

NORTH MYMMS DISTRICT GREEN BELT SOCIETY

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The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 25 March 2013 at 8 pm in the United Reformed Church, Bluebridge Road, Brookmans Park. This will be followed by a talk given by Robert Hopkins of The Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

Make your voice heard by strengthening our membership

Annual Subscriptions now due

Membership numbers are important

Please renew each of your family's membership or join us by completing and returning the form below

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

To Carol McCarthy, 1 The Firs, Woodside Lane, Bell Bar, Hatfield, Hertfordshire AL9 6DF

Please enrol or renew the annual subscription formember(s) of my family on the North Mymms District Green Belt Society for the calendar year 2013.

CAPITAL LETTERS PLEASE

First name or initials

Surname

Address

Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

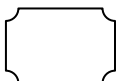
Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

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Cheque enclosed for £ _____ being £..... annual subs at £1 per person

and/or £..... voluntary contribution to funds



Tick here if you require a membership card, otherwise we will **not** issue one, thereby reducing our overheads. If you require a card, could you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please allow 28 days for delivery.

LATEST NEWS

New Barnfield Incinerator - Planning Application “Called In”

Great News! This planning application will now be the subject of a Government Inquiry. Congratulations to all who have worked so hard to get this result. The concept has been flawed from the start. Initially, we were told by Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) that New Barnfield was purely a “sample” site to apply for a PFI (Private Finance Initiative) and would not be the actual site used. This was followed by the farce of “selecting” the site – a process which will be seen to be flawed – and New Barnfield was chosen. Next came the Waste Core Strategy Hearings in November 2011 when HCC had already signed a 25yr contract with Veolia for the Incinerator at New Barnfield but it could not be mentioned as the Waste Core Strategy had not been passed by the Inspector. (There were so many alterations needed that in fact it was not passed until July 2012) HCC had put the cart before the horse. This project has been misconceived and misrepresented from the outset and we now have the opportunity to prove it. We shall be informing The Inquiry of our strong objections to the planning application for an incinerator at New Barnfield.

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Emerging Core Strategy and Land for Housing Outside Urban Areas

The Core Strategy is a key planning document which sets out the council’s strategy and objectives for planning in the borough to 2029. Following our December Newsletter where we asked residents to respond to this consultation document in relation to our parish, we received 450 responses, which we then delivered with our own letter of comments, to Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council. A number of residents also responded direct either by post or email.

Planning Applications

We have checked every planning application relating to North Mymms. We focus on Green Belt land and those applications which could affect the amenities of residents. There were 142 planning applications made in 2012, 49 of which were in the Green Belt. 17 of those which we objected to were refused planning permission by the Local Authority.

Local Events

Brookmans Park Village Day and Welham Green Day. We had a stall at both of these events to provide information on our activities and gain new membership.

Michaelmas Lunch Over 70 people enjoyed our annual lunch in October at The North Mymms Memorial Hall. The next one will be on Saturday 12 October 2013. Watch our website for further information.

New Website www.greenbeltsociety.org.uk/ Please follow our new website for up-to-date information on planning applications and other current activities we are involved with.