

**Friends of
the Earth
Portsmouth**

Annual Report April 2019





Clean Air Campaign



Campaign Leaders: role vacant



A Crucial Link? East: West Walk - 27 October 2018 along Goldsmith Avenue.



Goldsmith Avenue – an example of clutter on the footpath making it difficult for pedestrians and wheelchair users to pass.



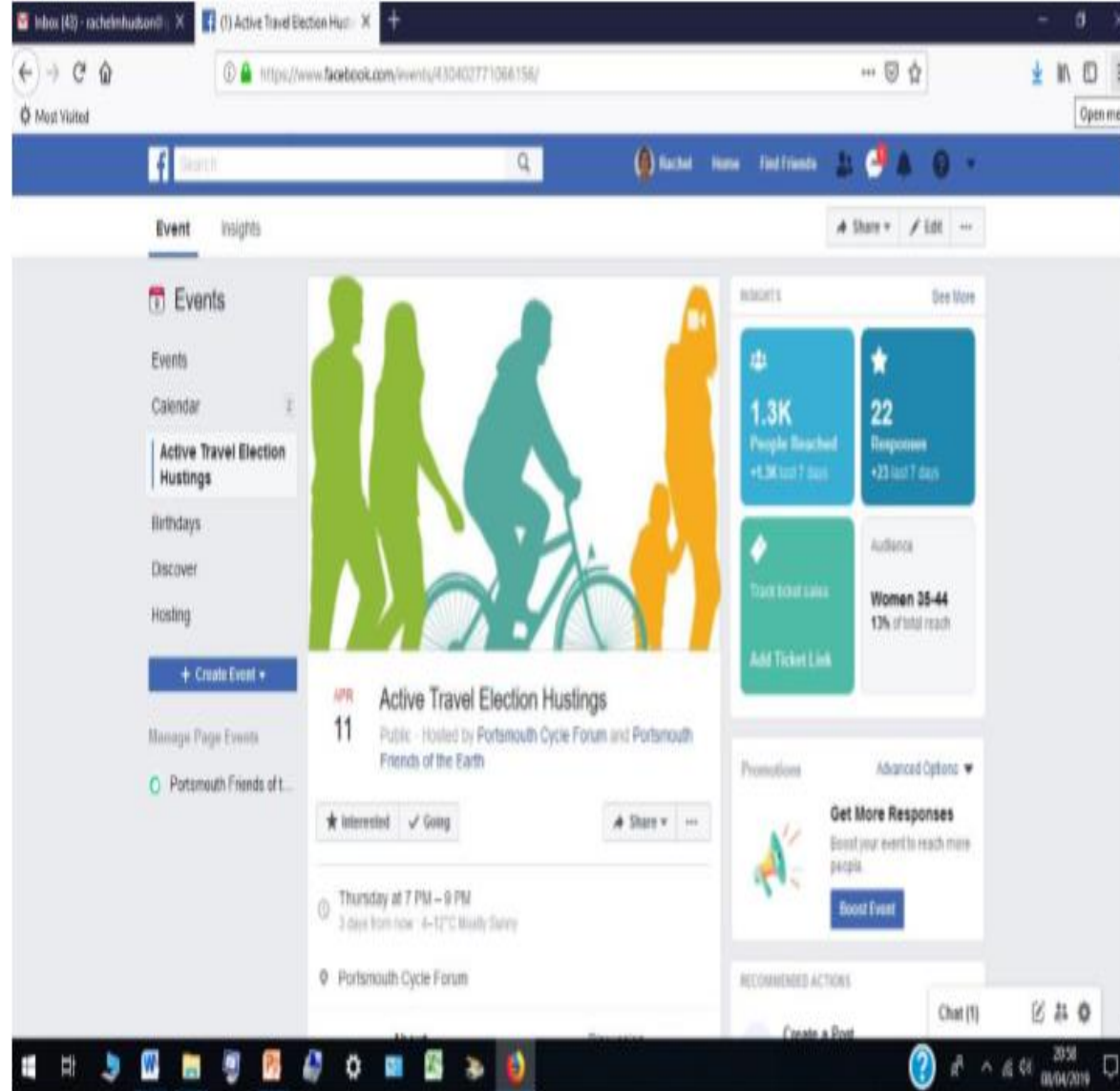
North End to Hilsea Walk – 26 January 2019. Here is the council's background air quality monitoring station for Portsmouth in Gatcombe Park. Measurements of our city's air quality are shared live here: <https://aqicn.org/city/united-kingdom/portsmouth>. It's a good idea to check this out regularly if you suffer from asthma or other respiratory disease.



Kingston Road Here is how it could look when reclaimed by pedestrians.



Download our anti-idling campaign poster here:
<https://bit.ly/2UM5QKK>



We joined up with the Portsmouth Cycle Forum to hold an **Active Travel Hustings** on 11 April 2019.



