



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

Message from the Parish Council Chair...

What an interesting couple of months we have had in our Villages; in particular the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration** held at the Boshaw Centre, which was **organised by committee members from the Boshaw Centre, Village Hall, the Church and Parish Councillors**. We do hope everyone who took part and attended the event enjoyed it, especially the children's games/activities and the vast selection of food and delicious cakes! It was a pity the weather was not so kind to us on the day but it didn't spoil the celebration. A **BIG thank you** to all the individuals involved in

organising our Village Jubilee Event. On Saturday 25th June the Village Hall held a fundraising event in aid of the appeal for Ukraine. The event was very well attended and the weather held out – always a bonus! I would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for organising the fundraising event. We hope this awful war ends soon and the people of Ukraine can once again live in peace.

Sadly, on the downside, we have had examples of mindless vandalism over the last few months, this being damage caused by a catapult to a

bus shelter, cars and properties. Your Parish Council continues to work closely with the Police on this.

Unfortunately fly tipping and litter dropping is ongoing. We organised a litter pick (thank you for all those who turned out on the day) and concentrated on the road leading to the motorway, a lot of effort went into collecting other peoples waste and what a collection we made. We will be organising another litter pick in the Autumn.

Hope you have a great summer!

Keith Bradley

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

On behalf of everyone at the Boshaw Centre, we would like to thank all those that came to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with us. Despite the weather we all had a great time.

We especially want to thank all those that helped to make this event possible and to those who brought their tractors, motorbikes and Land Rovers.



Sid* (Speed Indicator Device) needs YOU!

During the last two years Sid has served the community diligently trying to improve our road safety. Many times Sid has felt run down with the effort, which has been an increasingly frequent event recently, and has needed a lot of input from the Parish Council to improve Sid's energy levels. We are concerned that the impact of displaying a sad face so much of the time is having a negative impact on their desire to continue in the role of improving our road safety, especially as the benefits are not immediately obvious to them.

Consequently we need **YOUR** help to improve Sid's willingness to continue with the reliability and diligence that they have shown so far.



Drivers can provide the incentive for Sid to continue working diligently and improve their morale by ensuring that when driving past Sid, you do so at or below the speed limit. This will cause Sid to display a happy face which goes a long way to reducing the percentage of unhappy faces they otherwise display and is bound to have a positive impact on their energy levels and positivity.



If you have children in the car, please get them to wave at Sid as they pass. This sign of positivity and friendship is greatly appreciated by Sid and is bound to improve their happiness and serve as an incentive for them to keep working hard to improve our road safety.

Of course we cannot condone any activity that makes Sid sad and hope that you will support us in trying to keep Sid happy. Sid has not informed us of their preferred personal pronoun so in this absence we have used the "them/they" pronoun.

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

Recent issues with vandalism in the parish

What number should I call the Police on?

999

- Call when it's an emergency.
- When there is danger to life.
- Violence or threatening behaviour.
- There is a crime in progress or someone suspected of a crime is nearby.

101

- To report a crime that does not need an emergency response such as damaged property or a minor traffic incident.
- If you want crime prevention advice.
- To report a suspected crime i.e. drug dealing.



Hopefully our recent spate of property damage is over. A few minutes of 'fun' for the young people involved leads to a lot of effort and potentially worry and upset for people affected by the damage done.

Local WhatsApp and Facebook groups really helped our community support each other and make each other aware.

If you are not currently a member of any local groups feel free to join using the information below

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, ask locally to be added to this if you live in the Talbot Rd area.

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)

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

Rural Crime

I wanted to get in touch to let you know that I have launched a Rural Crime survey that will run throughout the summer.

Around two thirds of Cheshire is classed as rural, and I know from the contact I've had from residents and elected representatives across the county that rural crime can affect everyone. From theft of equipment and dangerous use of country roads to harming wildlife and anti-social behaviour, the scope and impact of rural crime is varied.

Through this survey I hope to build a better picture of how rural crime affects different communities across Cheshire. I want to understand what our Rural Crime Team does well and what good practice can be expanded further, and I want to know where the police approach can improve and which issues residents believe need a greater focus. People's feedback will give me a greater insight into how I can hold the Chief Constable to account for how Cheshire Police prevents and tackles rural crime.

Rural crime has the potential to devastate livelihoods and wreck the scenic countryside we have on our doorstep. Whether we live or work in a rural area or visit there to enjoy one of Cheshire's many natural beauty spots, I believe we all have a stake in ensuring our rural areas and communities are protected.

Please do share this survey so that residents can have their say: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ruralcrimesurvey2022

Kind Regards

John

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John Dwyer
Police & Crime
Commissioner
for Cheshire

1st Helsby Scouts - help out in Hapsford



The winter storms had a significant impact on Hapsford woods. With branches and trees down across paths. Over 2 evening sessions, 26, 1st Helsby Scouts and 6 leaders/parent helpers worked for their 'community impact badge'.

They picked up litter, cleared pathways, and cut back brambles. They then turned the branches into dens and enjoyed being out in our wonderful wood

Thankyou



Neighbourhood plan.... We've started

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent Neighbourhood Plan survey and to those who were able to attend the information meeting on May 10th led by John Heselwood, Community Housing Development Manager, Cheshire Community Action,

Feedback from both was very informative and will help greatly in working with residents and professional bodies in drafting a Neighbourhood Plan. We want a plan that reflects the needs of our community particularly in relation to the future development of the villages of Dunham on the Hill and Hapsford as well as the surrounding area. Main areas of concern identified within the survey were - protecting and developing the natural environment, maintaining and developing community facilities and recreation, housing and the design of any future developments along with sustainable infrastructure. These will be broken down into smaller strands within the plan to cover as wide a range of needs as possible.

