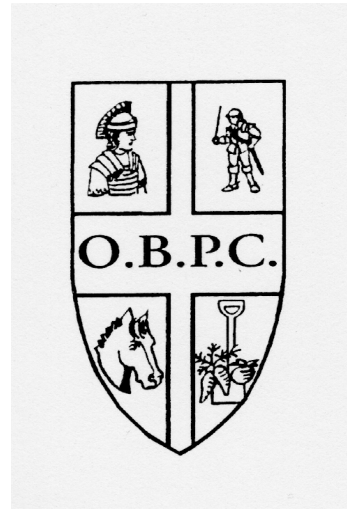


# Olivers Battery Parish Council



## **Community Strategy 2004**

# Why a Community Strategy for OB?

- Parish Councillors have requested discussion of this topic
- Parish Appraisal published in 2001 identified some needs which have not yet been addressed
- WCC has requested responses to Consultation Draft of “Community Strategy for Winchester”
- Olivers Battery Parish Council will be 50 years old on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006 – we need a strategy for the next 50 years!

# Why? (continued)

- In its first 50 years, OBPC has been concerned with basic needs:
  - Planning the built environment, roads, footpaths, street lighting, car parking, bus shelters, bus services, etc.
- And recognised further needs:
  - Play/recreation facilities, crime reduction, Community Association, Community News, History of OB
- But we have done most of the “easy things”!
  - (although vigilance is still needed)

# What are the needs in OB?

- OBPC Parish Appraisal identified need for:
  - Social meeting point (eg. cafe, pub)
  - Additional sporting/leisure facilities
  - Senior Citizen club
  - Youth activities
- How are we doing?
  - OB Heritage project underway
  - Battery Social Club/Club Hampshire up and running
  - Church coffee morning
  - Some new informal groups, but lost Cromwell Club, youth group, etc.

# WCC Community Strategy

- Local Authorities are charged with providing community leadership
  - working together and with other providers, eg. police, healthcare, housing, voluntary organisations
- Identified following key areas for action:
  - Investing in youth (reduce negative impacts)
  - Housing the vulnerable (eg. elderly)
  - Improving access to services (eg. disabled, rural)
  - Reducing/recycling waste

# OBPC Response to WCC Strategy

- Working together is important – should continue
- Strategy of investing in youth is relevant – should support and complement
- Other strategies are only relevant to a minority of OB residents, although important elsewhere
  - Some housing need identified
- Needs in OB are beyond those addressed by WCC
  - Investing in “healthy and inclusive communities”
  - Improved communication
  - Improvement of services in general, eg. healthcare
- **THEREFORE, we need our own strategy!**

# What should be OBPC objectives?

- Improve sport/leisure/recreation opportunities for all ages (infant, youth, adult, senior)
- Improve communication and access to information
  - Foster community building
  - Involve young people
  - Reduce isolation and fear among elderly
  - Improve monitoring of provision for basic needs
- Enhance local environment by creating a Village Design Statement and conservation projects
- Create a stronger focal point for social interaction

# OBPC Parish Council Projects

- Parish Appraisal – published 2001
- History of Olivers Battery – published 2001
- Olivers Battery Recreation Strategy – draft published 2004
- Olivers Battery Parish web site – project initiated January 2005
- Olivers Battery Village Design Statement – project initiated May 2005