

RODWELL & WYKE GREEN MATTERS



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Dear Resident

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. All details are correct as we go to press but some may have changed by the time we've delivered to all 7000 households. If you're on Facebook, go to **Green Party for Rodwell and Wyke Regis** for updates and further info and, as ever, do get in touch if there's anything we can help with.

With all good wishes

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Mini Survey

We'd love to hear your
TOP 3 PRIORITIES

...to better help us prioritise!

Please send to our coordinator
Val Graves on val654@icloud.com
or **07940 702703** and feel
free to add any further thoughts.

Wyke & Rodwell round up

It's been a busy few months! Here are a few highlights:

Claudia was elected Chair of **Friends of the Rodwell Trail (FoRT)** in December, having previously held the role in 2018. FoRT will be organising more community events and working closely with local volunteers to replace the missing station signs. Claudia is also leading efforts to develop a new viewing platform at Sandsfoot Gardens, as a vantage point of the scenic coastline.

The **Ferrybridge footpath**: progress at last! Following a meeting between Clare and Dorset Council's Greenspace Manager there is now a plan in place to install new steps and reopen the path by Easter if the necessary consents can be obtained. For further details, go to our Facebook page.

Clare and Helen have been working closely with Dorset Council to reopen the footpath from Doncaster Road to the footpath behind the Sailing Club. Scheduled to take 5 weeks, the work may have been completed by the time you read this. Once completed, we plan to organise some planting in collaboration with Dorset Council – think foxgloves etc.! – and Helen is also developing an idea for a mural under the railway arch.

The **Brewers Quay** development, so important to Weymouth, continues apace. Clare liaises regularly with developer Jason Craig, who responds swiftly to local concerns and works closely with the Museum Trust. Coopers Mews and Brewers Reach are now completed and work on the iconic man building is due for completion in 2026, enabling Weymouth Museum to move back in, occupying the whole of the ground floor.

Committee members of The Friends of Castle Cove Beach, including our very own Val Graves, have been monitoring **water quality** locally since December. The results so far have been good, but visit their Facebook Page or contact Val for further details.

Helen and Clare recently attended a **Flood Management** meeting about the threat of rising sea levels to Portland, the Causeway and Wyke. We encourage residents to complete a short survey by 27th April at www.dorsetcoasthaveyoursay.co.uk



The furnaces and other original features will be preserved in Brewers Quay redevelopment



Testing the water:
trustees Mary, Katie and Val



On the **Portland Waste Incinerator**, many readers will know that the Environment Agency granted the permit in February, rejecting all the challenges which so many of us advanced. As we go to press, we don't know the outcome of Stop Portland Waste Incinerator's appeal which was heard by the High Court 12-13 March but go to their Facebook page or sign up for their email updates for the latest.

Claudia and Clare have also helped with a wide range of residents' issues including pavements, food waste and vermin. They don't always succeed but always do their best, so do get in touch.



You can read Clare's Budget speech at tinyurl.com/DorsetBudget

So what else do you Dorset Councillors do?

We've been asked, so here's a short answer!

As a member of Dorset Council's Cabinet, Clare works closely with Cabinet colleagues on Dorset-wide issues, including the budget, and is portfolio holder for Children's Services. She chairs the Dorset Strategic Alliance for Children and Young People, which includes partners from Health, the Police and the voluntary sector, the Virtual School Governing Board, which focuses on our most vulnerable children, and sits on various other boards and committees. A key focus is on early help to prevent children's and families' needs escalating.

Claudia is a member of the People & Health Scrutiny Committee, which ensures health and social care providers meet local need, and the Licensing Committee. She also sits on the Weymouth Museum Trust and the Jurassic Coast Trust.

Update from Helen Toft, Weymouth Town Councillor for Wyke South

*"I have attended numerous meetings and public consultations on the **Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan**, which residents will soon have the opportunity to vote on. Whilst we really need affordable homes for our young people and key workers in particular, we also need to protect our town from over-zealous developers who home in on any green space that could make them money. If you want to protect our wildlife corridors and prevent the Curtis Fields development from crawling all the way up to Wyke Road, please vote 'yes' to a Plan which balances the need for new homes and protecting our natural and built environment.*

*"Roadworks on Portland Road occur frequently and cause huge tailbacks, causing many drivers to cut through via **Doncaster Road**. Residents have asked for a 20mph limit and Claudia and I are investigating whether this can be achieved. There are several criteria to be addressed first, but we'd like to hear your thoughts on this.*

*"Working with our Tree Officer, Green Councillor and current Mayor of Weymouth Jon Orrell has identified 10 locations where **new trees** could be planted to help mitigate climate change, subject to funding. To learn more about this, or if there are any other issues you'd like to discuss, please contact me on **07790 536963** or cllrhelentoft@weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk".*



Claudia & Helen: is 20 plenty?



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