

Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

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Chairman's Corner

It's hard to believe we are now heading into Autumn, with the village starting to look and feel more like it should rather than southern Spain! I hope you were able to enjoy our unexpected sizzling summer. It's still been a busy time within the Parish Council, as this, our third newsletter bears testament to. The intention is to restart Community Speed Watch over the next few months. From parishioner feedback, speeding through the village remains a constant concern especially early and late in the day when the speed seems to increase significantly. If you are interested in helping, please contact myself or the Clerk.



We've also met with Kit Malthouse MP, County Councillors and our fellow Parish Councils who also have the A343 going through the middle of their villages, in an attempt to reduce the numbers of lorries using the route especially at night. We are working at the highest level on this problem, but sadly there is no easy or quick solution. We will keep you up to date with any progress.

Ian Kitson – Chairman HBT Parish Council. Tel: 736733

Dates For Your Diary

Parish Council Meetings

All are welcome – meetings are held in The Community Centre at HBT, at 7.30pm

- Monday 17th September 2018
- Monday 15th October 2018
- Monday 19th November 2018
- Monday 17th December 2018

If you need to contact the Clerk, please ring 01264 736677 or email: theparishclerk@hbt.org.uk

If you are a Facebook user, search for **@HBTParishCouncil**



Don't forget ... HTCC Annual Open Evening

A flyer should have been delivered along with this newsletter about the next open evening

Friday 19th October 7.30pm @ HTCC
Short presentation at 8pm
Complimentary cheese and wine



Winter Bird Walk

With Hurstbourne Tarrant's ornithological expert David Ellis

Saturday 17th November 2018

David will take us on a guided walk up Dolomans Lane and around Hurstbourne Common to observe and learn about local birdlife.

Please bring boots and outdoor clothing suitable for the weather on the day, together with binoculars if you have them. Children are welcome, but unfortunately dogs are not as they are likely to scare the birds!



9.30am to 11.30am

Meet at the Royal British Legion, Ibthorpe
20 spaces available

For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact David Ellis on 01264 736362

Winterbournes & Watercress Project

On 13th August, Maggie Shelton from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIOWWT) organised a meeting at The G&D to share proposals for 'Watercress and Winterbournes' - a new Heritage Lottery funded project aimed at protecting and celebrating the seven headwaters of the Test and Itchen rivers, which includes the Bourne & Swift rivers. The scheme is being co-ordinated by HIOWWT on behalf of a partnership of organisations. A number of local residents attended and have subsequently given their feedback on the project. You can read this, plus more information about the project, on the HBT website under 'HBT Wildlife Group'

We picked a difficult year to launch our wildlife initiative, with the drought limiting the amount of planting work which could be done. Dene Green was allowed to grow through the spring without the usual mowing and whilst for some it looked 'scruffy', this resulted in a richer environment through the summer for beneficial insects. We will continue to try to manage Dene Green and other public areas in a way that encourages bio-diversity, whilst balancing the need for a tidy looking village.

You can follow activities and share ideas on the HbeeT Wildlife Group Facebook page, or view the notice board on the bus shelter on Dene Green.



Parish Council at the Village Show

Thank you to everyone who visited the Parish Council stand at the Village Show this year. The results of the voting on Parish projects are shown below:

Projects suggested by the Parish Council - (no. of votes in brackets):

- Replace zip wire on KGV Playing field (3)
- Reinstate Community Speedwatch (5)
- Install red dog waste bin in Dolomans Lane (4)
- Install play equipment at Dean Rise Playing Field (4)
- Replace football posts and nets on KGV (1)
- Upgrade shelter on KGV (0)
- Progress Village Design Statement (0)
- Install outdoor gym on KGV (2)
- Produce Parish footpath leaflet & map (6)
- Upgrade tennis courts (2)
- Replace riverside railings in Church Street (6)
- Install speed indicator on B3048 valley road (2)



Other suggestions on the day:

- Dog waste bags fitted to red bins (2)
- Reinstate permissive footpaths around HBT (18)
- Install picnic table on KGV (9)
- Better topping/mowing of footpaths (ROW) (6)
- More recycling options in the Parish (3)
- Instigate 30 mph limit HBT to Stoke (1)
- Install speed camera/sign on A343 (8)
- Maintenance in Dean Rise (3)
- Install zip wire from Doles wood to Church tower! (4)

Of the top 6, highlighted, the Parish Council are already considering 5 of them (as well as others)- the permissive path closures have already been discussed and no further action can be taken at this time.



Meet Cllr Louisa Russell

The cottage where her grandparents lived was originally destined to be a stop-gap until a larger house was found, but

Louisa's family of 5 love the Parish so much, they don't ever want to leave. With the children at HBT Primary, organising the monthly Swifts get-together, and a member of the Church, Louisa strongly believes the more you give, the more you get back, hence why she became a Parish Councillor, a role she very much enjoys. Her portfolio is school liaison and play equipment - and her part in the design and purchase of the new climbing frame on the KGV field was a particular highlight.

"Why are we keen to prepare a Village Design Statement?"

It's an opportunity to establish a consensus description of the visual character of the village(s), which we all want to sustain - not frozen in time but maintaining the essential elements of the character as it develops. It's about the shape of the village and its building styles and how these relate to the broader landscape.

A Village Design Statement carries weight because it's researched and written by people who live in and know the village, not by anonymous planners or consultants. The more people actively involved in its preparation, the more influence it will have.

A Working Group has been formed, with the backing of the Parish Council, and is setting about organising an event (in March of next year) at which all residents will be asked to identify exactly what makes the Parish distinctive in their eyes, and through a camera lens. This will form the basis for preparing the Design Statement, which when complete will be submitted to TVBC for formal endorsement.

We will let you know the date of the event once we have been in touch with everyone concerned. In the meantime, if you would like to know anything more about getting involved, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Community Fund Working Group



A small working group has been formed to explore the possibility of establishing a Community Fund. The purpose would be to raise and administer funds for the support and benefit of residents, facilities and environment of Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish. The group comprises Dr Jane Jones, David Sullivan, David Baker, Jane Lonergan, Revd Trevor Lewis and Mark Thomas and an initial meeting has been held. The group will report their findings to the Parish Council towards the end of the year. If you have any views or would like to know more, please contact Mark Thomas.

Are you a champion pumpkin grower?



Did you know Hurstbourne Tarrant has an annual Pumpkin competition?! It originally started as a bit of fun between a few allotment holders, but it has begun to spread through the village. Organised by Gordon & Alison Willis, seed from the winning pumpkin is made available to growers, who then submit their pumpkin the following year. This year's weigh-in is at lunchtime on **Sunday 28th October 2018** at the British Legion.

For more information, and if you'd like to put your name down for seed so you can enter next October, please contact Alison willisalison1971@gmail.com