



# NEWSLETTER

## TADLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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Meetings of the Council

9 June – Finance and General  
Purposes

23 June – Highways &  
Planning

7 July – Full Council

21 July – Highways & Planning

11 August – Finance & General  
Purposes

26 August – Highways &  
Planning

Committee meetings are held  
via Zoom and Full Council  
meetings are held in the Town  
Council offices and both start  
at 7.30pm.

Members of the Public are  
welcome to attend.

For Zoom meetings, the  
meeting link can be found on  
the agendas.

## USEFUL NUMBERS

Abandoned Cars  
01256 844844

Fly Tipping 01256 844844

Street Lighting 0800 506 060

Highways 0300 555 1388

Allotments 0788 168 6351

Citizen Advice Tadley  
0808 278 7987

Hampshire County Council  
0300 555 1375

Basingstoke Council  
01256 844844

Swimming Pool 0118 9817818

West Berks Council  
01635 42400

## Grants

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish & Town Councils to make grants to organisations that operate for the benefit of Tadley residents. In the last financial year 2024/25 Tadley Town Council made grants to:

	£	
Barlows Park Management Association	7500	Running costs
Royal British Legion	150	Poppy wreath & poppies
Tadley Community Association	12000	Family & Youth Workers
The Green Charity	1340	Maintenance costs
Tadley Citizen Advice	7870	Running costs

## Turbary Charity Grants

The Turbary Charity also makes grants to organisations and individuals in Tadley for the relief of need, hardship or distress and to any charitable purposes that are of benefit to organisations or individuals in Tadley. In the last financial year 2024/25 the charity made grants to:

	£	
Tadley Citizen Advice	14151	Office rent
Hants & IOW Wildlife Trust	450	Running costs
Resident	381	Tools
TADS	525	Running costs
Resident	88	Washing machine

## AWE Volunteer Day

A big THANK YOU to the 16 volunteers from AWE who joined us in March and organised a litter pick in the town. They collected over 25 bags of rubbish including 40 glass bottles which were taken for recycling. They also found an abandoned strimmer and shopping basket.



**Town Council Office** We are contactable by phone on 0118 9813360 and by email [clerk@tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tadleytowncouncil.gov.uk) Face to face appointments are also available, just contact us to arrange a date and time.



## What Do You Know About Tadley Common?

Many of you will be familiar with the Common, sometimes known as Tadley's lungs especially if you are a dog walker, skateboarder or enjoy a walk in nature.

This Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) with its very special ecology and wildlife is owned by the Turbary Allotment Charity of which Tadley Town Council is the corporate Trustee, i.e. your 16 local town councillors. They manage the land, recreational facilities and funds of the Charity for the benefit of Tadley residents.

The ancient common used to spread either side of a trackway which we now know as the A340 as far as Newtown in the east and Pamber in the west. The land in East Street, now Franklin Avenue now houses the Ambrose Allen Centre, Holmwood Health Centre, the Turbary Building (Citizens Advice and Tadley Town Council Office) and the Fire Station. The small estate of Turbary Gardens was built on a what once was a public gravel pit.

Today's Common is grazed by Dexter cattle, their job is to keep the gorse at a manageable height, where it is short they do a great job but the older stands of gorse are too tall for them to reach, so we need volunteers to help cut it down. This maintains the lowland acid heathland for the benefit of the rare birds, mammals, insects, flora and reptiles we have there. Tadley Common and others in Hampshire make up 13% of this type of habitat globally so we must do everything we can to care for this important place.

Outside the area of the SSSI the charity has provided open areas for play and exercise, a fitness trail and adult fitness equipment, a MUGA, tennis court, skatepark and dog walking, though we do ask that your dogs are kept on a lead and that you pick up after them to keep it clean and safe for flora, fauna and people.

We have difficult decisions ahead, like everyone the current financial situation has hit hard and we must decide the best way to manage the Common and the funds we have to support our community. Repairing fences, gates, equipment and paying for our herdsman to recapture the Dexters when gates are left open limits the amount we can give in grant funding.

We are limited with the timing of working on the Common to outside the nesting season, but if you would like to help, with anything from litter picking to gorse bashing, please contact us and become a Friend of Tadley Common.

For more information contact the Clerk to the Trustees on 07881686351 or email [nickibarry@hotmail.com](mailto:nickibarry@hotmail.com)

**Councillors' Surgeries** If you would like to meet with any of your Councillors, please contact the office and make an appointment – 0118 9813360.

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