

Defibrillator

The Parish Council has obtained grants from One Stop and WALC totalling £1,631.20 to purchase a defibrillator and a locked external case for the outside of the Pavilion. West Midlands Ambulance Service have kindly offered to carry out training in how to use the defibrillator. Places are limited, but if you feel you would benefit from defibrillator training, e.g. caring for someone with a heart condition or running a community group, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Recreation Ground in Bloom

11,000 daffodil bulbs have been planted in the park during the past two years. The Parish Council hope you enjoy the beautiful spring flowers when visiting the grounds.

University of the Third Age (U3A)

University of the Third Age is a UK voluntary movement of retired and semi-retired people who come together to continue their educational, social and creative interests in a friendly environment, with branches throughout Solihull. You can learn more about this organisation via its website at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/>. If you would be interested in establishing a U3A branch in Hockley Heath please contact Cllr Rayson, via the Clerk.

Events in the Park

The Hockley Heath Residents' Association will be holding a summer fête in the Pavilion and Recreation Ground on Sunday 30th June. Further information will be released nearer the date on the HHRA website, the Parish Council website, noticeboards and Facebook pages. If anyone can spare a few hours to help volunteer at the event please contact the RA through their Facebook page.

Village Clean-up Events

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the village clean-up on 22nd March. Once again a huge amount of litter was collected along with items that had been fly tipped. Residents can report fly tipping to Solihull Council on 0121 7048000 or via http://solihullcouncil.custhelp.com/app/smbc/dio/report_it/forms/streetcare/report_fly_tipping.

FixMyStreet

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, broken street lights or blocked drains to the attention of Solihull Council.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter – April 2019

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

This edition includes:

- The Parish Council Elections
- Speed Monitoring on School Road
- The village summer fête

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

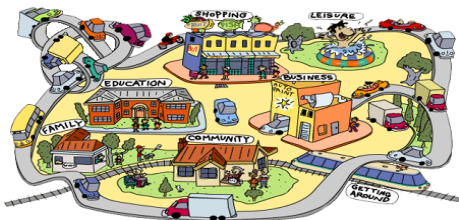
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Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

The business survey is nearing completion and will be issued to businesses in Hockley Heath during Spring 2019. The NP Steering Committee would be interested to learn your current and future needs in order to maintain or develop your business. If you operate a business from home please contact the Parish Clerk for a business survey as the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee are only aware of businesses registered with Solihull Council. The business survey will be anonymous.

The Hockley Heath Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee, along with the Parish Council, objected to the proposals in the revised draft Local Plan to develop areas of School Road and the release of green belt land, using resident's responses in the NP survey as evidence.

The NP Steering Committee holds a public meeting every two months in the Pavilion. Please look at the Parish Council website for the dates of the meetings if you wish to attend.



Donations Received by the Parish Council

The Parish Council works in partnership with local organisations and would like to say a huge thank you to both the Hockley Heath Social Club and Hockley Heath Residents' Association for providing generous donations to fund the additional Christmas light features on the lampposts during 2017 and also 2018.

The Parish Council is also very grateful to the Hockley Heath Gardening Club for donating and planting 9 trees in the recreation ground; they are a colourful addition to the existing trees and hedgerows.

Speed Monitoring on School Road

The Parish Council has obtained the speed monitoring data for School Road, organised by SMBC following local concerns of speeding near the school. The data shows that the average speed was 26 mph in the vicinity of the school, with 6.9% of vehicles travelling 35 mph or above. 0.3% of vehicles travelled at speeds of 45 mph or above. The Parish Council will request further speed monitoring on School Road, if possible, from SMBC. To view the data, click on this link:

<https://www.hockleyheathparishcouncil.org.uk/hhpc-blog/>

Parish Council Elections

Five residents of Hockley Heath completed the nomination process to stand as Parish Councillors for the next term (4 years); 5 seats were available. Therefore, the election is uncontested and residents will not be required to vote for a Parish Councillor. The Parish Councillors from May 2019 will be:

Mr. S. Batchelor

Mr. C. Cooper

Mr. G. McDougall

Ms. S. Quinton

Mr. P. Rayson

Thank you, on behalf of HHPC, to Cllr Vernon for her service and support to the Village over the past 10 years, taking the lead on many issues but in particular the children's play area and the village clean-up initiatives.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month (except in August) at 7 pm at the Pavilion, you are most welcome to attend.

Annual Meetings of the Parish Council

The annual meeting of the Parish Council and the annual Parish meeting will be held on Thursday 16th May commencing at 7 pm in the Pavilion. Please pop along to the meeting to find out what the Parish Council has achieved during the past year.