



Dunham Hill & Hapsford Parish Council Newsletter

Autumn 2026

Message from the Chair

Welcome to the Autumn edition.

Summer has finished and we finally have some rain. Winter is just around the corner as we prepare for colder days and nights. Although recent winters have been mild and very wet, we cannot take our weather patterns for granted any more.

Since our last newsletter there have been a few developments. We have two new Parish Councillors from Hapsford and it would be wonderful if someone from Talbot Road were also to come on board.

Only recently I was approached by a local resident who wanted to know what the Parish Council did for them. In short, the Parish has eight Councillors and a Clerk. We are the most local level of government rooted right here in the Parish. We are unpaid volunteer residents, and our work is entirely focused on making our villages a better place to live.

We are a ground-level organisation with closer day-to-day links to village life than any other part of government. We see the same pavements, use the same facilities and especially care about the same issues as everyone else who lives here.

Our work in the Council has been focusing on planning. Whilst the Parish Council does not make the decision on planning applications, we are formally consulted on every planning application within our area.

Dunham on the Hill and Hapsford Parish Council formally review applications at the quarterly meetings (which are public meetings). The dates for those can be found on our website and on noticeboards.

Keith Bradley

MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR HUGO DEYNEM (SANDSTONE WARD)



Over recent months I have been working on several issues affecting Dunham Hill and Hapsford residents:

Planning & Development

I have continued to engage with planning officers regarding local applications, including proposals at the former Wheatsheaf Public House and other developments affecting the parish. Residents' concerns have been raised directly with the Council where appropriate.

Traveller Site & Enforcement Concerns

Following reports from residents and the Parish Council regarding land near Morley Bridge and ongoing concerns around the Gethsemane area, I have liaised with senior planning officers and enforcement teams to ensure concerns are investigated and monitored.

Community Investment

I was pleased to support funding towards the replacement battery for the village defibrillator, helping ensure this important community asset remains operational.

Local Environment & Highways

- I have raised a formal enquiry with Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding the long-delayed repair of the pedestrian gate at Dale Croft, Hapsford. Recently repaired thanks to the PC for their help in escalating this to CWaC.
- Residents should also be aware of upcoming road and bridge works affecting Hapsford Lane and other local routes over the coming months.
- I have placed a formal request into Highways asking them to investigate the possibility of a suitable pedestrian crossing over the A56 near to Talbot Road.

Keeping in Touch

If there is a local issue affecting you or your community, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Cllr Hugo Deynem

Sandstone Ward Councillor

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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026

On Sunday 8 November 2026 the Parish Council will participate by laying a wreath at the annual Remembrance Service at St Lukes to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

From the Archive

World War 1 was one of the bloodiest wars in all of human history. The number of WW1 casualties varies depending on the source you consult but the following statistics are generally regarded as an accurate representation of WW1 death and casualties. Both Military and Civilian Deaths: 16.5 million, Wounded: 20 million Total WW1 Casualties: 35 million +, we in our little Villages lost 8 men and 4 wounded out of 21 men that went to war. Faced with such number it's not hard to see why they said it was the war to end all wars. But 21 years later the world was at war again and yet again Dunham Hill and Hapsford answered the call with men and women going off to fight on the front lines and the Home Guard, Air warden which was made up from the World War 1 veterans and young men supporting the home front. Some of the land in the villages also being turned over to be an ammo dump and a food storage, As well as this farmers and land girls producing food for the war effort and those many families that took in evacuees.

Below some of the names are clippings from newspapers that the family of the fallen placed at the time.

Rifleman James Cecil Williams

S/10489, 9th Bn., Rifle Brigade who died on 15 September 1916 Nephew of Amelia and Charles Edwards Dunham Arms . No Known grave.

Private John W Blackburn

40391, 20th Bn., Manchester Regiment who died on 04 May 1917 Age 24. Son of John Richard and Emily Blackburn, at Corn Hill Farm, Dunham Hill.

