



SOS BOHUNT MANOR COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP NEWSLETTER

Dear Supporter

We thought it about time to update you on our recent activities

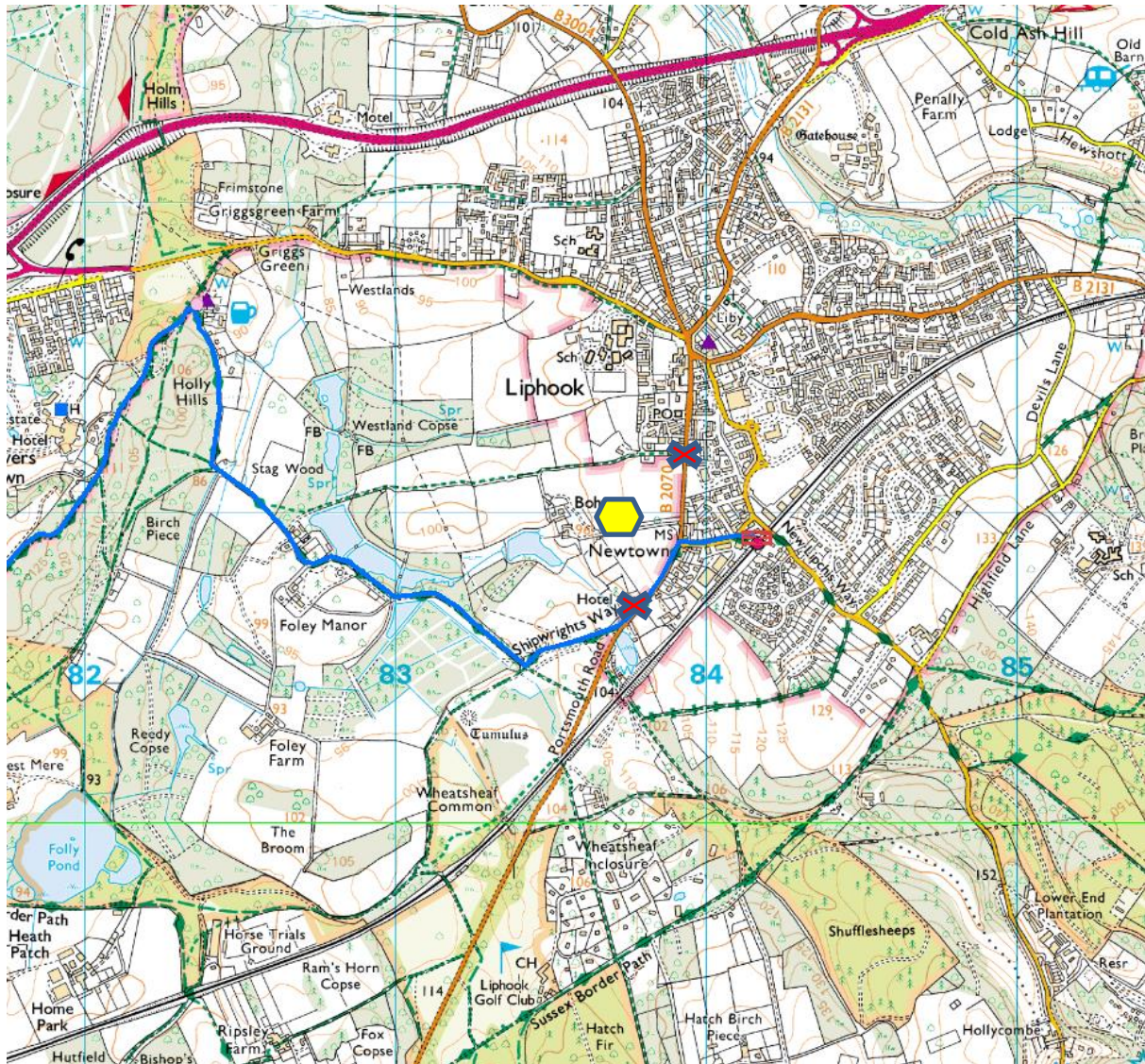
- The www.sosbohuntmanor.co.uk web site has been updated with information including links to our Facebook and Twitter pages. Please do take a few moments to view the web site and use Facebook and Twitter to express your views and forward to your contacts.
- The planning application is still anticipated, albeit we understand that the actual date for submission will be dependent upon the outcome of the applications for the Chicken Farm and Lowsley Farm proposed developments. The initial application is now likely to be for 141 dwellings designed by the Princes Foundation, which is of course a paid consultancy. We have been in contact with this firm expressing our concern that the construction of houses on this part of the South Downs National Park does not complement HRH The Prince of Wales' comments on the Foundation's web site that *"The Prince's desire to protect and sustain the natural environment is matched by his interest in the built environment and how it affects the quality of people's lives."*
- One of the comments made by The Prince's Foundation was *"Currently Liphook is remarkably cut off from the National Park and so even though it is right on the boundary many people seem to jump in their cars to drive into the park and to a visitor one can't find a clear way to relate the two assets of the historical village centre and the park itself, which is peculiar."* We were surprised at this comment and have sent the Foundation a map, see below, showing that access is extremely straightforward with two access point from the village centre via The Shipwrights Way and the Public Footpath by the Church Centre.
- It is our understanding that the Medical Centre's structure will be constructed by GVI Ltd, but the internal fit out, services installation and medical equipment will need to be financed by the Liphook Surgeries. We also understand that if the Surgeries do not commence the completion of the building within one year then GVI Ltd will apply for a change of use. It is our view that financing of the Medical Centre is a major problem insofar as we have been told that the NHS will not authorise funding thus giving GVI Ltd a free rein for developing this portion of the site after the one year deadline has occurred. A request has been made by one of the surgeries to GVI Ltd to take the signs down on the fencing around the "Medical Centre" site in order to manage people's expectations.
- We have suggested to the Surgeries that any new surgery does not have to be built on the Bohunt Estate as other sites are available within the Parish; such as on the old OSU Site opposite Hiscocks shop. This site is earmarked for employment; it is ideally situated for use by the Surgeries' patients and would not encroach on the SDNP.
- We have objected to EHDC regarding the eyesore caused by the temporary fencing and spoil heaps, which are being presented to the residents of Liphook and visitors when they travel along the Portsmouth Road. They have responded to advise that they do not intend taking any action.

