

## ***Hampshire - it's villages and communities (working title)***

The Federation has been asked by **Countryside Books** to help with the production of a new book, with a working title of Hampshire - it's villages and communities. It follows several books that Hampshire Federation have helped with before, the last being in 2002. Please don't update what has gone before but have a new slant on your village or community!

**Here are some guidelines to help your WI produce an interesting text about your village or community.**

- **What we are looking for is between 500 and 1000 words from each WI in which they say what is special about their village, in its past and present, with a result which gives the reader an idea of it's overall character or flavour.**
- **The entries are not designed to be merely potted histories, although a little history will almost certainly come into each. They need to be interesting to the general reader and they are about communities their history and their people. Remember it is to be the 'life of your Village or Community' - interesting people, places or history - not a guide book.**

**The following are all perfectly acceptable if they have an application to a particular village:**

- **Famous inhabitants or characters**
  - **What the present day inhabitants do for a living**
  - **Pastimes, customs and rites connected with the village**
  - **Past scandals**
  - **Famous past events**
  - **Important buildings**
  - **Poems or rhymes connected with the village**
  - **Ghosts, legends, myths**
  - **Derivation of the village name**
- If you have queries about whether your village or community is suitable, please do get in touch as every effort will be made to include every entry.
  - If you have photographs that you think would enhance your write up, please do send them in digital format for consideration but the editors will choose what they think makes the most interesting addition. They can be taken in either landscape or portrait format.
  - You may also have someone who could produce an illustration, please let me know if that is the case.

All entries must be with me by the Spring Council Meeting at the latest.  
The book will be published in the autumn ready for sale at the Autumn Meeting.

**Please send your entries to me at [sueatrill@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:sueatrill@hampshirewi.org.uk)**