



Images of Straws Bridge Local Nature Reserve

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Parish Council's quarterly newsletter. Sorry we didn't manage a summer edition. The months slip by too quickly sometimes!

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## Chairman's Message *Councillor Carol Hart*

Dear Residents,

A newsletter passing on some good news and asking for your help, also hopefully a few items for information which you might find interesting and helpful.

The good news first, as you probably all know the Parish Council have responsibility for four recreation grounds, Beech Lane, Community Centre, High Lane Central and High Lane East,. There is play equipment on each of these recreation ground but as you probably appreciate new play equipment is very expensive and we only have a certain amount in our budget to purchase new equipment. Over the last few years we have managed to apply to the Big Lottery for grant money to purchase new equipment and have been successful with two bids, both providing £10,000. But as mentioned play equipment is so expensive and these grants do not go far. The Parish Council put some money towards the last piece of new equipment at the Community Centre and this one item, a climbing frame, cost just over £14,000.

At a recent Parish Council meeting two or three parents attended and asked about some possible new equipment at Beech Lane. One of the suggestions was the setting up of a Friends of Beech Lane group with the intention of applying for funding for some new play equipment. There are many pots of funding that Parish Councils cannot apply for but 'Friends of' groups can. Therefore we are hoping to organise a meeting very shortly to see what interest there is in moving this forward. We will



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get notices out in our notice boards and also at Scargill School and hopefully there will be enough of a response to move this forward.

The reason I am telling you this is that we have had some good news. The Parish Council applied to Tesco for a 'Bags of Help' grant and we have now received a letter from them informing us that West Hallam Parish Council was successful in their bid. Although they received close to 3,000 applications for the scheme only 1300 were awarded a grant. There are three projects in Erewash involved and the grants awarded are £8K, £10K and £12K. Later in this newsletter you will see how you can be involved in local voting to see which project gets which amount. The Parish Council will also be prepared to add to this amount for the new play equipment, and we would want the children at Scargill School to help us choose this equipment. If we can look at setting up a 'Friends of' group then we could possibly use this grant money as a 'kick start' to applying for more funding and really make a difference at Beech Lane. We have 400 children at Scargill School and they in turn have many siblings. It would be nice to give them some new and additional pieces of play equipment. Your support in the voting process would be much appreciated.

Other things in the newsletter are in connection with our CCTV monitoring and an incident at Beech Lane concerning a dog. Also there are reminders about our Remembrance Day Parade and Service and, although it is still a little while off, a date for your diary for our Christmas Light switch on event.

Just before I finish I would really like to welcome our new Clerk, Mrs. Kate Sharpe. It is quite a daunting task taking on this responsible job and Kate has certainly hit the ground running. It is good that she lives fairly locally and knows the West Hallam area. She is getting to know quite a lot of our contacts and introducing herself. If you have any queries or questions Kate will do her best to answer them. Her contact details are on the back page of this newsletter and on the Parish Council's website.

As usual I will finish up with the same message as usual - if any Councillors can be of help please do not hesitate to contact them or better still attend our Parish Council meetings. The Open Session always starts at 7 p.m. and you can raise anything with us and we will always do our best to help.

Kind regards,

Carol Hart (Chairman)

## CCTV

We continue to receive regular up-dates from HGA, the company who monitor our CCTV cameras. The cameras, located at the Community Centre, Powtrell Pavilion and Scargill School, are monitored 24/7.



We have recently had two cameras renewed under the under our maintenance agreement and the new cameras have an infra red capacity which will make it easier to spot miscreants even in the dark areas.

The monitoring of these areas has meant that the police have been called out on many occasions usually when drinking of alcohol and sometimes the use of drugs are seen. Many names have been taken and letters sent to parents. We have been reasonably lucky over the last few years and incidents of anti social behaviour are not as prevalent as they used to be, but they still do happen and it is very upsetting to the residents who are affected.

The silly part is that if damage to play equipment or damage to Parish property occurs the Parish Council have to pay. If our budget is not able to cope with this it means we have to make a precept in the next financial year which results in these youngsters (or their parents) having to pay extra council tax. Yes it is only a small amount, but do these youngsters realise the consequence of their actions?

The new cameras will certainly give more enhanced pictures and hopefully more misbehaving youngsters will be recognised and receive a visit from the police.

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## The Queen's 90th Birthday Commemorative Medallions



The Parish Council has purchased Commemorative Medals for all primary school age children living in West Hallam and these have been distributed via local schools.

If you have a child that you think is eligible, but has not yet received a medal please let us know by contacting the Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Carol Hart (see back

page).

