

Waterloo Housing Scheme

The development of the 19 part-ownership homes on Webb Grove has reached completion. Applications for homes were prioritised on a connection with Hockley Heath and Waterloo confirmed that 18 of the 19 properties were sold to buyers that met the local connection criteria.

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 24th November 2018. Join in the celebrations with Christmas Carols around the tree, followed by refreshments in the King George Memorial Hall.

Defibrillator

The Parish Council will be ordering an outdoor defibrillator for the recreation ground. Grants are currently being explored to secure a defibrillator as soon as possible.

Parish Council Elections

The current four year term of the Parish Council ends in May 2019 and the election process will start in early spring 2019.

There are 5 seats available on the Parish Council. Candidates must be eligible to stand for election; view the link below for eligibility criteria and also disqualification details:

http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/141798/Part-1-Can-you-stand-for-election-P-and-C.pdf

Elected officials must also sign up to a code of conduct and all training associated with being a Parish Councillor will be provided. If you are thinking of standing for election you may wish to attend an information session on the role of a Parish Councillor that is being held externally on 28th January 2019 in Solihull (further dates are available in other locations). If you would like to attend one of these sessions please contact the Parish Clerk in order to reserve a place. You are also most welcome to attend a Parish Council meeting to learn more about the valuable role elected Parish Councillors make to the community.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter – October 2018

Welcome to this autumn edition of the Hockley Heath Newsletter.

Among other things, we will be looking at:

- 2019 Parish Council Elections
- Neighbourhood Plan
- November Village Clean-up

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07591 954002 or email: hpsc2009@hotmail.com or find us on www.facebook.com/hockleyheathpc or on twitter: twitter.com/hockleyheath_pc

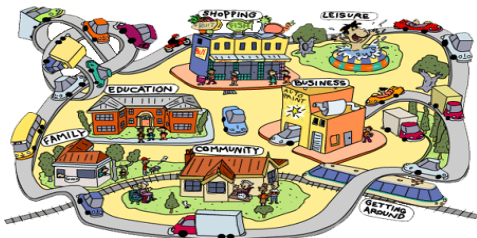
Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Thank you to all residents that completed the NP survey; a response rate of 49% was achieved which is considered excellent. The results of the survey have been independently analysed and they can be found on the Parish Council website as follows:

<http://www.hockleyheathparishcouncil.org.uk/documents-relating-to-the-neighbourhood-plan/>

Next spring will see an open day for all residents where they can view a paper copy of the survey results, speak to the NP Steering Committee members and discuss the work undertaken to date.

The NP Steering Committee are looking for volunteers to join and help develop the next stages of the plan concerned with policy writing, undertaking a business survey and also a housing needs analysis. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.



Play Equipment

A new piece of play equipment has been installed in the children's play area. The play house with slide is aimed at young children (aged 1-4) and makes a great addition to the existing play equipment. The play house was funded through grants and a generous donation from the former Under 5's Play Group.



Village Park Working Party

The Parish Council are looking for volunteers to join a working party to determine the future strategy for the recreation ground. If you would like to join the working party and shape the activities and events at the recreation ground for all residents to enjoy please contact the Parish Clerk.

Hockley Heath Clean-Up

Following previous successful clean-up days, SMBC will be working with the Parish Council to take part in the next 'deep clean' of our village. All the materials 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 November 2018, 10-12 pm**. If you have any time to spare to help with the clean-up, please meet at the recreation ground at 10 am. Afterwards, meet at the Wharf Tavern for complimentary refreshments. For more information contact the Parish Clerk. Look out for the posters around the village and on Social Media for further information.



Bonfire Celebrations

The Residents' Association have confirmed the bonfire celebrations will take place from 4.30 pm on 4th November at the recreation ground; fireworks around 7 pm.