DUNHAM HILL, KILLED ACTION. News has been received from the War Office that Private John William Blackburn, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, of Corn Hill Farm, Hill was

killed in action Friday, May 4th. Private Blackburn, who was aged 24, offered himself in Feb., 1916, and joined the Cheshire Yeomanry, afterwards being transferred to the 20th Manchester. He had been the front, since August 1916 Much sympathy is being shown to Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn sad loss. A memorial service will held Sunday next at Dunham Hill parish church.

Private Leonard Schofield

40364, 20th Bn., Manchester Regiment who died on 15 May 1917 Age 20. Only son of Frederick William Winfield Schofield and Mary Ellen Schofield, of Ivy Cottage, Dunham Hill. No Known grave.

SCHOFIELD. In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte. Leonard Schofield, who was killed in action May 15th, 1917. Ever remembered by loving sister Cissie and Florrie; his brothers-in-law, Llew and Miles. A day of remembrance sad to recall, Still in our hearts is loved by us all.

Private Arthur Griffiths

19368, No. 3 Coy. 1st Bn., Coldstream Guards who died on 21 September 1917. Son of Mary Eileen Griffiths, of Hapsford, Helsby, Warrington. No known grave.

HAPS福德. KILLED ACTION regret to record that Pte. Arthur Griffiths, Coldstream Guards, killed in action on the 21st September last. Pte. Griffiths, who joined the army in August, 1916, and went to the front in May, 1917, was the son of M. B. Griffiths, Hapsford, and previous joining up was employed at the Helsby Cable Works. He was years age.33 A memorial service was held Dunham Hill Parish.

Private Samuel Antrobus

58260, 16th Bn., Cheshire Regiment who died on 22 October 1917 Age 19. Son of John Antrobus, of Oldfield Cottages, Dunham Hill. No Known grave.

DUNHAM HILL KILLED IN ACTION. Mr John Antrobus has received the news from the War Office that his youngest son. Pte. Samuel Antrobus, was killed action on Oct. 22nd He was only 19 years old he was 18 when he joined the Yeomanry, and was sent abroad the of this year. Before joining, Pte. Antrobus worked at the Helsby Cable Works A memorial service will be held tomorrow (Sunday) morning 10.30 the parish church, Dunham Hill. He is the fifth soldier from Dunham Hill to make the supreme sacrifice.

Mr. John Antrobus and family, of Dunham Hill, and Nellie, wish to thank all friends and neighbours for kind sympathy their sad bereavement.

Private John Edgerley Kay

46325, 16th Bn., Lancashire Fusiliers who died on 10 August 1918 Age 23. Son of Thomas and Edith Kay, of Cherry Tree Farm, Dunham Hill. When seeing John off at Chester train station Mrs Kay turned to her husband and said we will never see hm again.

Pte. John Edgerley Kay. Only son of Thomas and Mrs. Kay, of Cherry Tree Farm, Dunham-on-the-Hill, aged 23 years. To whom know is to love. Memorial service Dunham Hill Parish Church, Sunday, 22nd September 1918.

Mr and Mrs. Kay,
memory clings in silent thought

Private Joseph Antrobus

302728, 1st/8th Bn., Manchester Regiment who died on 29 September 1918. Son of Esther Antrobus, of Church View, Dunham Hill.

DUNHAM ON THE HILL. ANOTHER FALLEN' PARISHIONER.* Pte. Jose Antrobus is the seventh parishioner who has laid down his life in this great war. Son Mrs. Wm. Antrobus, he offered himself at the age of 17, the first month of the war, and was attached to the Cheshire Yeomanry, and afterwards transferred the Manchester Transport Section. After training, at the age of 19, he was sent abroad and spent two years there. Last month was wounded, and died Sunday, Sept. 29, aged 21 years. He was bright, cheery fellow, a great favourite with everyone. Great sympathy is being shown to his widowed mother. The memorial service at Dunham Hill Parish Church on Sunday, when a crowded congregation was present. The Rev. Dr. Griffin preached a sympathetic sermon and stated how the village had been hard hit in this war. Seven villagers had laid down their lives and four had been discharged wounded. The organist (Mr J. Garnett) played the Dead March with great effect.

