

Waterloo Housing Scheme

The development of part-ownership homes near the junction of Stratford Road/Spring Lane is progressing quickly. The homes have started to be built and should be complete around March 2018. Applications for homes are prioritised upon a connection to Hockley Heath and you can register at www.helptobuymidlands.co.uk or contact www.waterloohomes.org.uk for further information.

Christmas Lights Switch On

It is that time of year again with the nights drawing in and Christmas soon approaching. The Christmas tree lights will be switched on at 4 pm on Saturday 25th November; the Solihull Mayor will be in attendance. Join in the celebrations with Christmas Carols around the tree, followed by refreshments in the King George Memorial Hall.

Bonfire Celebrations

The Residents' Association have confirmed the bonfire and fireworks will take place at 4.30 pm on 5th November, please see the leaflet issued with this newsletter.

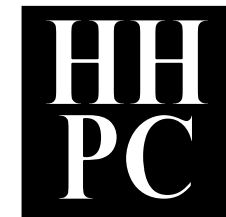
Rural Policing

A petition requesting for the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner to take urgent action to restore police resources to the rural areas of Solihull Borough in order to put a stop to the recent crimes has been put forward. If you wish to sign the petition use the following link:

<https://www.carolinespelman.com/news/petition-pcc-crime-and-neighbourhood-safety-rural-solihull>

Unauthorised Encampments

Solihull experienced a number of unauthorised Traveller encampments over the summer months. Dame Caroline Spelman recently raised the issue with the Government to emphasise that changes to the law are required. As a result of the local increase in unauthorised encampments and the difficulty in keeping the park gates permanently locked due to hall and field hirers, the Parish Council will be investing in a 2 metre height restriction barrier to help deter unauthorised Traveller encampments.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter – October 2017

Welcome to this autumn edition of the Hockley Heath Newsletter.

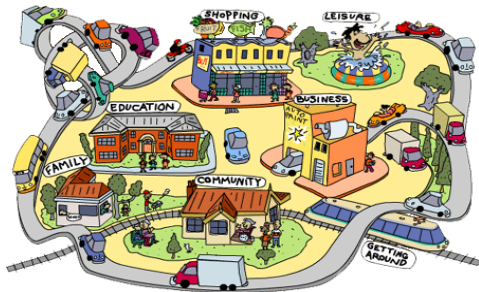
Among other things, we will be looking at:

- Neighbourhood Clean Up
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Park Security

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.com/hockleyheath_pc

Neighbourhood Plan

A number of developers have approached the Parish Council proposing housing development on green belt land within the village. A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) lets communities have their say on shaping any development within their area. It will need to be voted on by the community and adopted by Solihull Council. It will become part of the SMBC Local Plan, and as a result, SMBC and developers will need to consider the wishes of the community when bringing forward proposals for the area. To date, the Parish Council have secured the maximum grant of £9,000 available to assist with the NP development. The NP Steering Committee has developed a questionnaire that will be sent to all households within the Parish in the next few months. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to help shape the future of Hockley Heath.



Byelaws

The Parish Council are continuing to seek assistance from legal representatives to implement byelaws on the recreation ground, unfortunately this is lengthy process. It is important that the community expresses their views on the proposals. You can view the draft byelaws document for Hockley Heath recreation ground at <http://www.hockleyheathparishcouncil.org.uk/>, click on the 'Projects' heading. Please forward any comments to the Parish Clerk at hpc2009@hotmail.com.

The Post Office

The Trustees of the King George Memorial Hall initially had their proposal to move the Post Office to the Hall refused by the Post Office. They have now managed to reverse this decision and the application is moving forward. It is still a lengthy process and it may still be declined at any part during the application. The Trustees are working hard to keep the Post Office in the Village and thank those who have been supportive and to Mrs Tut who has been working very hard to keep this much needed facility.

Hockley Heath Clean-Up

Following two previous 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/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 is set to take place on **Friday 17th November 2017, 10-3 pm**. If you have an hour, couple of hours, half a day or a whole day to help, please contact the Parish Clerk on 07591 954002 or email the Parish Council at hpc2009@hotmail.com. Look out for the posters around the village and on Social Media for further information.



Dates for your Diary

The Parish Council meet every 3rd Thursday in the month at 7 pm in the Pavilion. Pop along to find out more about the initiatives within the community.