We are currently working with Cheshire Community Action to generate a budget for the work before applying for a grant to support this work as well as an officer within the local planning department of Cheshire West and Chester. **There will be a meeting for interested residents on Tuesday, 26th July at 7pm in the Village Hall to identify next steps for the group and how best we can address these as a group.** Emails have been sent to those who offered to be involved - if it has not arrived or you would like to hear more about the work involved in producing a neighbourhood plan, please get in touch using claire@dunhamhillandhapsford.co.uk We also intend to have a section on the parish council website (<https://www.dunhamhillandhapsford.co.uk/>) dedicated to the neighbourhood plan where all relevant information will be located. Also take a look at the Neighbourhood planning organisation website: <https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/>

Feedback from the initial survey

Initial Survey analysis – May 2022 based on 39 Returned copies

Issues	No' of people identified it as important
Design of new development	13
Jobs	0
Community facilities	22 Included access to as well as protecting current community facilities
Recreation	15
Housing	7 Comments included reference to price, type from starter homes to retirement bungalows
Natural environment	25
Heritage	5
Tourism	1
Access to countryside	18
Sustainable transport	12

We still have vacancies on the Parish Council

Unfortunately the council's representation still only covers two out of the four main areas across the parish. The majority of current councillors live in Dunham on the Hill and one lives in Hapsford. We have no representation from the Talbot Road area and no one from the Cheshire Caravan Park. Of course there are also 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.

Or come along to our bi-monthly meeting. Next one is on July 5th , 7pm at the Village Hall



Developments & Planning in our Parish.... A lot is going on

As you may recall from previous newsletters, there are a number of housing projects on the edge of Helsby, near the Hornsmill Pub, which are in our parish. There are a combination of those with planning and those that are in the pre-planning stage with developers involved in discussion with partner agencies including us. As we consider the development of our neighbourhood plan, and consider the feedback we have had so far, it's clearly essential that we connect as fully as possible with what is going on **We ensure we have representation from the parish council at all relevant meetings and will continue to represent the views of residents. On June 7th, Brookhouse Group, the Meres Edge developers met and updated us.**

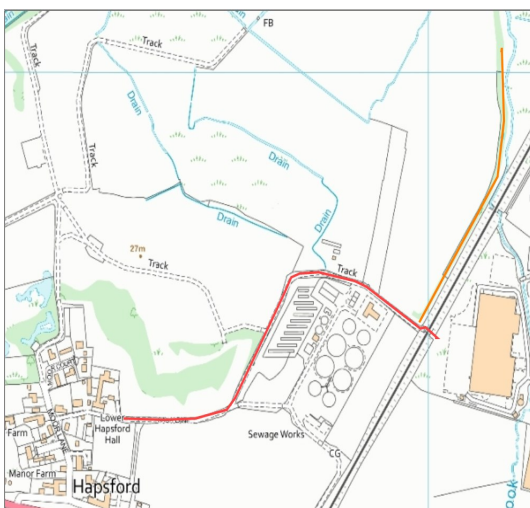


This map shows the complete development area combining the Honeywell site (broadly across the 2 large buildings seen) and then the land adjacent to Honeywell and next to the Hornsmill pub. Another ongoing (not in our parish) development sits in the gap between the red line and Chester road.

Brookhouse Group are not responsible for the Honeywell development but they have begun to link in with them. Their next step is to submit a plan for the area that on this map is green following discussion with us and Helsby PC

They intend to work with us as we develop our neighbourhood plan and are keen to ensure that local infrastructure is considered and developed

One of the key concepts that they shared with us regarding development is maximising on connectivity around the parish and with Helsby as our neighbour. This links very well with the neighbourhood plan and development of footpaths. Connecting, the villages with the sports centre, Tescos, Hornsmill pub etc



We told them about the out of use footpath that can be seen in this map. The red line indicates a footpath that exists but has been lost to general use. It leads through from Cash lane in Hapsford, around the sewage plant and under the railway line (where it is blocked off) to the back of Honeywell. They are interested in making this connection.

The line of trees on the above map is the parish boundary and runs alongside Hornsmill brook. The developers have plans to open this site up with a cycle path / walkway.

We are interested in the brook as it emerges on the other side of Chester road and flows towards Dunham Hill, where it is recorded as Peck Mill brook and which can be reached by another public footpath from the A56 near Talbot Rd

As our footpath work progresses, we will be in contact for your support and for information from residents on your recollections of usin footpaths that access has been lost to . If there is a footpath near you that you would like us to investigate please contact Trudy on clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com

Local events

***NEW CLASS**

RETROBICS

AEROBIC DANCE TO RETRO TUNES.

40mins of dancing, 15mins of toning & 5 blissful mins of relaxation.



Tuesdays 6.30pm @ Bowshaw Centre, Dunham on the Hill.

All you need is trainers and some water. Smiles and pompoms provided.

Suitable for all fitness levels. Parking available. £5.

ZUMBA® PARTY



Zumba® Class with LiNAMA @ Boshaw Community center every Wednesday 7:30pm



VILLAGE HALL

Date for your diaries -

Saturday, 10th September 2022 - Barn Dance

With food & drink

Further details to be announced nearer the time.

FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE - HELD 25 JUNE 2022

The Village Hall Committee would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to Frodsham Computers and Sun Leisure for sponsoring the fundraising event in aid of Ukraine held on 25th June; all the businesses and individuals who generously contributed/provided raffle prizes and all the members of the community who turned out in force on the night. Also, thanks to Uke "n" Strum who entertained us with their ukulele music and songs. It was fantastic to see so many people show support to this important event.



AN AMAZING **£1000** RAISED FOR THE UKRAINE APPEAL

A HUGE THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

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

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