

Equipment for Hockley Heath older children

The Parish Council are considering installation of a piece of equipment for older children in the MUGA (multi-use games area) in the recreation ground following their recent engagement with Hockley Heath StreetWatch volunteers. Please encourage your older children to complete the online form with suggestions and ideas: <https://forms.office.com/r/Sp91fqzfNF> or email the Parish Clerk.

Repair Café™ – The Pavilion Hall

The Parish Council are seeking local volunteers who have an interest in, and knowledge of, repairing and servicing small electrical items, garden tools, minor clothes repairs and bicycle adjustments, to support a community Repair Café. We hope to run the sessions on the second Sunday of the month between 2.00pm and 4.00pm at the Pavilion hall and will be fully insured under the Repair Café™. For further information and/or to express an interest in volunteering, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Volunteers Needed Warm Hub/Drop in Café

The Parish Council are seeking volunteers who can spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday morning to run a warm hub / drop-in café session from 10.00am to 12.00noon in the Pavilion hall. For further information please contact the Parish Clerk.

Bowls Club – New Members Welcome

Hockley Heath Bowls Club are a friendly, family club who like to have fun and socialise at the same time. All ages and abilities are welcome. The Bowls Club can be found in the corner of the park by the children's play area. All enquiries can be emailed to lorrieandvic@gmail.com

Bus Stop Shelters, Hockley Heath

At a recent Environment Committee Meeting an item was raised that some bus stops in Hockley Heath do not have shelters. The Parish Council is consulting with residents regarding two new bus stops and shelters outside the Miller and Carter, Aylesbury Road with an application to Travel for West Midlands (TfWM), in addition to upgrading from bus stops to bus shelters on the A34/Orchard Road. The Parish Council would like to hear residents' views and anyone wishing to respond should please complete the online form <https://forms.office.com/r/Kj4kf4QiEc> or email the Parish Clerk.

Solihull residents offered free advice and support with home energy

Act on Energy is supporting SMBC for the Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 (HUG2) Programme, which is now open. Please visit [Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council HUG 2 | Act On Energy](#) for more information.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter – Summer 2024

Welcome to the Summer 2024 edition of the Hockley Heath Newsletter.

A digital version of this Newsletter is available on our Facebook page and the Parish Council's website:

www.hockleyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.facebook.com/hockleyheathpc

twitter.com/hockleyheath_pc

This edition includes:

- Hockley Heath Repair Café
- Youth Club Mondays, Dorridge
- Warm hub / drop in café

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07591 954002 or email: clerk@hockleyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

LoveSolihull Litter Pick Community Loan Kit

For those residents who do not wish to commit to becoming a Love Solihull volunteer but can offer their time on occasion to carry out a group litter pick with family or friends, LoveSolihull have set up the Community Loan Kit. The Loan Kit is stored securely at the Pavilion hall and will need to be checked in and out by a nominated person in the group, using a sign out sheet. The kit consists of ten litter pickers and 10 high vis bibs. Any rubbish collected in the blue LoveSolihull litter bags can be left on the grass verge to the right of the entrance to the Recreation Ground Car Park for collection by the Council. Anyone wishing to hire the kit should contact the Parish Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

25 Years - Hockley Heath Gardening Club

The Gardening Club started in 1999 as part of the Millennium Committee. Back then there were no flower displays in the village. For the last 25 years a group of volunteers has been working to brighten up the village by planting flowers. Some of the volunteers were there from the beginning and many others have joined us along the way. We are now looking for new volunteers to help us continue. The way we work is for each member of the Club to be allocated some planters or planting areas for them to plant up and look after, either on their own or with another person. There are two main planting times, one in May for summer planting, the other in November for winter planting. We have a meeting before each of the main planting periods to discuss the plans. – the rest of the communication is done mainly via WhatsApp. Members buy the plants and plant

them up at a time suitable to themselves - the cost is reimbursed by the Club, which is funded by the Parish Council.

We also meet up for social occasions such as our annual meal. We would love to welcome new members to the Club. If you think you may be interested in helping and would like to find out more, please email Hockley Heath Garden Club hhgardenclub@gmail.com - Carol Clark, Chair.

Arden Tree Scheme

The Parish Council intends applying for trees again this year. More trees will be made available to applicants so watch this space for an update on whether the Parish Council are successful in their application.

Get Coding!

Micro:bits are available from all Solihull libraries, lent on a Solihull library card for 2 weeks (it's free to join if you're not a member). For more information, please visit [Get Coding! | solihull.gov.uk](http://solihull.gov.uk)

Christmas Lights Donation

The Christmas lights are funded by the Parish Council and the cost for the 2024 display is £6,427. The Parish Council are grateful to Hockley Heath Social Club for their generous donations to the light fixtures in the village in previous years.

Citizens Advice – Social Prescribing Service

For anyone feeling lonely or stressed, social prescribing is there to listen to you and put you in touch with the people and activities in the community that might help you to feel better. Surgeries in Solihull: Arden Medical Centre;

Balsall Common Surgery; Hampton Surgery; and Dorridge Surgery.

For a referral to the service please ask: GP, reception staff, pharmacies or nurse. For an online referral form visit www.casb.org.uk or call on 0121 779 6707.

Knowle Library

Knowle library hold regular events and activities, including readers' circles, Knit & Knatter Group, Scrabble Group alongside Children's activities. To find out more visit [Knowle library \(solihull.gov.uk\)](http://Knowlelibrary(solihull.gov.uk))

Youth Club Mondays

Manor Road, Dorridge, Solihull B93 8DX

6.00pm - 7.30pm (School Years 6 to 8)

7.00pm - 8.30pm (School Years 9 to 13)

For further information: [Youth - St Philip's, Dorridge & St James', Bentley Heath \(stphilipsandstjames.org\)](http://Youth - St Philip's, Dorridge & St James', Bentley Heath (stphilipsandstjames.org))

Spring Lane Baptist Church Café

Regular Cafes throughout the year. Everyone welcome (for adults and older adults). See the website for dates www.hockleyheathbaptist.co.uk

Calling all Crafters

Are there any knitters, crocheters, jewellery makers, crystal sellers or any other crafters out there interested in a Hockley Heath Craft Fair? Anyone interested in showcasing their talents please fill out the online form <https://forms.office.com/r/Q6bbZLu81x> or contact the Parish Clerk.