

Celebrating 70 years at Fawley – 1951 to 2021

Community Matters

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Oakhaven Hospice is one of the charities that has received support from ExxonMobil Fawley's safety recognition awards programme.

Donations give charities vital support



Transformation begins

Work is well underway to transform the former Holbury Club into a new community garden and picnic space with continued provision for sports facilities. Find out more on page two.



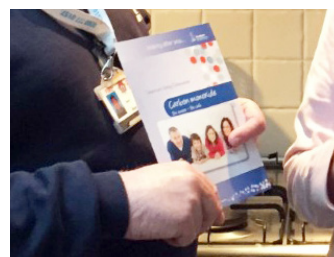
A cut above!

Supported living residents are looking forward to better weather so that they can test drive a new lawnmower purchased with a grant from the Fawley site. Read more on page three.



Making a difference

The COVID-19 pandemic has made fundraising a challenge for many of the UK's charities. Turn to page three to find out how ExxonMobil Fawley has helped to make a difference.



Fighting a silent killer

Free carbon monoxide monitors are to be distributed to elderly and vulnerable people across Hampshire. See the back page to read more about ExxonMobil Fawley's involvement.

Flare replacement will improve reliability

ExxonMobil Fawley is looking to replace one of its four flares with a new stack, subject to securing planning permission.

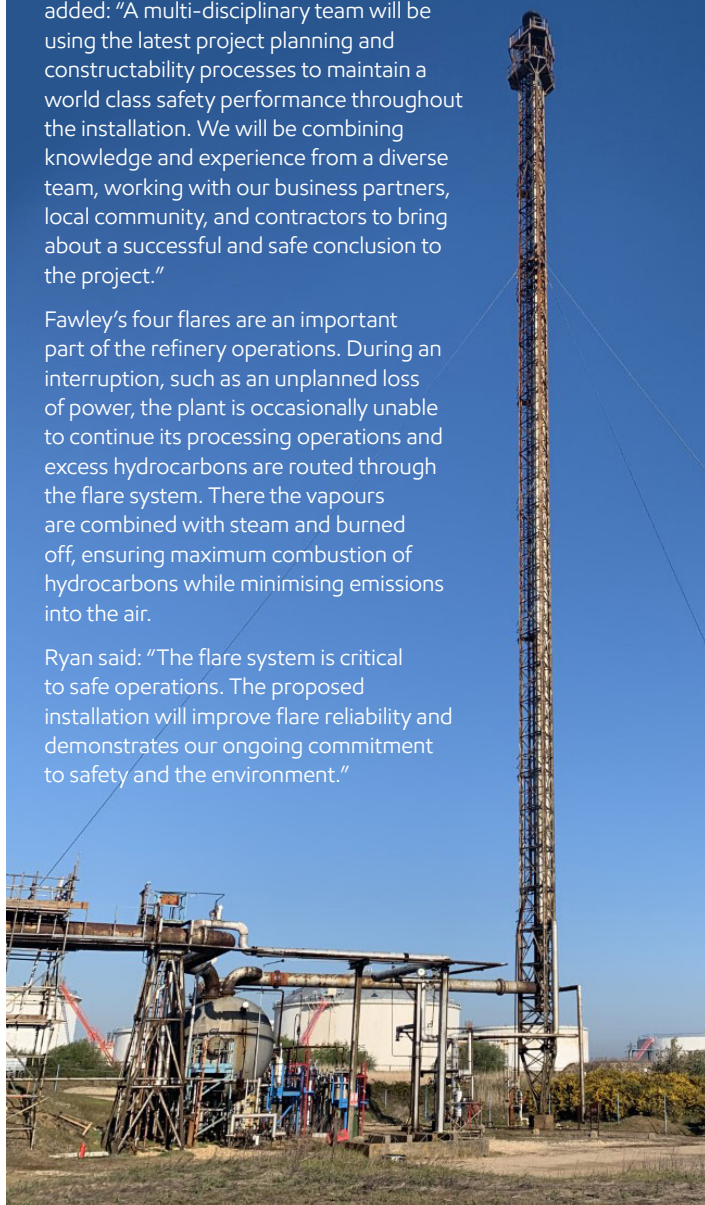
The existing flare, known as Flare 4, was originally built in the 1960s and is approaching the end of its operational lifecycle. The replacement stack will be of similar height and use the latest flare tip technology.

Project Engineer Ryan Worth said: "We have submitted planning permission for the installation of the new flare. If this is approved, we anticipate that work would begin on the foundations in the first half of 2021, with the new stack becoming operational towards the end of 2021. The replacement flare would arrive at the Fawley site in four 17.5meter-long sections which will be 'pre dressed' with utility lines, ladders and platforms."