Private Fredrick Fairhurst

10831, 4th Bn., The King's (Liverpool Regiment) who died on 26 November 1918 he was 46 years old. He and his wife Elizabeth were married in St. Lukes church 23rd Dec 1911. He had enlisted the begging of 1915. On his medical report it said he died of sickness from the Spanish flu roughly 2 weeks after the end of the war.

Private John K. Worrall

14755163, 2nd Bn. The Glasgow Highlanders, Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment) who died on 15 April 1945 Age 24 Son of Earnest and Bertha Worrall, of Hapsford, Cheshire; husband of Nancy on the 6th June 1944, he took part in the Normandy landings, before serving during Operation Market Garden and the liberation of Holland later that year. He went on to serve throughout the remainder of the Europe campaign till he lost his life in Hamburg.

Flight Lieutenant Pilot George Henry Calveley

134561, 19 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve who died on 30 August 1944 son of Harry and Ann Marie Calveley Hob Lane Dunham Hill.

Harry got his wings training in Canada in 1942 and on his return to Britain Harry had sent a telegram home and told his family to stand on hob lane bridge which they did, and Harry flew over them and did a victory roll. he flew so low over the houses down Hob Lane that when he wrote home, he asked how long Arthur his brother had been on leave. He was shot down over Greece whilst attacking German trains.

If you would like to find out more, please come to the remembrance service on the remembrance Sunday the 8TH of November where more information on the lives and service of these men will be given.

Thanks to Andy Jones, Author - Archive Article



My name is Neil Flanagan and I am your local PCSO. I would like residents to know that I intend to be out with the enforceable speed device in the village over the coming months.

If you have any questions, you can contact me via neil.flanagan@cheshire.police.uk



The Council operates seven Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) across the borough. A public consultation took place between 1 July and 1 September 2024 where residents had an opportunity to provide feedback on how we can improve the service at all seven sites, along with the aim to reduce overall waste, increase recycling and provide a cost-effective service.

A **new vehicle registration system** is being introduced to prevent unauthorised commercial use and the disposal of non-household waste along with ensuring those using the sites for their own household

waste are residents who live in the borough. From **Autumn 2026** residents will need to register their vehicles using the new registration form which can be found on the Council's website. **A soft launch of the registration system will take place from 20 July** where we will be encouraging.

residents to register before September. From 27 July, an [eight-page A5 leaflet](#) will be delivered to all households across the borough advising about the registration process. This will also include information about further upcoming changes that were part of the 2024

consultation, namely the amount of DIY waste disposal and the introduction of sorting stations where residents can sort their waste to ensure as much as possible is recycled and placed into the correct skip at

the HWRC.

It is quick and easy to register at: [Find a recycling centre | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

FLY TIPPING



Fly tipping continues to have a significant impact on our villages and only recently the Breatheran organised an extensive litter pick around Hapsford under the supervision of Councillor Clarke. Our thanks to everyone who participated.

By working together we can help raise awareness of the issue, encourage responsible waste disposal and promote and reporting fly tipping incidents.

So, on 3 October at 10am (Village Hall and outside the phone box in Hapsford) we will be organising another 'Keep Dunham on the Hill & Hapsford Tidy' event.

Join the villages litter pick; spend an hour or two picking litter or cleaning our signs/phone boxes (where the defibrilators are) and help create a cleaner, tidier village.

Cake and coffee will be available after the event at the Village Hall.

UPDATE FROM SID

SID has been very happy with his current location outside the Wheatsheaf, especially with the entrance to the site being moved adjacent to his location. Far better than what he considers his banishment to the A56 near the traffic lights where there is only traffic to look at.

