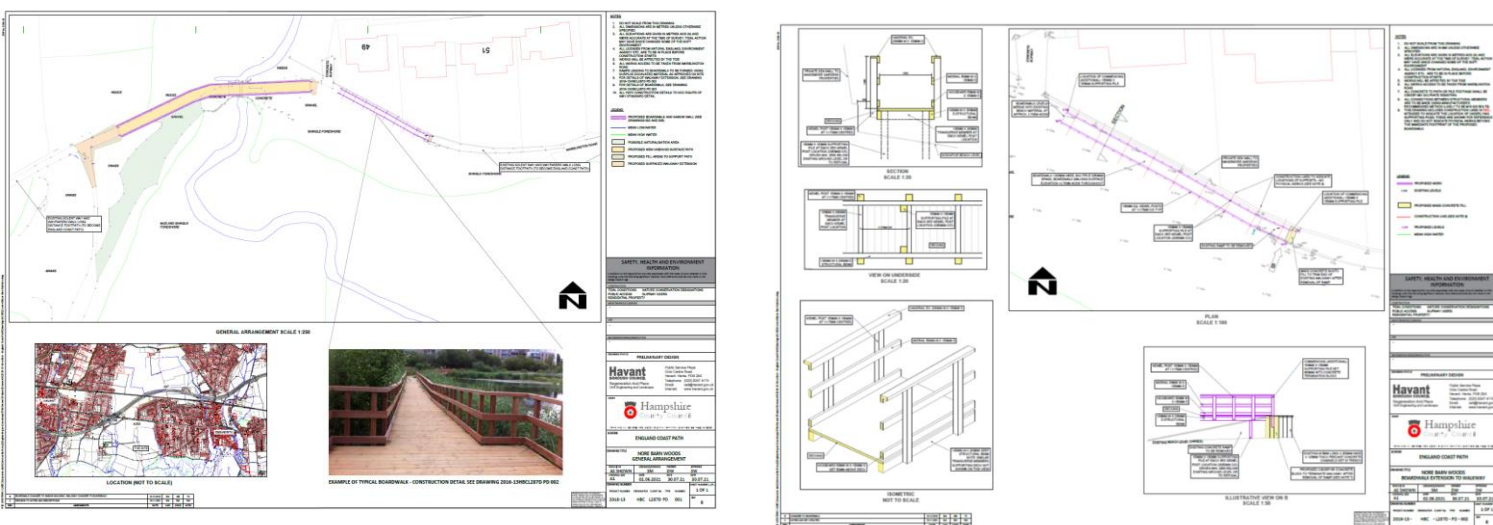


Dear Members

Welcome to a summer holiday version of the newsletter. I hope that you all have a chance to enjoy relaxing breaks, whether at home or abroad, and to catch up with family and friends. The weather does not currently seem particularly inclined to assist those of us staying in the UK but, who knows, we may yet get a heatwave.

Sea wall

MGL have now obtained the revised proposals for Natural England's coast path, recently renamed "The King Charles III England Coast Path", next to the MGL seawall. The revised proposal is to construct a wooden boardwalk with wooden railings to both sides immediately adjacent to but not in contact with our seawall. The main features can be seen on these diagrams



Click on the images to enlarge

People will have their own reactions to the plan but there is one area of immediate concern for us. The closest point of the boardwalk will be only 300mm (1ft) away from the face of our seawall, which would render future maintenance works to our seawall impossible without removal of the boardwalk. This seems a far from satisfactory situation and the CoM has begun a series of actions to respond lead by Martin Price, our director responsible for infrastructure (Martin is an engineer himself, so well placed to act for us). Initially he has written to the Inspector for the NE Coast Path Scheme to express our concerns. The difficulty of accessing our sea wall if the new structure were to be put in place does mean that it is important that we assess and undertake any necessary action on the parts that we are responsible for.

To that end, Martin has taken measurements which, along with the topographical survey information we obtained from Havant Borough Council, would provide all the information needed to provide a base for producing engineering drawings of any scheme proposals. Once this is available, MGL will have to seek approval from HBC planning, Chichester Harbour Conservancy, the Marine

