

Pavilion Hall Café in the Park

The Café in the Park has started up again for 2024, it is held on the second Sunday of the month (2-4pm) in the Pavilion Hall.

Small Electrical Kerbside Collection Project

Solihull has unveiled its plans for a new, simple and easy-to-book kerbside collection service for recycling small electricals across the borough. To book a collection just visit www.solihull.gov.uk/small-items. To find more ways to support Solihull Council's climate change and sustainability campaign visit the Your Future Solihull page <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/your-future-solihull>

Help with Energy Costs

Solihull Council has a range of practical suggestions on how to keep warm, along with the support available for residents' struggling with fuel costs, visit www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help/help-with-fuel for more information.

Solihull Foodbank Network are a network of food banks across the Solihull Borough working together to reduce food poverty. The Parish Council are continuing to support this initiative. Residents who wish to donate non-perishable food items can use the food bank donation box at the entrance to the Pavilion on Tuesdays between 9.30am and 2.00pm. For more information email sfbn@colebridge.org or their facebook page is:- [\(2\) Solihull Food Bank Network | Facebook](#).

The Solihull Food Bank Network do not provide emergency food parcels directly. Please email www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help or call 0121 704 8001 to arrange a referral for emergency food provision.

Elections – 2nd May 2024

The Pavilion Hall has been booked for elections on Thursday 2nd May 2024. If you do not have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. For details of the photo ID accepted, or to apply for the Voter Authority Certificate, visit [Apply for photo ID to vote \(called a 'Voter Authority Certificate'\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or contact a Solihull Council Connect centre.

Solihull residents can apply for free energy efficiency upgrades to help lower energy bills

Solihull Council is partnering with energy company E.ON to deliver a new scheme that offers eligible residents the opportunity to enhance the energy efficiency of their homes for free based on customer eligibility and property assessment. Residents do not need to be an E.ON Next energy customer to apply. To find out more about the scheme and to apply, visit E.ON's website here: [About the ECO4 Scheme | Energy Company Obligation | E.ON \(eonenergy.com\)](#). Residents can also apply by calling E.ON's free phonenumber on 0333 202 4422 and quoting 'Solihull Email'.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter – Winter 2024

Warm winter greetings from the Parish Council. Welcome to the first edition of the Hockley Heath Newsletter in 2024.

This edition includes:

- 2024-2025 Hockley Heath Precept
- Elections in May 2024

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07591 954002 or email: hpc2009@hotmail.com or find us on www.facebook.com/hockleyheathpc or on twitter: twitter.com/hockleyheath_pc

Precept for 2024-2025

Following a thorough consideration of the April 2024 - March 2025 budget, Hockley Heath Parish Council resolved to increase the precept by 0.98%. For a band D property, this will equate to £77.34 annually, an extra £0.75p per year. The shortfall between income and expenditure will continue to be taken from the Parish Council's general reserve. The accounts are discussed monthly at Parish Council meetings so please attend a meeting to find out further information. Annual account audit information is also published on the Parish Council website.

The precept pays for the maintenance and running costs of the recreation ground, play areas, car park and the Pavilion. The precept also pays for staff/contractors and for some activities within the village, such as the War Memorial and the Christmas lights.

Council trials slipper giveaway to older residents

To help vulnerable older people stay warm and reduce the risk of falls this winter, Solihull Council is trialling a scheme to give out pairs of slippers. The men's and women's slippers, which have Velcro fastenings and non-slip soles, are being given to older people who attend warm

hubs in Solihull. Some are also being given to Solihull residents receiving care at home or living in care homes. The slippers have been bought through the Household Support Fund and are being distributed by the Council's Adult Social Care team with the help of warm hubs, community groups and care providers. Visit www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help to find out more.

Hockley Heath Community Litter Collection

The Parish Council's next community litter collection (supported by LoveSolihull) and which is part of the Great British Litter Pick Campaign, is on Tuesday 19th March 2024, starting from the Pavilion Hall at 10.30am. Anyone is welcome to join the litter pick (LoveSolihull provide all equipment except gloves) and refreshments are provided afterwards.

Arden Tree Scheme

We have been busy planting following a successful application to Arden Tree Scheme for fruit trees which have been planted in the picnic area and an oak and maple tree have been planted on the recreation ground.

Christmas Lights Donation

The Christmas lights are funded by the Parish Council and this year's costs were £3,651.00. The Parish Council would like to thank the

Hockley Heath Social Club for a generous donation towards the light features.

The Pavilion

Regular classes are held at the Pavilion:

Monday – Yoga

Tuesday – Karate, cubs

Wednesday – Yoga, Pilates, Karate, Scouts

Thursday – Baby Sensory, Zumba

In addition, once a week on Tuesday mornings the Pavilion Hall is used by the community Post Office. On the third Sunday of each month, the Café in the Park provide drinks and refreshments from 2-4pm in the Pavilion Hall. Once monthly on Sunday evenings meditation classes are run from 6.15pm to 8.45pm.

If you have ever thought of running your own club and want to book the hall please contact the Parish Clerk, regular hall users receive preferential hire rates. The hall is also a fabulous venue for family occasions, with ample parking and a beautiful parkland setting.

The Hall has broadband and can also be used for business meetings.

If you require any information, please contact the Parish Clerk by emailing hhpc2009@hotmail.com