

ZEBON COPSE FETE

1-5PM SUNDAY 30 JUNE

ZEBON COPSE CENTRE

BBQ

Hog Roast

Real Ale bar

Soft Drinks

Ice Cream

Fun Fair

Trad Jazz Band

Dog Agility Show at 2pm

Fun Dog Show at 3pm

Face Painting

Local stalls

Tea and Cakes (in the hall)

Something for all the family and a chance to enjoy a great afternoon at your local Community Centre.

Children's Wire Modelling Workshops

BOOK IN ADVANCE FOR FREE PLACES

10 places per hour from 1pm. 6-12 yrs with adult.

Only 40 places. First come first served.

Book places via laura.hensby@ntlworld.com or 697065

General queries to zcra@ntlworld.com or 615052

Stall enquiries to ZCRAemail@gmail.com

Volunteer helpers needed on the day. Please contact Kathy Roades 627093 in advance.

Residents' Issues

From time to time residents ask ZCRA for help/guidance with various issues that arise. These are the most common:

Shared Facilities Many properties on the estate have privately-owned facilities shared with neighbours including access roadways and vegetation around common parking areas. There will always be rights of way to the adjacent highway to give all houses in a private close access to the road network and it is the civil duty of those living closer to the road to ensure that such access is not obstructed - either by vehicles or vegetation. Similarly, it is the duty of those sharing common parking areas to maintain any boundary vegetation and, in particular, to ensure that growth does not obstruct pavements etc. Because these issues arise on private land, the local council is not responsible. Any dispute which cannot be resolved by friendly negotiation between neighbours needs to be resolved directly between relevant property owners or tenants using the civil law.

Obstructed Pavements A combination of overgrown vegetation and vehicles parked on pavements often makes life difficult for pedestrians, particularly the elderly or those with small children. Due to persistent issues in these areas, Hampshire Highways and the police have now been asked to intervene.

Unightly Waste Bins Some waste bins are left out all week, or are not put away for a long time after emptying. Please try to put your bins away promptly.

Antisocial Behaviour ZCRA maintains links with the local police and attempts to respond to reports of anti-social behaviour. However, there is a limit to what can be achieved at second hand. Ideally anyone encountering anti-social behaviour should report it to the police (via 101 for lesser instances or 999 for anything really serious) and also advise ZCRA so that we can respond to repeated issues.

Dog Waste A minority of dog owners leave dog waste around the estate and local walks - sometimes as deposited; at other times in discarded plastic bags. It is the duty of all dog owners to clear up after their pets and to dispose of the mess in an appropriate way. There are litter bins around the estate into which bagged dog waste can be put. ZCRA is also about to install a dispenser at the end of Londlandes for bags with which to pick up dog waste, so there will be even less excuse for such anti-social behaviour in future. The sight of disgusting litter is a frequent cause of local concern. Please be a responsible pet owner.

ZCRA Web Site ?

ZCRA is thinking of starting its own web site and would welcome suggestions about what should be included to zcra@ntlworld.com. Meanwhile, ZCRA events like the fete are being publicised on the events page of the Zebon Copse Centre web site at:
www.zeboncopsecentre.org.uk/events.htm.

Litter Pick 13 July

Despite the spring litter pick on 17 March, there is much litter remaining around the estate. ZCRA therefore plans to hold another litter pick between 10am and noon on **Saturday 13 July**. All volunteers welcome! Wear sensible clothes and stout gloves. Meet outside the Spar shop at Frenchmans Creek at 10am.

Spring Bulbs

It was pleasing to see that volunteer effort to plant an extra 2000 bulbs last autumn produced spectacular new displays at the entrance to Daphne Drive and between Further Vell Mead and Annettes Croft. What was not so pleasing was seeing people pick some of the daffodils to take home. These flowers are for the enjoyment of all. Please do not steal them for personal use.

Parish Council Vacancies

Two parish councillors have recently moved away from the area and another has just resigned due to health problems. Currently there are 2 vacancies for councillors on Crookham Village Parish Council, which covers the whole of the Zebon Copse estate as well as the old village and Netherhouse Moor estate. Not only does the parish council manage Zebon Copse Centre and the adjacent sports and play areas, but it also, amongst many other things, is currently engaged in projects to: replace play equipment on Netherhouse Moor estate; provide a footway along Pilcot Road towards Dogmersfield to facilitate walking to school; enhance traffic-calming measures in Crondall Road; and prepare defences against the ever-present threat of more large-scale local development. The Parish Council meets monthly in public, so there are regular opportunities for members of the public to find out what is going on or to raise points of concern. Agendas, minutes, news items etc are published on the council website at www.crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk and on noticeboards around the estate. Full training will be given to new councillors, who will be co-opted onto the council (rather than having to seek formal election) until the whole council comes up for re-election in 2016.

For more details, contact the clerk and/or attend a council meeting.

Wildflower Project

You may have seen the two large cleared 'flower beds' beneath the pylons next to the Copse and another next to Daphne Drive. In response to a proposal by ZCRA member Janice Stenning at the 2012 ZCRA AGM, Hart Council has now agreed to put in these three trial areas of wild flowers both to enhance the look of the area and to attract wildlife to these new habitats.

The turves were removed and the soil scarified again to get it to a fine tilth before spreading the seed mix on 24 May. Each of the three areas were seeded with a different perennial mix in order to assess which mix works the best. The seeds have been watered in and, given some sunshine and a little rain, should germinate rapidly. As they are a perennial mix it is unlikely all the species will flower in the first year, but it is hoped that some will.

A small amount of maintenance will be required, especially in the first year. The cuts will be done by hand as would be done for a traditional hay meadow. Please enjoy these additions to the estate landscape and do your best to ensure that the areas are not interfered with in any way.

ZCRA Committee

ZCRA still seeks new blood to re-energise the committee as current long-term committee members approach the end of their tenures. Please consider putting something back into the community and contact the chairman or other member of the committee to express an interest. The committee normally meets monthly and potential volunteers are very welcome to sit in on a meeting to see what would be involved.

We would like to run both a Halloween children's party and a Christmas Fayre again this year, but need people to run them on behalf of ZCRA. Again we need volunteers, please.

ZCRA now on Twitter

Follow [@ZebonCopse](https://twitter.com/ZebonCopse) to keep abreast of matters of interest to residents and to contribute where relevant.

ZCRA Committee

Chairman/Fete/Newsletter: David Jackson 615052

Treasurer/Membership: Val Hall 613970

Secretary: Anne Foulsham 629934

Helpers: Kathy Roades 627093

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Keep an eye on the ZCRA noticeboard outside the Spar shop for any late news