



Dunham on the Hill & Hapsford Parish Council Newsletter

Chair's Update to Residents

Dear Resident

Welcome to the Winter 2019 issue of our Parish Council Newsletter.

What a year 2019 has been for the Parish Council.

I would like to thank you all for the help and support you have offered during the course of the year from litter picking, bulb planting, defibrillator training and speed awareness training.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

David Cowap

Chair

Your Parish Councillors

Chair	David Cowap	Councillors	Keith Bradley Shaun Moore Claire Green Sue Willet Richard Johnson
Joint Vice Chair	Kevin Holmes		
Joint Vice Chair	Ruth Holden		
Clerk	Trudy Ryall-Harvey		

Parish Council Meetings Dates

- Tuesday 7th January 2020
- Tuesday 3rd March 2020
- Tuesday 5th May 2020 (AGM)

All Parish Council meetings take place in the Village Hall at 19:30.

Please come along to the next meeting. For further information contact the Parish Clerk (clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com)



Remembrance Sunday

As in many villages around the country, we respected and honoured the fallen British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women from the two World Wars and later conflicts, to whom we owe so much.

Cllr Richard Johnson laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at St Lukes Church, Dunham on the Hill.

Did you see the lovely poppy display outside the Boshaw Centre?

Village Matters

Flooding: The roads around our area have been a complete mess with water bursts and blocked drains to name a few. It's been a long slog by the Parish Council to get anyone to take responsibility but it now looks like progress is being made and hopefully our temporary ponds are in the process of being resolved.

Bus Stops: All six of our bus stops will soon be having a much needed make-over (roof repairs and painting).

Wheatsheaf Pub: We continue to monitor the now empty building. We have had to report vandals who have breached the security of the building and we continue to raise its demise and future with our local politicians. So far there are no developments planned for the future. However, good news – we have been granted permission to plant trees to attract wildlife and Cllr Claire Green is in the process of reaching an agreement with the Woodland Tree Trust.

Speedwatch: Good progress is being made to improve speed awareness around the Parish. We have recently been successful in obtaining a grant to purchase our own SID (Speed Indicator Device). We hope to look at other initiatives to raise speed awareness and importantly reduce speeding.

Litter Picking: We held our second successful litter pick event and targeted the A56 and around Hapsford.

Thank you to all those who volunteered, especially Danny from the Gowy landfill site. We will continue our campaign in 2020 and will be looking to do a 'Spring Clean' – details to follow.



Bulb Planting: The Parish Council, in conjunction with CWaC, have agreed to start planting-up our Villages and so far 100kg of spring bulbs have been planted by us with the help and support of local residents. We hope you enjoy the display in the Spring.



Trees for Life: As mentioned above, we are about to undertake tree planting with the help of the Woodland Trust. We want to plant more trees around our villages so if you have any suggestions and/or want to help/support, please contact us. The Women's Institute have donated a tree which will be incorporated into our tree planting scheme in front of the Wheatsheaf.

Website: We have upgraded our Parish Council website where you will find Agenda, Minutes and Newsletters. We can be contacted via contact@dunhamhillandhapsford.co.uk

Neighbourliness

In Dunham Hill and Hapsford we are fortunate to have a lot of very friendly and helpful people in our community. But it is easy for someone who may need help to slip through the net, especially during the cold wet weather and dark nights. So please spend a few minutes to ensure that your neighbours are OK. Especially those who may have problems due to lack of transport, limited mobility, young children, illness etc. Even if you are not in a position to help please let others know if you suspect someone needs assistance and we can try to find help for them. It is often those who do not ask that need help the most. Thank you.

Planning Applications:

Planning applications can be viewed on Cheshire West and Chester planning portal:- <https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/> all residents are able to leave comments on this website during the planning application consultation period. The Parish Council are also asked to comment so please provide any comments additionally to the Parish Council for their consideration.

Email: contact@dunhamhillandhapsford.co.uk

We Need You

We currently have two vacancies on the Parish Council to represent residents of Hapsford. Why not join us and help make a difference in our Villages. You can apply in writing or by email to the Parish Clerk (clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com)

Cold Callers/Rogue Traders

Christmas is a time when cold callers trying to sell expensive products and monitor properties within the area.

If someone does come to your door, it's important to remember the following:

- Only let someone in if you're expecting them or they're a trusted friend, family member or professional. Don't feel embarrassed about turning someone away.
- Don't feel pressurised. Don't agree to sign a contract or hand over money at the door. Think about it and talk to someone you trust.
- Always check their credentials – a genuine person won't mind. You can phone the company they represent or check online but never use the contact details they give you!
- Don't share your credit card PIN. Never disclose your PIN number or let anyone persuade you to hand over your bank details or withdraw cash.
- If you are not in immediate danger, call the police non-emergency number 101 and report the incident BUT, call 999 if you feel threatened or in danger.
- No genuine bank or building society will phone to ask you to withdrawn cash or transfer money for any reason including suspected fraud on your account. If someone does they are trying to steal from you. If they ask you to phone them back wait at least five minutes or use a different phone. They may not have disconnected the call and will just play a dialling tone noise until you dial a number so they can pretend to answer as the bank.

What's on in The Village

Village Hall	Dates for future activities will be published in the new year. The Village Hall committee would like to thank you for your support this year and wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
Boshaw Center	Japanese market second and fourth Sundays of the month. Yoga – Advanced class 7pm to 8pm on Thursdays. A beginners class being considered. More information on the Village website in the New Year.
Badgers Barn Nursery	Open Day – Saturday 11 th January 2020, 10am – 1pm All Welcome

We want to hear from you!

Why not get in touch and let us know your thoughts and ideas?

You contact us by:

Email: clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com

Telephone: 07805 698 388

We'd love to hear from you!

*The Parish Council would like to take
this opportunity to wish all our
residents a joyous and peaceful
Christmas and a Happy New Year*

