

**Our Plan is taking on a life of its own – starting before we thought we had finished!!** According to our mentor Steve Lincoln, Winchester City Council's Community Planning Manager, this often happens; some ideas emerge quickly and resulting actions swiftly achieved, often before the actual written Plan is finalised. Other issues are longer term, taking years to resolve. Local residents' fears about the safety of the junction of Oliver's Battery Road South and Badger Farm Road appear to be just such a case. Whilst we welcome the recent opportunity for the Parish Council to visit Cllr Humby to talk about local concerns, it is clear that the problems rate low on the Hampshire County Council criteria for funding works.

One event that has started up as a direct result of our Plan is the monthly booking at the South Winchester Golf Club. **It's on a Thursday and the first dates for 2017 will be published early in the New Year.** The '**Oliver's Battery Bar**' is an opportunity for Oliver's Battery residents to get together regularly. The fact that we do not have a pub is a disappointment for many, so this arrangement is being trialled as an alternative. Food is available at reasonable prices. **The hours are from 6 pm till 9 pm and food is available until 8 pm. See you there in 2017!**

**Film Nights** at the Oliver's Battery Primary School (OBPS) are also being explored. The Questionnaire identified that people would like a film club, but around 30 tickets would need to be sold at each showing to make it viable. There's a cinema in Winchester and it's easy to view films at home these days; will enough people want to attend local showings?? Nevertheless, it's certainly worth a try and the first one is planned **on 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the School Hall, OBPS.** Further details will be provided nearer the time. We have yet to choose the film – all suggestions welcome!

Getting residents out to support new ventures is key to developing our sense of community. Demonstrating the actual level of community involvement in local activities and events is essential before committing to long term solutions. The questionnaire results identify that Oliver's Battery is changing – a 25% turnover in the past five years with many more families with younger children reinforces the importance of using current data for establishing future requirements. .

One more thing that is proposed as a result of Questionnaire responses is a **monthly news sheet, just for Oliver's Battery.** Our much-praised Oliver's Battery Magazine is not currently in operation, but we hope this will fill a gap for people from all sectors of the community for hard copy news and to find out what's going on. So watch out for the **Oliver's Battery Clarion**, coming to your letterbox in the New Year!

If you have suggestions for activities and events in Oliver's Battery including for our younger families, contact the Oliver's Battery Plan Team at [constance@leach154.plus.com](mailto:constance@leach154.plus.com)