The activity at the Wheatsheaf has invigorated him to the extent that he fancied doing a U turn, having heard about the antics of our beloved leaders of all political persuasions. Too satisfy his desire we have turned him around to face Helsby, this has made him very happy at the moment.



Having SID face Helsby has confirmed that the road sign and bus stop do not interfere with a speed device that can be turned around to face either direction from SID's current location. We are investigating the possibility of installing a permanent speed device at this location. Don't hold your breath as obtaining finance and approvals is not a quick process.

Please keep SID happy if you are driving past by making him smile :)



Cheshire and Merseyside

FAMILIES SIGNPOSTED TO NEW NHS GUIDANCE ON NEURODEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

Families across Cheshire West and Chester are being encouraged to access a new NHS resource providing information about Right to Choose neurodevelopmental assessments.

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside has published a set of frequently asked questions (FAQs) to help parents and carers understand what Right to Choose is, how the process works and where they can find further information.

Cheshire West and Chester Council is sharing the guidance to help ensure families can access clear, trusted information when exploring the support available for their child.

The Council is also sharing the guidance with colleagues who work directly with children, young people, and families to support consistent signposting across services.

The guidance is available on the NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Website.

SCAM ALERT



Scenario	What Scammers Do	Your Safe Response
Phone Calls	Pretend to be your bank, police, or tech support about a "problem."	Hang up. Callers may claim your account is under attack and ask you to move money to a 'safe account'. Banks and police will never ask you to transfer money. Call your bank back using the trusted number on your debit card.
Texts & Links	Send "delivery failure" or "unpaid tax" alerts with a link.	Do not click. Go to the official website directly through your browser.
Emails	Use fake sender addresses to ask for password resets or invoices.	Check the sender. Look closely for typos. Never download unexpected attachments.
Online Shopping	Offer massive discounts on social media or unverified sites.	Pay safely. Use a credit card or PayPal. Never pay by direct bank transfer.
AI voice cloning / deepfakes	Scammers can now imitate voices.	Hang up. If a loved one sounds odd, hang up and call them back on a trusted number.
Fake parking QR codes ("quishing")	Stickers over real QR codes can send you to a fake payment page.	Pay via the official council parking app or by cash/card if you are unsure.
"Hi Mum / Hi Dad" WhatsApp scams	A new number claims to be a family member and asks for urgent money.	Check. Always call the family member on a number you already have.
Parcel delivery texts ("smishing")	Messages claiming a courier needs a small fee to redeliver a parcel	Don't click the link – go to the courier's official website.

Simple Rules to Follow:

- **Pause.** Scammers rush you. Stop and think.
- **Check with someone you trust.** A second opinion helps.
- **Call back using trusted routes.** Don't stay on the line; use numbers from your bank card or official website.
- **Never share PINs, passwords or one-time codes.**
- **Don't allow remote access** to your computer.

How to Verify and Report

- **Check a website:** Use free verification tools like ScamAdviser or Whois to see how old a website is. Brand new sites are highly risky.
- **Report texts:** Forward suspicious SMS messages to **7726**
- **Report emails:** Forward phishing emails to report@phishing.gov.uk or your email provider
- **Act:** If money sent, call 159

BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR



We have a vacancy – Will YOU join us?

Would you like to become an influencer in the life of your village, your parish, your local environment, recreational facilities, planning and housing issues and so much more for better or worse it's where you can get involved to help and make a difference to our community.

For more information contact the Parish Clerk clerk@dunhamhillandhapsford.co.uk

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Dates for your Diary

- ❖ **13 November** – Spooktacular Quiz & Supper
- ❖ **4 December** – Christmas Bingo
- ❖ **6 December** – Xmas Lights switch on and Santa visit (in conjunction with the Parish Council)

WE NEED YOU:

Volunteers: We are a friendly bunch of volunteers keen to bring fun events to the community and are looking for like-minded volunteers to join us. If you would be interested in joining / helping to organise events etc or would like more information, please get in touch 01928 444724



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