Also a limited number of medals are still available for purchase for children who don't qualify for the free issue - if you are interested in purchasing a medal (price £2.50) please contact our Chairman as above.

## **Problems at Beech Lane Recreation Ground**

An incident took place recently at Beech Lane Recreation Ground. A couple enjoying a walk were very upset when a quite large dog, which had been running loose, ran at them and appeared about to attack them. The owner, after a couple of attempts, managed to get the dog under control but as the couple said it was quite frightening and could have been a serious incident had it been a child.

The Parish Council want everyone to feel free to use the recreation ground and we appreciate dog owners like to exercise their dogs there, but we would ask owners at all times to make sure they do not cause a problem.

We were asked if it was possible to either ban dogs from the recreation area or, if not, make sure all owners kept their dogs on leads. There is possible legislation that could be introduced if problems could be proved but it is a lengthy process and basically if it is introduced it would be meaningless unless it was policed.

The majority of dog owners are sensible and caring people and it is only a minority that spoil it for the rest. We are looking at putting signs up on the entrances to Beech Lane asking people to control their dogs whilst using the area and hopefully this might prick the consciousness of those who might have caused this problem.

Needless to say we still get many complaints about dog owners not picking up their dog faeces - again a minority but a real problem. This very often spoils the enjoyment of people using the recreation ground and it can be quite dangerous for the young children who use the recreation ground to get to and from school and also use the play equipment.

Please help us keep West Hallam free from mess.

**Friends Of Straw's Bridge  
Next meeting:**

**Thursday 13th October  
2016**



**From 7.00pm  
At  
The Community Room  
Ilkeston Fire Station**

**New members always welcome**



Find out more about the Friends at  
[www.westhallam-pc.org.uk/page129.html](http://www.westhallam-pc.org.uk/page129.html)

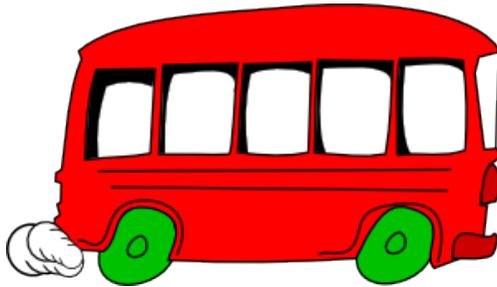
## **Bus Service - an update from County Councillor Carol Hart**

As the County Councillor I have received many queries from bewildered residents as to why we now have two bus services running within minutes of each other on almost identical routes.

Unfortunately there is very little that can be done - the bus companies can request routes and times and it is not very often they are refused. It just seems as though the bus companies are trying to put each other out of business and these two running together do nothing to help their customers. If only they could stagger their times it would be of benefit to both the companies and their users.

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) only have any sort of

control over the subsidised services that run and I am sure those of you who use the busses know that DCC are looking to withdraw subsidies from September next year. If they do that it will mean that West Hallam



will not have an evening and Sunday service. We lost it a year or so ago and after a concerted

campaign managed to get it back, but it did mean that DCC and Derby City paid a subsidy to keep it running, Derby City have now withdrawn their funding and it means that only DCC is subsidising the service.

It is so important to the people who use it and again the plea is 'use it or lose it'. We need over next year to build up our case as to why we need to keep this service.

# **TESCO** Bags of Help

## **Beech Lane Play Area Improvements**

West Hallam Parish Council has made a successful bid for cash from this scheme to help fund a revamp of the play area at Beech Lane Recreation Ground

**We are guaranteed £8,000 towards this project, but with your help we could turn this into £10,000 or even £12,000!**

### **How you can help!**

The 5p carrier bag charge at Tesco stores is being used for grants to improve local parks, hold community events, support sports groups and more.

With three levels of funding Tesco customers can support their local scheme. Three schemes have been selected locally and you will have the chance to vote in our local stores.

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<b>The higher the grant the better the scheme</b>	<b>Voting is open 31 October to 13 November 2016</b>
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The Parish Council will be adding to whatever grant is obtained

**PLEASE VOTE FOR OUR PROJECT**

**5p carrier bag purchase required**



## Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries

**West Hallam destined for Amber Valley?**

On 13 September the independent Boundary Commission for England (BCE) published its initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies. The publication marks the start of 12 weeks of consultation, during which the Commission wants to hear the public's views to help shape the proposed new constituency boundaries.

Following a decision by Parliament to reduce the number of constituencies in the UK to 600 from 650, and to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency is more equal, the BCE has been asked to make independent recommendations about where the boundaries of English constituencies should be and, if agreed by Parliament, the new constituencies will be in use at the next scheduled General Election in 2020.