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Nature Everywhere & Bee Campaign



Campaign Leaders: Janie and Kathee

Portsmouth's Community Gardens' Open Day

Participating gardens include:

1. Hilera Fringing Hedge, PO3 5ET
2. Global Garden @ Manor Infants, PO1 5OR
3. Stacey Centre Orchard, PO3 5QH
4. Cornwell's Crescent Orchard, PO1 4DE
5. Landport Community Garden, PO1 1JD
6. The Porters Historic Garden, PO1 3LJ
7. Deadgolds Garden, PO1 3DA
8. Seamenstown Adventure Playground Garden, PO5 4HS
9. Winklesdon Park Patch, PO5 2UP
10. Southsea Green, PO4 9RG
11. Milton Community Allotment, PO4 8LF

Saturday 7th July, 11-3pm

Many of Portsmouth's Community gardens will be throwing open their doors and gates to invite residents to drop in between 11-3pm and see what goes on, how they can get volunteer, or even learn how to grow their own fruit & vegetables.

Portsmouth Friends of the Earth have organised a short linear walk exploring a few of the gardens. Meet 10.45 for 11am start outside John Pounds Centre, 23 Queen Street.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/461095870994650/>

For more information visit <http://www.foodportsmouth.org/> what's-on/ or email gal.bairstow@johnpoundscentre.co.uk



This site has been planted with
bee-friendly flowers to help our
threatened bee populations as
part of The Bee Cause campaign.
www.foe.co.uk/bees





Walk in the Woods - 19 May 2019 with Portsmouth & Southsea Tree Wardens with Pete Roberts, Countryside Ranger.



Green Spaces Walk - 20 January 2019 taking in Kingston Park, Milton Cemetery, Milton Common, Baffins Pond and Kingston Cemetery.



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Walking Campaign



Campaign Leaders: Sarah and Rachel



Streets for People Talk - 15 October 2018 with Megan Streb, Sustran.



Welcome to our first

GREEN SPACE CHALLENGE

Sunday 12 August 12pm–3pm

Activities provided by:

**Fratton
Big Local**

**Baffins
Pond
Assoc.**

**Hampshire
Isle of Wight
Trust**

**Portsmouth
Friends of
the Earth**

**Portsmouth
City Council's
Active Travel
Team**

Let
your feet
do the walking,
take part in fun
activities and
win prizes!

Discover
how easy it
is to visit the
fantastic local
green spaces
right on your
doorstep.

Turn over for a map of the area, and to
see where each green space is located.





Front page of the Portsmouth News - 4 April 2019. We want the council to set up school streets where traffic is restricted at the start and end of the school day to give children clean air and a safe place to walk, cycle and play.





Portsmouth's Remarkable Women Bike Ride – 14 June 2018
Brewed in Portsmouth Bike Ride – 17 June 2018

Portsmouth &
Southsea Tree
Wardens

Food
Portsmouth

Plastic Free
Portsmouth &
Zero Waste

Portsmouth
Cycle Forum

Hampshire &
Isle of Wight
Wildlife Trust

**Community
liaison &
collaborations**

Portsmouth
Society

Southsea
Beach
Watch

Let
Pompey
Breathe

Sea Defence
Community
Liaison Group

Transport
Liaison Group

Air Quality
Steering Group



Southsea Beachwatch

July 24, 2018 · 🌐

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Thank you Portsmouth Friends of the Earth for buying us 28 litter pickers! They will be put to very good use by our lovely volunteers on 4 August and other cleans. #nature #environment



👤 You, Clare Seek, Aimée Louise and 24 others

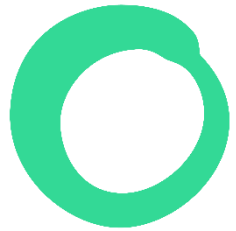
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Membership

2015 – 2016	15 signed up members
2016 – 2017	17 signed up members
2017 – 2018	20 signed up members
2018 – 2019	27 signed up members



