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# The Yateley Society

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The Executive Committee (as elected at the AGM each February) meets every 6 weeks and this newsletter is published as a result of the reports produced for those meetings. The items mentioned here are not exhaustive, just indicative of latest projects and developments.

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### Town Planning:

Mushroom Farm - we await the outcome of the hearing in London on 4 November. It is believed that Hart will not be considering the new application until after this hearing.

Barclay House - An informal inquiry is being held on 5 November regarding the application to build 2 houses in the grounds of listed building Barclay House in Vicarage Road.

Yateley Cottage - on the Eversley/Yateley border. This application for 5 houses to replace Yateley Cottage was commended for approval by council officers, but following a site visit prompted by Cllr Simpson, the traffic problems were experienced first hand at this busy site and the application was refused.

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### North East Hampshire Transport Strategy:

This project is just about to hold public consultations on a list of traffic "improvements" to reduce the use of the Reading Road by through traffic from Eversley to the A30 and the A30 from the A327 to Blackwater. Measures include speed limit changes and enforcements, pedestrian footways, pedestrian crossings, reduction of lane widths to incorporate cycleways, central hatching, ghost islands, closing/reducing junctions, more signs, pinch points, surface treatments, raised tables, pedestrian access to bus stops. The implications were discussed at the last monthly meeting and the major question raised was "Will this benefit the people living in Yateley, trying to get out of Yateley to work or back home again in the evening?"

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### Hart Local Plan:

You may remember the Hart Local Plan being discussed at a Yateley Society Meeting back in November 2001, when members urged the Council to ensure protection against overdevelopment in the area. It does not appear that the Hart Local Plan has been modified or will contain any modifications incorporating the Governments guidelines on planning regarding traffic (PPG13), other than a footnote warning about the effects of PPG13 when it goes before Council for approval shortly. The so far unadopted Plan (covering the period 2000 - 20006) is already late and officers are concerned that if all guidelines are implemented the delay in publication will be extended. The Exec Committee is continuing to follow this matter very closely.

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### Yateley's Undiscovered Treasures:

Peter Tipton has been in contact with several Dendrologists regarding Monteagle House and has now been asked if the Society would be interested in sponsoring - or spearheading with the residents - a project covering a cluster of some of our local buildings of uncertain historical background. It would be fascinating to have accurately dated timbers from which to build a better picture of their construction and history. Would any owners of listed (or interesting) buildings, or other members interested in this project, please contact Peter on 01252 873378.

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### Membership Renewals - A reminder from our Membership Secretary, Graham Brown:

Thanks to all those who have returned the green forms distributed with the last Stop Press with your subscriptions. It is good to see that so many of you now have e-mail addresses and can access the society's web site. If you haven't sent your form and subscription yet then I would be pleased to hear from you soon. As I mentioned in the last Stop Press, for tax payers, we can recover some 'Gift Tax' from the treasury to assist our finances but we need your signature for authorisation to do this before we submit the forms. Thank you!

