

Precept for 2018-2019

Following thorough consideration of the April 2018 - March 2019 budget, Hockley Heath Parish Council has requested a precept increase to meet increased operating costs and to also begin establishing a fund to undertake extensive and long overdue repairs in the recreation ground car park. The increase for an average band D property will be £6.00 a year. Whilst this represents a 10% increase it amounts to less than 12 pence per week for a band D property. In the Spring newsletter the Parish Council will provide further details on how the precept is spent. 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 (7 pm in the Pavilion on the 3rd Thursday of the month).

Security within the Recreation Ground

The Parish Council have approved additional security measures at the park. A two metre height restriction barrier will be installed at the entrance to the park in January 2018. Two new telescopic drop barriers will also be installed at the entrance to the field in February 2018. It is hoped these measures will prevent the park from being locked during the day when security is a concern.

Help the Village Bloom in 2018

Hockley Heath Gardening Club are looking for extra volunteers. If you have a couple of hours free a month this would make a huge difference. Planning meetings are held 3-4 times a year and the planting takes place to suit volunteer's availability, sometimes in pairs or larger groups depending upon the task. If you would like to find out more, or to volunteer, email hhgardenclub@gmail.com or send a message to the Hockley Heath Gardening Club Facebook page.

Daffodil Planting in the Park

As a result of a generous donation, 6,200 daffodils and 300 crocuses have been planted in the recreation ground. We hope to see these flower this year and provide a wonderful display throughout the park for all to enjoy. A park bench has also been donated and provides the perfect place to rest with a wonderful view across the park.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter – January 2018

Happy New Year from the Parish Council. Welcome to the first edition of the Hockley Heath Newsletter in 2018.

This edition includes:

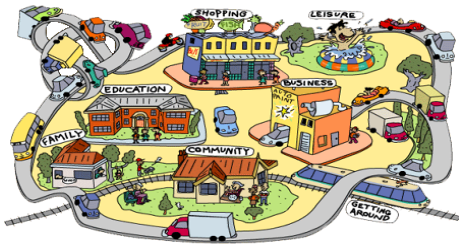
- 2018-2019 Hockley Heath Precept
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- Tesco Bags of Help Grant

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

hhpc2009@hotmail.com or find us on www.facebook.com/hockleyheathpc or on twitter: [twitter: hockleyheath_pc](https://twitter.com/hockleyheath_pc)

Neighbourhood Plan

Work is continuing on the Neighbourhood Plan and the questionnaire to be distributed to all households is nearly complete. It will be submitted to the independent advisers for publication in February 2018 so we hope to see it drop through letterboxes in early Spring 2018. Please provide your views to help shape the future of Hockley Heath. Adopting a Neighbourhood Plan is a long process and it is likely to take a further two years before we reach the referendum stage where the plan can be voted on.



Byelaws

The Parish Council are continuing to seek assistance from legal representatives to implement byelaws on the recreation ground, unfortunately this takes a lengthy time. You can view the draft byelaws document for the recreation ground at <http://www.hockleyheathparishcouncil.org.uk/>, click on the 'Projects' heading. Please forward any comments to the Parish Clerk at hhpc2009@hotmail.com.

Tesco Bags of Help

Cllr Vernon and the Hockley Heath Residents' Association have applied for a grant from Tesco's and have been shortlisted to receive funding of either £1,000, £2,000 or £4,000 towards play equipment for younger children in the park. You can vote for the '**Youngsters of Hockley Heath**' initiative when you shop at Tesco's by dropping a token in the voting boxes in store. This is taking place at a number of regional Tesco stores throughout January and February 2018.

Hockley Heath Village Clean-Up

Following a number of successful clean-up days, SMBC will be working with the Parish Council again to take part in the next 'deep clean' of our village. All the materials and equipment necessary to complete the tasks will be provided but volunteers are needed to carry out this important work to keep the village looking clean and tidy.

This clean-up will take place on **Friday 9th March 2018, 10-2 pm**. If you have an hour, couple of hours or half a day to help, please contact the Parish Clerk on 07591 954002 or email hhpc2009@hotmail.com. Look out for the posters around the village and on Social Media for further information.

Speed Camera Data

Solihull MBC have published data on the speed restriction trial in Solihull. To view the September Highways and Cabinet report which contains data on the trial along the A3400 in Hockley Heath, please use the link below and then click on item number 6: <http://eservices.solihull.gov.uk/mgInternet/iListDocuments.aspx?CId=249&MId=6598&Ver=4>. Between 8 August 2016 and 31 March 2017 there were 4370 activations of speeding in Hockley Heath, of which 1167 activations were sent to the Police's Central Ticketing Office.

Events in the Pavilion and the Park

The Pavilion hall hosts a variety of weekly events ranging from yoga, Zumba, keep fit, children's karate, children's dance, baby and children's sensory and development classes, Scouting Association and young children's stay and play sessions. It is also available to hire for children's parties and family events via the Parish Clerk.

Additionally, the recreation ground holds a boot camp and football sessions. Hockley Heath FC is looking for Under 9's players and train on Saturday morning, with matches on Sunday morning. If you are in year 4 and wish to join email rob.hhfc@hotmail.com.