



Dunham on the Hill & Hapsford Parish Council Newsletter. Christmas 2022

Message from the Parish Council Chair...

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope you had a lovely summer, during which there has been plenty of activity within the Parish.

The Parish Council was deeply saddened to hear of the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th September. Her life-long dedication as Monarch is without compare. His Majesty King Charles III and the Queen Consort are wished every success in the future. The Coronation of Charles III and Camilla as King and Queen Consort will take place on 6th May 2023. Our community will once again be organising celebrations to

mark this event.

Litter continues to be a blight on the landscape around the Parish and work continues with litter picking action days. As always, a huge thank you to all those volunteers who helped recently and especially those residents who are out regularly helping to keep our Parish clean and tidy.

We hosted a Christmas Wreath making event at which a number of residents and their children attended to make the wreaths you now see scattered around the Parish. Those who attended, we

hope you enjoyed it and a big thank you. They all look magnificent.

2023 will be another challenge and our priority will be to continue to develop our Neighbourhood Plan. With residential support the Plan is slowly developing. Any resident who wishes to know more or become involved, please contact our Parish Clerk

clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Keith Bradley

Come and join us for an evening of Christmas Magic aboard The Polar Express



21st December, 5pm
at the Village Hall

Children can come dressed in PJ's, dressing gown, and blankets to watch THE POLAR EXPRESS.

£1.50 per child: price includes hot dog, snack and fully loaded hot chocolate

RSVP: Laura 07815049613 or
Anneka 07891286759



Sid* (Speed Indicator Device) is back!

SID has spend the last few months in hospital having a sensor transplant following their sensor deterioration to the point they could not sense any vehicles.

SID is now home and is out on our roads showing an angry face to all those exceeding the speed limits and smiling at all who are travelling within the limit.

The worst case spotted was a car travelling at 72 mph in the rain outside the Wheatsheaf, someone was spotted travelling at 73 toward Chester in the same location but the road was dry.



Please wave at SID when you pass to show your appreciation of their efforts. SID does appreciate a wave and helps boost their moral while standing out in all weathers looking for speeding miscreants in an effort to make our roads safer.

If you would like SID to appear near you (speed is 40mph or less) contact clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com



Support through social media

You can link into a number of local social media groups across the parish. They can be a valuable resource to share and receive local information, to give help and receive it. They can make you feel connected to others nearby and across the parish, and you can choose when you use them.

WhatsApp groups: If you are unfamiliar with the App we can support you.

Dunham Hill & Hapsford support group, email: richard@dunhamhillandhapsford.co.uk - to be added to the group

Hapsford Village Group, email: esther@dunhamhillandhapsford.co.uk - to be added to the group.

Talbot Rd residents Group, email anneka@dunhamhillandhapsford.co.uk - to be added to the group.



WhatsApp



Facebook Groups

Dunham Hill and Hapsford Community Support Group

Helsby Random acts of Kindness (A great group where local people offer items they no longer want - for free or ask for items.

LET US KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER LOCAL GROUPS THAT WE CAN SHARE DETAILS OF

Where is your nearest defibrillator?

Just to remind you that Defibrillators within the Parish are located as follows: -

- **Dunham on the Hill village** – in the old telephone box opposite the Boshaw Centre
- **Hapsford Village** – in the old telephone box adjacent to the bus stop
- **Cheshire Park Homes** (off Chester Road, behind Cafe Fresh), Dunham on the Hill

If you ever have to use it don't worry.

Ring 999 for help as soon as you find someone who needs CPR. Whoever goes for the defibrillator will need to ring 999 again when they get to the device.

The operator will reassure you and give you a specific code for that device, you simply put the code into the number system on the case and then you can access the defibrillator. Take the machine in its carry case back to the person you are helping. When you open the defibrillator case it will instruct you on what to do (electronic voice) until the ambulance arrives.

Each defibrillator has a set of pads for adult attached and a set for children that can be easily attached



Neighbourhood plan

The Neighbourhood Plan working party have met three times over recent months to continue their work on the plan. The meetings have been productive and each volunteer is working steadily through their own priority area within the plan.

Current priority areas are:-

- local green spaces,
- wildlife and biodiversity,
- footpaths and cycleways,
- housing,
- sustainable urban drainage and flood mitigation,
- protecting community assets and facilities,
- communication infrastructure.

We have been successful in securing grant funding to help pay for support from professionals such as Cheshire Wildlife Trust and Cheshire Community Action. Work with the Cheshire Wildlife Trust will start in the new year. The team at Cheshire Community action have been very supportive and are currently working on a more detailed survey that we will be sharing with all residents to gain more in-depth information and direction for the plan.

The group meet Tuesday evenings on alternate months so that we can update each other on progress so far and support each other with our research and work.