The old flare will be disinvested prior to the installation of its modern replacement. Again, subject to planning permission, the old flare will be demolished. Ryan added: "A multi-disciplinary team will be using the latest project planning and constructability processes to maintain a world class safety performance throughout the installation. We will be combining knowledge and experience from a diverse team, working with our business partners, local community, and contractors to bring about a successful and safe conclusion to the project."

Fawley's four flares are an important part of the refinery operations. During an interruption, such as an unplanned loss of power, the plant is occasionally unable to continue its processing operations and excess hydrocarbons are routed through the flare system. There the vapours are combined with steam and burned off, ensuring maximum combustion of hydrocarbons while minimising emissions into the air.

Ryan said: "The flare system is critical to safe operations. The proposed installation will improve flare reliability and demonstrates our ongoing commitment to safety and the environment."



An artist's impression of the new picnic lawn

Work begins to create community space

Work has started to create a community garden and picnic space on the site of the old Esso Club in Holbury.

The plans, which also include a commitment to continue to allow the site to be used for sport, were passed* by New Forest District Council's planning department towards the end of last year. In a statement ExxonMobil Fawley said: "We understand that Esso Club holds great memories as an integral part of our community over many years. However, the main building was unmaintainable and would have cost millions to upgrade to present standards and so, with regret, demolition started on 30 November marking the end of an era.

"Esso recognises the importance of the Holbury Club site to the local community and we continue to support Holbury Community Sports Association (HCSA), which comprises of football, cricket, tennis and bowls so that they can play sports on the site in the future."

Simon Downing, Fawley Refinery Manager, added: "The Holbury site has been an integral part of the local community for almost 70 years. We remain committed to supporting the sports facilities for the benefit of all four sports sections of HCSA. We believe this is the best, most sustainable way forward for the site.

"Our community is important to us and over the last five years Esso has contributed about £980,000 to local schools, community groups and charities, something which we are extremely proud of."

The plans include landscaping and car parking to the front of the site adjacent to the road. A community garden and picnic space will also be created. The site will be bordered by a low wall allowing a pleasant view through to the fields behind. The planning application also includes provision for new changing rooms, which could be constructed at the edge of the sports field.

*All conditions attached to the planning permission will be met in conjunction with the NFDC planning department.



Charities grateful for continued support

The impact of COVID-19 has seen many UK charities face a drastic decline in financial contributions from organised fundraising events and members of the public.

For many years, Fawley has supported a wide range of good causes through its various safety recognition awards. More than ever, those efforts to recognise and reward excellent safety interventions and behaviours by its staff and contractors have provided a vital lifeline to charities both locally and further afield.

During 2020, the site awarded almost £22,000 to a variety of organisations nominated by teams and individuals recognised for their outstanding input on safety. Dom Marnell, Fawley TA Manager, said: "Our commitment to making safety our number one priority and recognising those who go the extra mile to keep themselves, their colleagues, and the community safe remains just as strong as ever. Therefore, it is important to us that we continue to support so many good causes, particularly at a time when we know many have struggled. We hope our efforts have made a difference."

One of last year's recipients was New Forest charity Olivia Inspires which was launched by Nigel and Paula Burt in tribute to their 20-year-old daughter who died in a tragic accident in 2018. As well as being an academic high achiever, Olivia was also a talented musician and sportswoman and represented Great Britain in sailing. The charity supports

other young people from the New Forest to fulfil their potential.

Nigel said: "In common with many charities, the COVID-19 lockdown and its aftermath has been difficult for Olivia Inspires. A series of major fundraising events were cancelled at a time when disadvantaged young people in the New Forest were falling even further behind their more fortunate peers. The funds donated by ExxonMobil and our friends at Fawley through the safety award scheme have allowed us to continue helping these young people by providing laptops, funding intensive maths tuition, sports coaching, and much more besides. Very importantly, it has also helped to keep our daughter Olivia's memory alive through the generosity of others."

Jill West, Community Fundraising Manager at Oakhaven Hospice, Lymington, said: "As we all find our way through the unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are proud that Oakhaven has continued to provide vital nursing, care, and support services to our local community. Our fundraising efforts have been severely curtailed, and continue to be so, with many events cancelled or moving to becoming a virtual equivalent. We thank everyone at Fawley who has nominated us as part of the safety award scheme. These generous contributions have helped enable us to continue with our work and strive to make every moment matter for those in our care."



One of the residents test drives the new lawnmower purchased with the help of a £500 contribution from ExxonMobil Fawley.

