

Financial Spending

Details of how the Parish Council spends the precept is enclosed within this newsletter. During July the accounts will be open for the annual inspection, if you would like to view the accounts please make an appointment with the Clerk. The accounts are also discussed monthly in the Parish Council meeting so please pop along to a meeting to find out further information on the Parish Council finances (7pm in the Pavilion on the 3rd Thursday of the month).

Tree Survey

The three-yearly tree survey has recently taken place in the Recreation Ground. Any essential maintenance to keep the trees healthy and safe will be carried out shortly. If you have any concerns about the safety of trees in the park please contact the Parish Clerk.

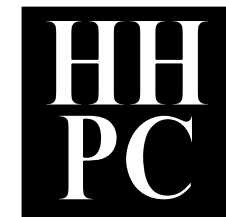
Wi-Fi in the Pavilion

Work has recently been undertaken to install a telephone line and Wi-Fi to the Pavilion. The Pavilion is available to hire for meetings, in addition to the usual hire for parties and events. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to book the Pavilion; preferential rates are available for regular weekly bookings.

Events in the Park

The Hockley Heath Residents' Association will be holding a summer fête in the Pavilion and Recreation Ground on Sunday 1st July. Further information will be released nearer the date on the HHRA website, the Parish Council website, noticeboards and Facebook Hockley Heath Spotted.

One of the events at the summer fête will be a competition to find the tallest sunflower. There will be a competition for primary school children who will be supplied with the sunflower seeds and pots by the Hockley Heath Gardening Club. There will be a separate competition for older children and adults. You must be able to carry/transport your sunflower to the fête. Look out for further information nearer the time – let's hope the fête is as sunny as the sunflowers!



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter – April 2018

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter.

This edition includes:

- The Neighbourhood Plan
- Grants received for play equipment
- The village summer fête

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07591 954002 or email:

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Neighbourhood Plan

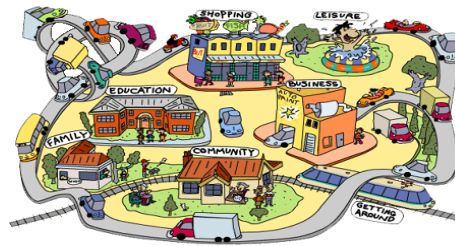
You will now have received your Hockley Heath Neighbourhood Plan survey. A Neighbourhood Plan should support the strategic development needs set out in Solihull's Local Plan and positively support local development as outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework. Once agreed, our Neighbourhood Plan will have the same legal status as Solihull's Local Plan and future applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with it, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

In order to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan which positively directs any future development, the whole community needs to be consulted. The survey allows you to have your say on how you wish to see Hockley Heath develop and will form a significant input into the Neighbourhood Plan.

We are holding two drop-in sessions at the Pavilion on 22nd April and the 6th May, 10am – 12pm, in which you can return your completed questionnaires, or speak to volunteers from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee if you have any questions on completing the questionnaire. Volunteers will also be collecting your completed surveys from 12th May.

Your survey responses are anonymous and will be returned to Stratford-on-Avon District Council for independent analysis.

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee meet monthly and volunteers are always needed. If you would like to join the committee and help develop the plan please contact the Parish Clerk at hhpc2009@hotmail.com. Dates and times of meetings are on the Parish Council website.



FixMyStreet

We have had great success with the village clean-up events and the Parish Council meet quarterly with Solihull Council to discuss issues with our local environment. Additionally, FixMyStreet.com is a very useful website which can be used by all residents to report issues they see around Hockley Heath. Take a look and help bring issues such as potholes or blocked drains to the attention of Solihull Council.

Grants for Park Play Equipment

'Youngsters of Hockley Heath' came third in the Tesco in store voting and has been awarded a grant of £1,000. Cllr Vernon and the Hockley Heath Residents' Association have also secured a £2,000 grant from One Stop towards play equipment for younger children. Additionally, the Parish Council has received a generous donation and now have just over £5,700 to purchase and install a play house with a slide in the children's play area. Discussions are taking place with specialist providers and we hope to have the play house installed for summer.

Supporting Residents that Need Extra Help

This winter has seen a great deal of disruption due to snow and ice. Appeals were made on Social Media to any vulnerable, elderly or disabled residents that may need a little extra support. Not everyone uses Social Media so if you would like any support in times of poor weather (such as someone popping to the local shop for supplies) please contact the Parish Clerk on 07591 954002 or email: hhpc2009@hotmail.com.