If you would like to join the group, please just get in touch – claire@dunhamhillandhapsford.co.uk

Next meeting will be Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm in Dunham on the Hill and Hapsford Village Hall.

We still have vacancies on the Parish Council

Since our last newsletter we have had 2 new people join the parish council.

Sally Wallace has joined, she lives in Hapsford

Anneka Tribe has joined and she lives in the Talbot Rd area

The Parish Council now comprises of 9 local residents and is supported by our Clerk, Trudy.

The council's representation now covers three out of the four main areas across the parish. We still have no representation from the Cheshire Caravan Park. Or from those people dotted about in between.

We really want to make sure we represent all areas of the parish so if you could spare any time and would like to join us please contact clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com we are really keen to hear from you.



Thanks from the parish council go to...

David Weaver, thankyou for providing the flowers that have been so beautiful this year in the Planters dotted about the parish. His nursery, based in the centre of Dunham on the Hill, has lots of beautiful seasonal hanging baskets and he will fill your trough, hayrack, or basket to the brim with plants of your choice. Well worth the visit.

David Tomlinson, Thankyou for keeping the village green in Dunham on the Hill so neatly mowed, it is appreciated.

Lucy Chapman Coward, Thankyou for Mowing the village green in Hapsford when the grass got so out of control

Sam Ryan, Thankyou for dressing the Hapsford tree so beautifully

If there is any one local that you would like to say a thankyou to in the newsletter, please contact Trudy:

clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com

St Luke's Church

St Luke's book Sale and Coffee morning

Every 2 months on the 2nd Saturday 10.00—12.00

FRE tea, coffee, squash and delicious home-made scones

Second-hand books: 50p each or 3-for-a-£

Come along and browse our wide range of books or just pop in for a chat and a drink with friends old and new.



14th January, 11th March, 13th May, 8th July, 9th September, 11th November

St. Luke's first event of the year is always for an outside charity. This year, we will be donating the proceeds from the January Sale to
The Samaritans

The last coffee morning coincided with the Litter Pick, good to hear that people dropped in and had tea and cake—hopefully we can coordinate this in the future

Christmas services at St. Luke's

Christmas services are as follows.

- Sunday 18th at 5.00pm: Carol Service
- Saturday 24th at 8.00pm: Christmas Eve Communion
- Sunday 25th at 9.30: Christmas Morning Service



Hapsford Village Green

An application was made to the Marshes Community Benefit Fund and we were successful. Here is what the MCBF released as part of their statement regarding successful applications:

Dunham Hill and Hapsford Parish Council – has been awarded **£1,550** towards their project, 'improving the area of Hapsford – working together to improve the area and improve community spirit'.

The financial support will be used to improve the green space within the small rural hamlet of Hapsford making it a more enjoyable area to live, by bringing the community together and enhancing the community spirit. Across a number of small projects the parish council will extend the planting of wildflowers over the next two years between Helsby and Hapsford and the M56 junction. The project will also further extend the wildflower planting with a variety of high nectar plants to attract bees and other pollinators.

In conjunction with local residents the Parish Council hopes to create a living teepee for children to play in. It is intended that this will be achieved by running community-based workshops for the residents to attend and assist in the planting and creating of the living teepee together with other willow weaving activities. Residents have indicated, through a survey, that they would like to create a bring and share area where they could donate books, vegetables and other items that could benefit other members of the community.

We will let you know more about this in 2023

Boshaw Centre request for volunteers

We are creating a 'Coronation Celebration Committee' and need volunteers to help organize and run the event. The more people who can help, the bigger the event will be.

We will be holding a meeting in January (date to be confirmed). If you could help and would like to join, please get in touch with Claire Jones, she is on the Dunham Hill and Hapsford WhatsApp group and the Facebook group.

Please note: please know that no individual or group will be given credit for this event. We will work together under the group name of "Coronation Celebration Committee".

Litter Pick, Saturday 12th November 2022



Big shout out to:

Charlie Harding, Emilia Tribe and Charlie Lee from Talbot road.

Both Emilia and Charlie Harding are members of Helsby Squirrels and this went towards 2 of their badges which they were awarded on Thursday 23rd November.

They were well deserving of their badges for the All around us challenge and local super hero challenge.

1st Helsby Scouts Club.

Thank you to every one across the parish who gives their time to help out at these events

Christmas Wreaths workshop

You may have noticed Christmas



wreaths going up around the parish.

Talbot Rd doesn't have a central point to put a Christmas tree, so the parish council commissioned a wreath making workshop for Talbot Rd residents to participate in. Most of the wreaths line Talbot Rd itself with enough left over to share with everyone else. The Wreaths are designed to last so will be stored and re-hung next year.



Thanks to everyone for making the workshop such a success

**To share any future events in this newsletter
please contact Trudy at:**

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*Have a safe and wonderful Christmas and a happy new year from all of us on the
Parish Council*

