



Hythe Green Preservation Society Newsletter

Hi Folks - it's not over!

This time we nearly lost The Green - a thought that often goes through my mind as I walk home. Do you remember where you were when the news came through that the Covenant had come to our rescue again? Safe this time -safe forever? We must remain vigilant against further possible incursions - should they arise!

Much has been done over the past year to protect the interests of The Green:-

The next generation - on Wednesday 8th June, Lynne Sims and Geoff German spoke to the Silver Felix Youth Club about the importance of The Green, to encourage the next generation to take responsibility for preserving it. The youngsters have been invited to take part in a competition to design a new logo for the Hythe Green Preservation Society.

Wildlife areas -We have also looked into employing Kent Wildlife Trust to advise us on how to develop wildlife areas on The Green. The Society suggested that a liason committee be set up in conjunction with the council to discuss further projects on the Green. Unfortunately this approach was turned by the council by a narrow majority.

Picnic on The Green -on the 26th June we set up a Picnic on The Green. Some 30 people met by the playground and shared food and drink and general conversation - it was a great chance to meet informally and share views and experiences. This all took place under a banner which read - "SAVED - THANKS". We hope to make this a yearly event.



THANKS TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Hythe Festival -on July 2nd, as part of Hythe Festival we had a stall on The Green handing out leaflets and information as well as keyrings advertising The Green. David and Joan Horton were there and they brought a framed photo of Joseph Horton who sat there with us, smiling benignly!



Liaison with Hythe Town Council – we continue to work at liaising positively with Hythe Town Council in the interests of The Green. Geoff German has attended a number of council meetings and we have continued to try to communicate with the council over the vision we have of developing The Green as a creative and meaningful community space. Lynne Sims wrote to the council after they had turned down the idea of developing a Liaison Committee, in the hope she could explain the long term aims of the society. On 9th June, Lynne and Geoff walked around The Green with Nick Hilditch and exchanged ideas. This was very useful.

The Coalition –We continue to support other groups trying to protect the green spaces of Hythe and the surrounding area. Both Geoff and Lynne have attended meetings concerning the proposed Otterpool development. Geoff has again delivered many leaflets concerning Otterpool and on Saturday 6th August a number of HGPS members joined the march through Hythe protesting against this next attempt to build on precious open spaces.



Village Green Status - Our application is still pending - we'll keep you posted!

Membership -Our membership has now reached somewhere around 100 -i.e. it has doubled over the past year. May this continue - please encourage anyone who is interested to join, including young people - The Green is there for the people of Hythe to love and enjoy!

CHRISTMAS PARTY! - On 3rd DECEMBER we will be holding a social gathering at the British Legion - more details to follow!