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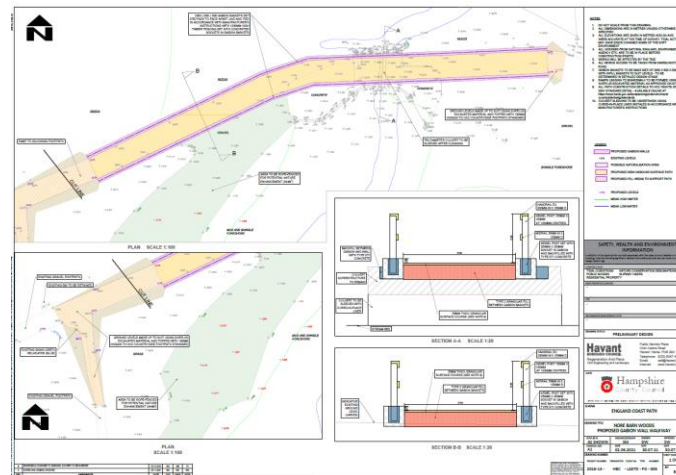
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Management Organisation and possibly Natural England. This will all take time but we will continue to update residents.

This final figure shows the proposed works at the existing culvert, so not directly impacting on our seawall.



Building works

Perhaps the recent spate of cable laying works has made us all feel that there are lots of works happening but these are usually short lived, though they can be noisy at times. We would like to promote considerate planning, informing and completion, while placing a community emphasis on us all to be understanding of these works and their necessity. Nonetheless, the age of our houses and people's wish to update and alter their homes means that building works, repairs and alterations are an episodic phenomenon. There have been a few questions raised and comments made about such works.

So, to clarify, the Council of Management would like to remind all residents of Maisemore Gardens to follow these guidelines.

1. Please be considerate to your neighbours throughout. Inform them of your plans and when any work might be started and completed.
2. Where possible noisy DIY work should not continue into the evenings or take place on Sundays.
3. Rear pathways are for the use of the residents within the block and their visiting families. These paths should only be used for other purposes when absolutely necessary.
4. Construction works often have planning conditions attached and these usually restrict working hours to between 8am and 6pm. Also, no such work to be carried out on Saturdays and Sundays. Please ensure that you adhere to the conditions.

Neighbourhood Watch

Maisemore Gardens had a representative who attended the Neighbourhood Watch meetings and provided us with feedback. We are now in need of an interested volunteer to take on this role. Please contact a member of the CoM if you are available.

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Save our AONB

Save our AONB is a local group wanting to protect the land around us from inappropriate development. *Building a Better Future Local Plan*, which was produced by Havant Borough Council, identifies areas where plans may be produced and is here (<https://www.havant.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan-overview>). If you would like to be involved in this local group the contacts are Nick Hedges – nickhedges@gmail.com and john.kingdon1@ntlworld.com
Website: www.protectouraonb.org.uk

Gardens

The gardens have not suffered from drought this summer, mainly because of the copious rain during the winter and spring, and, in part, because Andy has been mowing it with the blades a little higher than usual. We have had to keep watering the apple trees, which seem to be doing well - the Blenheim even has an apple on it.

We have been following the urgings of garden pundits to leave grass longer in places to encourage insects and biodiversity. Since this is one of the things that most residents said they wanted, together with maintaining a natural appearance, while Andy has kept the main lawn mown, as we use it a lot, patches have been left on the other lawns, which will now be cut down and then left to grow again. It does look a little ragged, but we think it is worthwhile. Let us know what you think.

Friends of Maisemore Gardens

Here are a few pictures from the first Friends of Maisemore Gardens event of the new reign. A very successful lunch with singing, dancing and of course a toast to the new king, proposed by Rick.





Quite a few residents tried out the throne, Sarah Best looking very regal in this picture.



Sax on the Green

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A more recent event was 'Sax on the Green' organised by the Friends of Maisemore Gardens for Martin Price and his charity, "Action Kidney Cancer", which went well. It was moved from the Saturday, with forecast (and actual) terrible weather, to Sunday which had lovely weather up to the end, when proceedings had to be curtailed because of late heavy rain. Everyone enjoyed the hot dogs and Martin Price's sax playing in the afternoon sun. I think that there were well over 50 people there and the event raised about £500.

The Friends provided the hot dogs, and delicious cakes were contributed by Sarah (Harrington) and Patrice (Price). The Raffle was done by Gwen (Perchard) and raised a lot of money due to her usual enthusiasm. Thanks to those people who

donated prizes.



And finally

Can I wish Julian Crispin (46) a speedy and complete recovery? Some of you may have come across him lying on the road after an unfortunate fall. The poor man had to lie there for more than two hours waiting for the ambulance to arrive. They were great when they did and quickly got him aboard and off to the QA, where confirmation of a broken hip absolutely endorsed the decision not to try to raise him. Good job it was a fine evening! I gather that he has now had surgery and hopefully is on the mend.