These initial proposals show West Hallam going into an expanded Amber Valley Constituency - the Mid Derbyshire Constituency where it currently sits will disappear.

The proposals have not yet been considered by the Parish Council.

To see the proposals in detail and find out how to make your views known you can visit the Commission's special consultation website at [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk).

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### Parish Council Meeting Dates

The Parish Council normally meets on the second Monday of each month, except in August. **The next meeting is on Monday 10 October 2016.**

Meetings are held in the Powtrell Community Pavilion starting at 7 pm.

Residents are very welcome to attend, and if there's something you'd like to say to or ask the Parish Council, the public open sessions at the beginning of the meeting provide the opportunity to do so.

If you'd rather raise something on a one-to-one basis then contact details for your Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk are on the back of this newsletter.

## Meet our New Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer



The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome **Mrs Kate Sharpe** as it's new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Kate took up the role from 12 July and has already shown herself to be a great asset to the Parish Council in terms of her enthusiasm and commitment.

Kate says she has really enjoyed her first couple of months working as the Clerk and looks forward to getting involved in the life of the Parish.

Kate's contact details may be found on the back page of this newsletter.

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## Remembrance Day Parade and Service



**W**est Hallam's Remembrance Day Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 commencing with a Parade leaving Scargill School at approximately 10.30am and Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the Village on arrival.

Following the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial there will be a Service of Remembrance in St Wilfrid's Church which you are all welcome to attend.

Following the service there will be light refreshments in the Church.



## Small Grants for Local Organisations

Once again each Erewash Borough Councillor has been allocated £500 to enable them to give small grants to local organisations in their wards this year.

Sometimes local groups and organisations can really struggle with finances and a small grant can help them to survive or help provide some much needed equipment.

West Hallam and Dale Abbey Ward (which now also takes in Stanley Common) has three Borough Councillors - Carol Hart, Bruce Broughton and Barbara Harrison.

If any local group or organisation based in West Hallam, Dale Abbey or Stanley Common would like to apply for a small amount of funding then please contact one of them.

If for some reason a group needed a slightly larger donation it is possible that all three members could join together, depending on the request.

The contact details for your three Borough Councillors are as follows:-

[councillor.carol.hart@erewash.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.carol.hart@erewash.gov.uk) - Telephone 0115 9322513

[councillor.bruce.broughton@erewash.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.bruce.broughton@erewash.gov.uk) - Telephone 0115 9323531

[councillor.barbara.harrison@erewash.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.barbara.harrison@erewash.gov.uk) - Telephone 0115 9323000

Your Derbyshire County Councillor (Councillor Carol Hart) also has a grant pot and again local organisations within the ward are encouraged to apply and ask her for assistance - her email address for County Council purposes is [carol.hart@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:carol.hart@derbyshire.gov.uk)



## A Date for Your Diary

It may seem a little while off yet, but here's a date to note!



# Christmas Lights Switch-On

## Saturday 3 December 2016



Children's entertainment, visit by Father Christmas, Ilkeston Brass, Barbeque, mulled wine, free mince pies, tea and coffee etc.,

There'll be more information on the website and parish notice boards nearer the time

## In Brief . . .

- **Litter bin adjacent to the Village Hall Gardens** - it has taken a while, for various reasons, but the new litter bin bought by the Parish Council for this location has now been installed
- **Holiday Play Scheme** - following the disappointment of not being able to run this year's summer play scheme the Parish Council is now investigating options for next year, which may include making some provision for the Easter holidays (perhaps the mobile climbing wall and/or skate park) as well as in the summer. If you have a view on what might be provided please let us know by [contacting our Clerk](#)
- **The external audit** of the Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 has recently been completed and no significant issues raised

# Your Parish Councillors



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**Councillor Darren  
Adams-Shaw**  
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**Councillor Bridget  
Adams-Shaw**  
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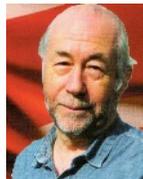
**Councillor Chris  
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**Councillor Bruce  
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Harrison**  
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Maclean**  
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Councillors Carol Hart, Bruce Broughton and Barbara Harrison are also members of Erewash Borough Council representing the West Hallam and Dale Abbey Ward.

Councillor Carol Hart is our local Derbyshire County Councillor



## Contact the Parish Council



You can contact the Parish Council by writing to or phoning our new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer -

**Mrs Kate Sharpe**, 25 Wilmslow Drive, Oakwood, Derby, DE21 2HR

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