



Highworth Forget-Me-Not

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NEWSLETTER

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We are delighted to bring you the very first Highworth Forget-Me-Not newsletter! Sharing highlights from the year so far and keeping our wonderful community up to date with everything we've been enjoying together. And what a year 2026 has already been...and we're only halfway through!



New Year Celebration at The Saracen's Head

We began the year in true style with a delicious celebratory meal at The Saracen's Head. This is quickly becoming a treasured FMN tradition and such a lovely way to welcome in the new year with our wonderful attendees, who are always at the heart of everything we do.



Celebrating New Year together at The Saracen's Head

A huge thank you to **The Coventry Building Society** for their kind donation towards the meals, and to **AJ and Emma at The Sarries** for the fantastic food and, as always, the warmest of welcomes!

*Supporting people living with memory loss,
together with their families and carers*



Big Highworth Community Foundation Awards

March brought a truly wonderful and historic evening for us at the annual Big Highworth Community Foundation Awards. Not only was our incredible volunteer team deservedly nominated, but our very own **Laila Rhodes** went on to win **Volunteer of the Year!**

Laila, we are so proud of you and incredibly grateful for everything you do. You pour your heart and soul into Highworth Forget-Me-Not, and this award simply confirms what we have always known...you are an absolute superstar!



The Mayor's Ball

As the chosen charity of our Lady Mayor, **Julie Murphy**, the annual Mayor's Ball was another real highlight of the year so far. It was a thoroughly entertaining evening filled with delicious food, fabulous company, games, dancing and perhaps one or two glasses of fizz.

Julie, we cannot thank you enough for such a wonderful evening and for all of your continued support.

OUT AND ABOUT

Bluebells Walk at Badbury Clump



Local residents know that spring has truly arrived when the beautiful bluebells appear at Badbury Clump. This year, we enjoyed a lovely woodland walk there with some of our attendees, followed by a well-earned cuppa and slice of cake at the Coleshill Café.



Thank You

Trips like these are so special to us. They give everyone the chance to spend time together outside of our usual group setting and create wonderful memories along the way. A huge thank you to **The Highworth Lions** for the use of their minibus.



Trip to Millets Farm

Our group enjoyed a wonderful day trip, travelling together by minibus. We spent time admiring the plants, enjoying drinks and lunch and most importantly, sharing good company and plenty of smiles.



MORE FUNDRAISING



The Mayor's Country & Western Party

To celebrate the end of her year as mayor and Highworth Forget-Me-Not being her chosen charity, Julie treated us to a fantastic country and western themed celebration complete with plenty of dancing, laughter and smiles all around. It was wonderful to see our attendees, alongside some new faces, enjoying such a happy afternoon together. With fantastic music from **Kelly Sings Country**, who generously gave her time to keep us entertained, and fabulous pizzas gifted by **Domino's**, a brilliant afternoon was had by all.



May Day Magic

Magic filled the air at this year's May Day celebrations, with wand-making and a magical scavenger hunt keeping local families happily enchanted throughout the day. It was wonderful to see so much imagination on display, and we hope every child left with a little extra sparkle to take home.



A huge thank you to **Zara Butler**, whose hard work behind the scenes helped make the event such a success. From careful planning to lending a hand wherever needed, she was amazing, and her handmade costume was truly magical. Thank you as well to everyone who joined us and helped create such a fun, uplifting day full of smiles and community spirit.



JOIN OUR GROUPS



Memory Café

4th Wednesday of each month
Highworth Community Centre
The Dormers SN6 7PQ

Friendship Fridays

Every Friday 10am-12pm
Council Rooms
3 Gilbert Lane
Highworth SN6 7FB



Dementia-Friendly Sing-along

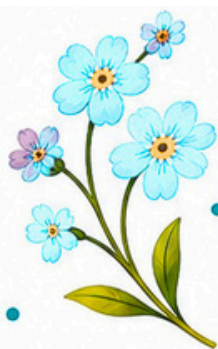


2nd and 4th Friday of each month
12.15 - 1.45 pm
Council Rooms
3 Gilbert Lane
Highworth SN6 7FB

Love to Move

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month
1.30 - 2.30 pm
Council Rooms
3 Gilbert Lane
Highworth SN6 7FB





HIGHWORTH Forget-Me-Not



WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden in the grid.

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* HIGHWORTH
 * FORGETMENOT
 * FRIENDSHIP
 * WELCOME
 * KINDNESS
 * MEMORY
 * MUSIC

* SINGALONG
 * LOVETOMOVE
 * EXERCISE
 * COFFEE
 * CHAT
 * LAUGHTER
 * SMILE

* CARERS
 * VOLUNTEERS
 * SUPPORT
 * COMMUNITY
 * BINGO
 * QUIZ
 * SUMMER

* TEA
 * CAKE
 * GAMES
 * TOGETHER





HIGHWORTH FORGET-ME-NOT QUIZ

1. Which seaside town did the Forget-Me-Not group visit on our first trip to the seaside in 2024?
2. Which Forget-Me-Not cafe member's brother played in goal for Sunderland and is the youngest goalkeeper to win an FA Cup winners medal?
3. Who was the very first attendee of Forget-Me-Not?
4. To which nation does Forget-Me-Not trustee Steve travel annually to play in an international cricket tournament?
5. What is the number of the Stagecoach bus service linking Highworth with Swindon and on to West Swindon?
6. From which European country does our activity coordinator Annamaria come?
7. Which Forget-Me-Not trustee was voted volunteer of the year in the 2026 Big Highworth Awards?
8. What was the name of the Highworth post mistress who was heavily involved with Churchill's secret army, The Auxiliary Units during World War II?
9. What is the nickname of Highworth Town Football Club?
10. What make of vehicle is the Lions Club minibus which Forget-Me-Not use for transport?
11. What is the name of the seated exercise programme that many of our members enjoy twice a month?
12. What is the name of the town immediately north of Highworth?
13. Which famous white horse can be seen from parts of Highworth?
14. What colours are the traditional Highworth Town FC home shirts?
15. What do we always encourage everyone to bring along to Forget-Me-Not sessions?

Answers: 1. Barry Island 2. Pat 3. Iris 4. Croatia 5. No. 7 6. Hungary 7. Laila 8. Mabel Stranks 9. The Worthians 10. Ford 11. Love to Move 12. Lechlade-on-Thames 13. Uffington White Horse 14. Yellow and black 15. A smile!



Looking Ahead and Thank You

After such an action-packed winter and spring, we can't wait to see what summer has in store for us!

As always, a heartfelt thank you goes to all of **our volunteers**. Without your kindness, time and dedication, none of what we do would be possible. Thank you once again to **Julie Murphy** and her wonderful team for everything you have done for Highworth Forget-Me-Not. And last but not least thank you to all our **attendees** for your continued support. It truly means the world to us.



A huge thank you from our trustees Kevin, Gemma, Laila, Martin and Steve, and from our activity coordinator Annamaria. Also from David, our treasurer (not pictured).



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