



Hythe Green Newsletter 3 – February 2018



A Happy New Year to all our members. Let us hope it will be a good one when we can all continue to enjoy The Green. What news? Not much – but some!



Cycle Path

First of all, let me introduce you to the saga of the cycle path. Lynne and I were invited to a meeting of Cycle Shepway on December 7th 2016 at the Council Offices in Folkestone. One item on the agenda was a proposed cycle path from Dover to Rye. This involves a journey along the sea wall, across The Green and then along a specially constructed route up the Dymchurch Road. The track across The Green, it was suggested, might be as wide as 3metres. We felt this was rather wide and asked if this width was a legal requirement. No one seemed to know. We were told there would be a further meeting to clarify this and other issues. Has the whole route been surveyed? No one seemed to know. There would be another meeting when all these issues would be clarified - can you detect a pattern here? If another meeting took place, we were certainly not invited to it. It was on 10th October 2017 that we next heard of the cycle track across The Green when a proposal was put in front of Hythe Town Council to build a 3 metre track across The Green. Geoff spoke at this gathering and outlined our reservations. It was quite clear the Council too needed more information and clarification. They have decided not to condone the path at present.

Village Green Status

The Green is also subject to an application for Village Green status. Nothing can proceed until a final decision has been made on this issue. We will keep you posted!



Kent Wildlife Trust

You may remember from our AGM last year that we were keen to get Kent Wildlife Trust involved in doing a wildlife audit on The Green. On 7th June 2017 Vincent Ganley came from KWT and produced a survey of the wildlife potential of The Green and how, with proper management, it can be enhanced. A report has been produced although we are in further consultation over some of its details. The cost of the survey and action plan was sustained by an individual member of the society. Our grateful thanks to the person concerned.

The Hythe Festival this year begins on Saturday 7th July. The Society will be holding the **Picnic on The Green** some time over that weekend. We are also hoping to have Romney Marsh Morris there to dance for us. Look out for further information

AGM - Finally - our AGM is on Wednesday March 7th at 7.00 pm at The Albion, Albert Lane, Hythe.

Hope to see you there, if not – stay in touch!

All the very best,

Lynne Sims and Geoff German