

Dogs in the Recreation Ground

Hockley Heath Recreation Ground is a well-loved space used daily by families, dog walkers, sports groups and visitors. To help keep the park safe, clean and enjoyable for everyone, the Parish Council would like to remind residents that dogs should always remain on a lead within the Recreation Ground.

Keeping dogs on a lead in a shared public space helps to:

- protect children and vulnerable park users
- prevent dogs running up to people who may be nervous around dogs
- stop dogs entering the children's play area
- reduce the risk of accidents or collisions
- protect wildlife and planted areas
- support responsible behaviour in a busy community environment

For hygiene and safety reasons, dogs are not permitted inside the fenced children's play area. This rule is in place to protect young children and maintain a clean, safe environment for families.

The Parish Council appreciates the support of responsible dog owners who help maintain

the Recreation Ground as a clean, safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

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 the community Repair Café. Also required are volunteers to administer the forms and book people in on arrival at the Repair Café.

For further information and/or to express an interest in volunteering, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Hockley Heath Community Litter Collection

The Parish Council's next community litter collection, supported by LoveSolihull, will take place on **Friday 4 September 2026**, starting from the **Pavilion Hall at 10.30am**.

Everyone is welcome to join the litter pick. ***Please register in advance with the Clerk so we can ensure there is enough equipment available on the day.***

LoveSolihull will provide all equipment except gloves, and refreshments will be available afterwards.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter – Summer 2026

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

www.hockleyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk
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This edition includes:

- Hockley Heath Neighbourhood Plan
 - Parish Council Drop in Café
 - Christmas lights in the village

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

Parish Council's volunteer-led Drop in Café



The drop-in café volunteers are always delighted to welcome residents for a chat and a cuppa.

For the remainder of the summer, the café will be open from 10.00am until 12.00 noon, offering the usual tea, coffee and biscuits — and more recently, the volunteers have been providing homemade cake. Whether you'd like a quick cuppa, a good catch-up or simply the chance to say hello, everyone is warmly welcome.

If you would like to join the volunteer team on a rotational basis or just provide cover during busy holiday periods — to socialise, make new friends and contribute to this valuable community initiative — please contact the Parish Clerk.

Hockley Heath Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council would like to thank all residents who have supported the development of the Hockley Heath Neighbourhood Plan so far. Without the continued involvement and commitment of the community, the Plan cannot progress.

The Parish Council fully supports the advancement of the Neighbourhood Plan and has already invested financial resources into the resident surveys, data analysis, and associated work. We are also grateful to the HH Action Group for their help in delivering and collecting surveys from every household in the village in December last year.

A Neighbourhood Plan gives communities a stronger voice in shaping future development. While it cannot prevent all development, it can help influence what is appropriate for Hockley Heath and provide greater protection for the character of the village.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is open to all residents. If you would like to get involved or contribute to the development of the Plan, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Christmas Lights Donation

The Christmas lights are funded by the Parish Council and the cost for the 2026 display is £3,469. The Parish Council is grateful to local businesses for their generous donations to the light fixtures in the village in previous years.

Thank you

A big thank you to our local volunteers for helping to keep the village looking welcoming and vibrant, including StreetWatch and SpeedWatch for their ongoing community support; the WI, who continue to brighten the parish with their creative post box toppers and seasonal planter displays; and the Gardening Club, who provide the wonderful colourful planters seen across the village and take on the hard work of painting and maintaining them. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.