman of the Parish Council
Cllr Debs Carson, Cllr Sam Bolam, Cllr Tim Lewingdon,
Cllr Phil Harrison, Cllr M Snellgrove, Cllr Danny Stallard,
Cllr Christine Vickers, Cllr April Betts, Cllr Tony Berry, Cllr Solecka

*Contact councillors by emailing councillor@denmead-pc.gov.uk
marked FAO Cllr ... in the subject field*

County & District Councillors

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Martin Clay District Councillor email m.clay@winchester.gov.uk
Paula Langford Smith District Councillor email plangfordsmith@winchester.gov.uk
Michael Bennett District Councillor email mbennett@winchester.gov.uk

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Tel: 023 9224 7947

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Afternoons by appointment only.

Closed on Bank Holidays.

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