New lawnmower really cuts the mustard!

Supported accommodation residents are looking forward to some spring gardening after a £500 grant from ExxonMobil Fawley enabled the purchase of a new eco-friendly electric lawnmower.

The residents live in a house in Totton run by Minstead Trust. The charity is dedicated to helping people with learning disabilities to achieve greater independence, lead fulfilled lives, and live as full citizens in society. The trust provides training and support to enable its service users to develop new skills at a pace tailored to the individual, and offers day services, supported living, and residential care across Hampshire and Wiltshire.

Wendy Gathercole, Head of Supported Living at Minstead Trust, said: "The lawnmower will be used by some of our supported living residents, providing them with enjoyment and the extra confidence needed to help them to achieve more independence and live more fulfilled lives in society. Thank you so much ExxonMobil Fawley for your support."

Matthew Stroud, Head of Marketing at Minstead Trust, added: "After an incredibly difficult year for people with learning disabilities, we are redoubling our efforts to support their mental and physical health and wellbeing. Generous gifts like this lawnmower help us to offer more outdoor activities for the people we support, helping them to experience the health benefits of time spent in the great outdoors tending to our gardens."

Alison Jones, ExxonMobil Fawley Community Affairs Manager, said: "We are delighted to have been able to make this £500 grant. The Minstead Trust does some truly remarkable work, and we hope that the residents will enjoy using their new lawnmower for a long time to come."

Fighting a silent killer

Hundreds of elderly and vulnerable people across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be given carbon monoxide (CO) detectors as part of a campaign led by the Blue Lamp Trust and supported by ExxonMobil Fawley.

CO is known as the silent killer - you can't see, smell, or taste it. Around 60 people in England and Wales die from CO poisoning each year, often due to badly fitted or poorly maintained appliances within the home.

Alarms are the only way to detect carbon monoxide and yet an estimated two-thirds of homes don't have them. That's why the Blue Lamp Trust, a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting and enhancing community safety throughout Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, launched a campaign to raise £10,000 to purchase alarms to help keep elderly and vulnerable people across the region safe.

David Watkins, Business Development Manager for the Blue Lamp Trust, said: "Leaks in the home left undetected can cause people to become seriously ill and, in some cases, lead to death. Simply by fitting carbon monoxide monitors in the home we can save lives. We appealed to our supporters and sponsors to help us buy a year's supply of alarms and, thanks to them, we have exceeded our original target."

ExxonMobil Fawley has been a supporter of the trust for many years and made a £5,000 contribution towards the alarm campaign. Theresa Pratt, the Blue Lamp Trust's General Manager, said: "The Blue Lamp Trust is extremely grateful for ExxonMobil Fawley's continued support. During the COVID-19 lockdown, with people



Bobby Scheme Lead Fitter Mark Scovell talks to a client about the importance of fitting a carbon monoxide detector.

spending more time indoors, elderly and vulnerable people who are living alone are at particular risk of carbon monoxide poisoning from devices such as gas cookers, boilers, wood burners and gas heaters.

"This donation will help us towards our target to install 800 carbon monoxide detectors in people's homes over the coming months and potentially save the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our society."

Angharad Vaughan, ExxonMobil Fawley's Community Affairs Adviser, said: "Safety is our number one priority at Fawley and so this appeal by the Blue Lamp Trust to help protect people from carbon monoxide poisoning in their own homes is something we are delighted to support for a second year in a row.

"We know that elderly and vulnerable people are at greater risk of being exposed to the effects of carbon monoxide and so it is vital that they have the support of organisations like the Blue Lamp Trust to help keep them safe."

- To find out more about the Blue Lamp Trust, go to bluelamptrust.org.uk.

Celebrating 70 years

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the opening of Fawley Refinery. On 14 September 1951, 6,000 guests watched on as the then Prime Minister Clement Attlee unveiled a plaque to declare the new £37.5million plant up and running.

There have been lots of changes since that auspicious day, but Fawley's commitment to playing its part at the heart of the local community remains just as strong as it did 70 years ago. Keep a look out for future editions of Community Matters as we take a journey through the archives and discover how and why the refinery was built, how operations have evolved over the decades, and what lies ahead in the years to come.

Community Matters is distributed every other month to about 23,000 households. You can also view the newsletter on the Fawley Online website. Go to fawleyonline.org.uk.



Prime Minister Clement Attlee opens Fawley Refinery in September 1951.

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Last chance to apply for 2021 apprenticeship programme

Fawley's 2021 Apprenticeship Programme closes for applications on 14 February. More details about the programme and the application process can be found at exxonmobil-fawley.co.uk.