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Publicity

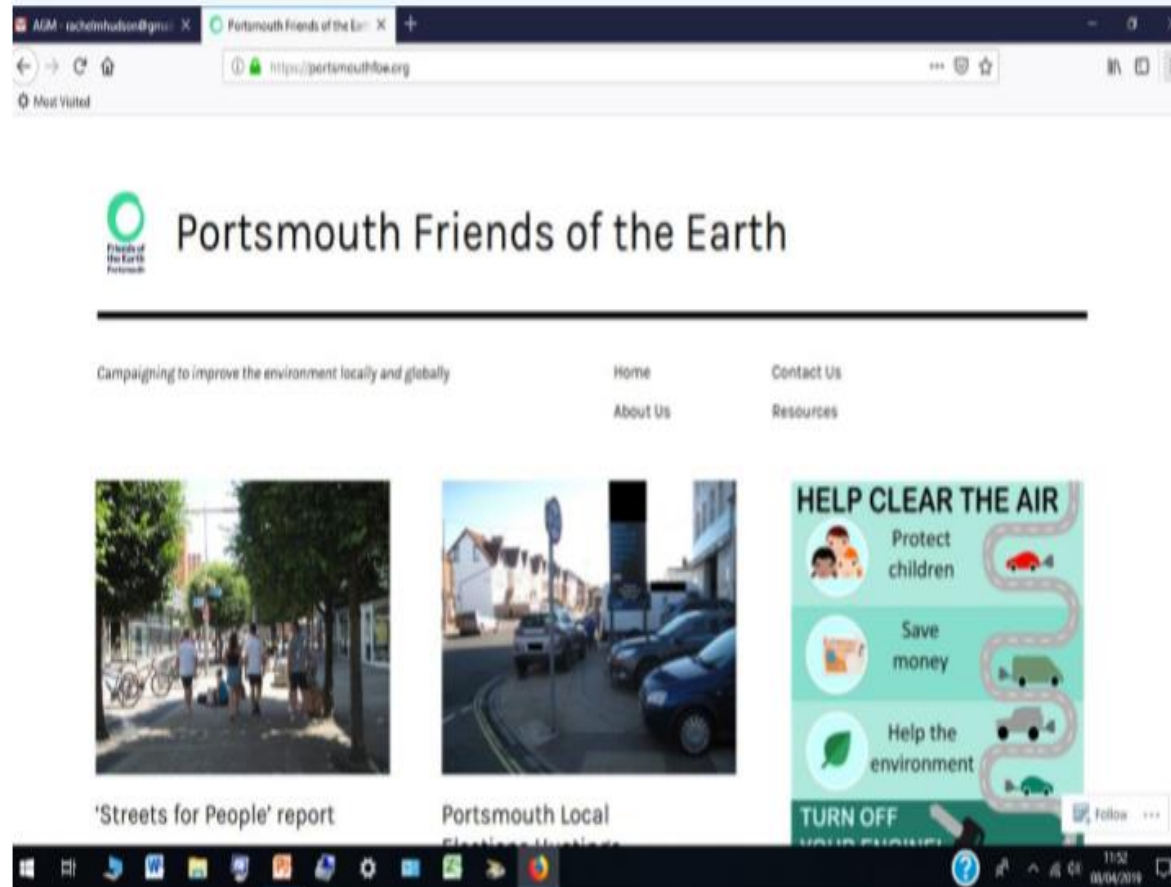
Newsletter: 176 subscribers

Facebook Page: 773 followers

Twitter: 205 followers

Publicity Coordinator: Jane

New website launched: **portsmouthfoe.org**





Photography Project



Coordinator: Emily. Photographers: Brian, Alex , Vanessa and Jon

Portsmouth FoE will be holding it's second beach survey of 1997 on Saturday 20th September. If you are able to spare a couple of hours to help please be on the beach outside Eastney Pool at 11am. Contact Paul on 01705

614585 for more details.

During our last survey 1012 items were collected which weighed in at 83kg. Of the litter collected over 55% was plastic which is particularly of concern because most plastics do not degrade and will be in the environment for years to come. An estimated one million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals die every year from entanglement in, or ingestion of, plastics.

11% of the litter was woody materials which was mainly drift wood, 12% consisted of paper items and 10% were items of metal. Only 1 sanitary item was found which was an improvement on past surveys.

The most dangerous items found during the survey were two LIVE shotgun cartridges.

The results from the surveys are used in the national Beachwatch survey. Beachwatch is a practical conservation initiative, organised by the Marine Conservation Society with sponsorship from

MC: alternative comedian **Rob Hope**

— **Stall** —

Thurs 11th Sept

1.3Mm

The Wedgewood Boxes

Albert Band, Southern, Wells.

FREE!

(identical volume)

— COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS — GRASS-ROOTS ACTION — LABOR RIGHTS —

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Readers Digest. The Beachwatch campaign was launched in 1993 to raise awareness of the issues of marine debris, monitor litter on beaches and encourage action to reduce marine pollution at source.

In the 1996 Beachwatch 203 UK beaches covering 196Km were surveyed in detail. In total 291,228 items of debris were recorded, weighing an estimated 17,518kg (17 tonnes).

The News recently reported that Portsmouth City Council is avoiding handing out penalty notices for littering on the beach as they believe that this might upset tourists. The Council are using extra cleaning teams instead to keep the beach clean.

Local authorities are already having to spend £12-15 million annually to keep popular UK beaches clear of litter dropped by careless tourists or washed up from the sea. Why should we have to go on paying for the ignorant few that have no respect for the environment. Allowing people to get away with littering and then ticking up after them will only perpetuate the situation.

Havant Friends of the Earth recently joined up with Portsmouth FoE.

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Hampshire are reconsidering part of its incineration plans after Communities Against Toxics (CATS) threatened to challenge Hampshire County Council in the High Court over the increased size of the South West Hants

incinerator. Hampshire have agreed not to implement this part of the contract (passed in February) pending further consultations.

Hampshire FoE had argued that

- ☐ the size of the incinerator had been increased without consultation
- ☐ that the contract now allowed for unspecified amounts of commercial waste
- ☐ the pricing and structure of the proposals were being driven by NFFO (Non Fossil Fuel Obligation) subsidies which were obtained with Council

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH PRESENT A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE:-

"LESS TRAFFIC - A BETTER PORTSMOUTH"

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17th 1993

PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Contact 0705 291218 for further details.



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Forthcoming events and actions

Annual themed bike ride – Wednesday 12 June at 5pm

Bee Walk – Saturday 29 June at 10am

Clear the Air action – June

Cosham and Wymering Walk - July