

Haxey Parish Council Newsletter – December 2019

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A Happy New Year from Haxey Parish Council

Haxey Parish – Public Right of Ways (PROW)

New finger posts have been erected around the parish identifying the parish paths.

The paths have been maintained by the Parish Councils contractor to a high standard this year.

If you have any issues with any PROW please contact the Clerk.

Ground Maintenance Handyman/Haxey In Bloom volunteers

Due to the retirement of the current handyman who has carried a fabulous job over the past couple of years resulting in the recent results for the parish including – Haxey – 1st in the Large Towns category the Parish Council now have a vacancy for a Handyman.

The role of the Haxey Parish gardener involves the following tasks;

- Prepare troughs and beds for new seasonal planting by weeding, digging over and adding compost as required. Planting normally takes place twice per year in May and October. Hanging baskets are only taken out in May.
- Pick up flower plants and hanging baskets from a location in Haxey and take to agreed locations throughout the Parish.
- Hang up the hanging baskets (16) in May.
- Plant out flowers in prepared beds (6), large planters (6) and village entry troughs (10) in May and October.
- Water all the beds, baskets and troughs regularly. The frequency will depend on the weather but the hanging baskets, in particular, may need daily watering in hot weather.
- Dead head the flowers as necessary and apply liquid feed at regular intervals.
- At the end of the summer season, collect, clean the hanging baskets and return to the Parish Council for storage.
- In May and October clear the beds and troughs ready for the planting. "

The Parish Council are also looking for volunteers to join a 'Haxey In Bloom' Group which will manage the planting and maintenance in Haxey and Westwoodside.

Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Community Speed Watch Initiative

The Parish Council are working with North Lincolnshire Council and Humberside Police to provide a Community Speed Watch Initiative and make the local roads safer. The Parish Council have agreed in principle to participate in the project and are planning to allocate areas to volunteers.

Volunteers will be provided with full training and will be provided with equipment including handheld speed devices to record speed, registration number, colour of vehicle and make of vehicle.

Anyone caught speeding will receive a warning letter from Humberside Police and enforcement action will take place for persistent or extreme offenders.

The presence of the volunteers will act as a deterrent and aims to encourage road users to exercise more care on the road.

If you require further information and would like to volunteer please contact the Clerk for further details on 0784 220 1877 or email haxeypc@live.co.uk

Defibrillator Locations

The Parish has 5 defibrillators in the parish and are located as follows: -

Village Hall - Low Burnham

Stonecroft Farm – East Lound

Haxey Memorial Hall - Haxey

Cricket Pavilion, Haxey Playing Field - Haxey

Westwoodside Village Hall – Westwoodside

The Foreman Carter Centre, Westwoodside Playing Field, Westwoodside

You do not need to be trained to use a defibrillator – anyone can use it. There are clear instructions on how to attach the defibrillator pads. It then assesses the heart rhythm and will only instruct you to deliver a shock if its needed. You cannot deliver shock accidentally; the defibrillator will only allow you to show if it is needed.

VE Day 2020

The Parish Council have begun work on commemorative events to mark VE Day next May.

If you are a veteran of WWII could you please contact Deb Hotson – Parish Clerk to be part of this event.

Land Gift to Haxey Parish

Following a protracted period of negotiations, North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) has “gifted” a piece of land between the villages of Westwoodside and Haxey for the Parish Council to manage. The land, which is approximately 3 acres, is on the high point overlooking St Nicholas Church and is in a particularly visible area to anyone crossing between the 2 villages. The site is currently in an overgrown state and the intention is to clean it up and return it to agricultural use. At its November meeting the Parish Council resolved to accept the “gift” and signed the Transfer documentation to complete the process. The Parish Council, on behalf of Residents, thanked NLC for the “gift”.

At the November meeting, the Parish Council also resolved to implement the following disclaimers in its management of Parish owned land, which will be advertised widely:

“Haxey Parish Council has no involvement in the Haxey Hood; it has not and does not authorize the event to be held on nor to cross any land owned by it; any persons attending or taking part in the event do so entirely at their own risk; Haxey Parish Council has no responsibility for any injury, death, damage or loss directly or indirectly incurred or caused whilst participating in, observing or attending the Haxey Hood.”

“Except only where specifically advertised Haxey Parish Council has not and does not authorize any Public Event to be held on nor to cross any land owned by it; any persons attending or taking part in any Public Event do so entirely at their own risk; Haxey Parish Council has no responsibility for any injury, death, damage or loss directly or indirectly incurred or caused whilst participating in, observing or attending any Public Event.”

The Parish Council now has action in hand to clear the site and select a suitable Tenant to return it to agricultural use.