- The RSPB, Hampshire & IOW Wildlife Trust, The South Downs Society, Parks & Gardens Organisation and the Campaign to Protect Rural England have all indicated that they will be objecting to the Planning application once lodged. We are awaiting a response from the Campaign for National Parks, but hope that they will also add their organisation's support.
- We attended a meeting chaired by the parish council when representatives from Thames Water, the developers' consultants from the Chicken Farm, Lowsley Farm and Bohunt Manor and the Action Groups for these proposed developments were present. The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain what action could be taken to remedy the poor state of the existing drainage system and the ramifications of further developments in the village. Thames Water will be reporting back to the Parish Council and EHDC.
- It is proposed by the developers that the drainage from the Bohunt Estate be disposed of by SUDS [Sustainable Urban Drainage System] discharging via reed beds into the local river system. The extent of this proposal and whether it is solely surface water or combined foul & surface water is not currently known. However as a precaution we have 'sounded out' the Environment Agency and The River Wey Trust to ascertain their opinion.
- Once the planning application has been submitted we will be lobbying all those organisations that have indicated that they will object to the application. A leaflet has been prepared which requests requesting residents to send in objection notices to the South Downs National Park Planning department. Approximately 2000 leaflets will be printed once we know the SDNP planning application reference number. A schedule of Key Messages to form the suggested points to be raised with the planners will be added to our web site.
- Finally the committee remains dedicated to stopping any large scale development of the Bohunt Manor Estate, any further despoliation of the land, and creation of the wildlife habitat and public access by the benefactors Sir Adrian and Lady Holman: we strongly support the objectives and policies of the National Park.
- We will require some volunteers to distribute the leaflets and in preparation for this task could we ask for volunteers to help. Please email support@sosbohuntmanor.co.uk if you are able to assist.








View to Weavers Down over the proposed development site area.

Map Showing The Shipwrights' Way Related to the Bohunt Manor Estate and the South Downs National Park



KEY:

	Existing Entry Point to the South Downs National Park from Liphook using Public Rights of Way
	The Shipwrights Way
	Public Footpath
	South Downs National Park Boundary
	Proposed Bohunt Development Site

