



West Hallam

Parish Council

Newsletter to Residents

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Images of Straws Bridge Local Nature Reserve

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Parish Council's quarterly newsletter and the first one featuring the Parish Council's new logo. You can find out more about the logo on page 3

Chairman's Message *Councillor Carol Hart*

Dear Residents,

I hope you find this newsletter interesting and informative, if you think there are items you would like more information on or would like to contribute your input is very welcome and we would urge those people who have this delivered electronically or if you just pick it up in one or two outlets please spread the word about it, the Parish Council work on your behalf and we are always pleased to receive your feedback or suggestions to make West Hallam even better, although I may be biased but I think we have a pretty special Village.

I say this because we have many community events and it is lovely to see so many of our residents turn out and support these

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Christmas Lights Switch-On
Saturday 2 December 2017

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events, the most recent of which was the Remembrance Sunday parade and service. It was good to see so many young people not only carrying their standards, scouts, brownies etc., but also laying crosses and wreaths, and lovely also to see residents from Bramble Lodge laying their contribution.

This year the Royal British Legion came up with the idea of large poppies for the lamp posts and we decided to order 10. I wish we had ordered more because they were really well received by our residents, so hopefully a few more next year.

Other events - how can we not mention the Well Dressing and Scarecrow Trail weekend. Again fantastic, well organised events. What a group of volunteers and how hard they work, but it does highlight our Village and not only brings our own residents out but brings in many visitors from out of the area. Another event which is gaining in attendance year on year is the Annual Bonfire display at West Hallam White Rose Cricket Club. Again an event not just for the club but for everyone and really well supported.

The next event is nearly upon us, the Christmas Light Switch On, (more information on page 11). Hopefully we get a dry evening and a fantastic turnout so please come along, enjoy and support the switch on.

Having mentioned these events we have to remember that they are all organised and delivered by volunteers. Without volunteers these things would not happen, so if you have any spare time to help on any occasion you would be more than welcome.

On to one or two things that are raising concerns. Residents have been expressing their concerns about the bus services through our area. They are not only being cut but there seems to be little information or consultation. The Parish Council have no control over these services but they do matter to our residents and we have written to all 3 bus companies who provide the services asking them to at least let us know if they are contemplating changing or reducing the service,. Even Derbyshire County Council cannot stop them changing or cutting services unless it is a subsidised service. Very frustrating.

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The Parish Council's New Logo

The Parish Council is very pleased to unveil it's new logo.

It is based on the design of the village sign which was produced by the late Mr Jim Price and the Parish Council is grateful to Mrs Mary Price and her family for their comments and support during the development of the design.



The village sign was unveiled on 29 March 2008 and pictured below at the unveiling event are Mr and Mrs Price together with the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Mrs Carol Hart and the then Mayor of Erewash, former Councillor Mrs Eileen Knight.

In creating the original design Mr Price said that his thinking was not to illustrate the obvious, such as agriculture and mining, but to feature other important aspects that had been part of the village life for a number of centuries.

The first and arguably most prominent feature of West Hallam is the church, built in 1275 and dedicated to St



Wilfrid, followed by the Powtrel, Scargill and Newdigate families who had donated so much of their time and wealth to the village - benefits

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which endure today.

The design for the church was taken from an old print of c1875, and shows the church as viewed from the west. This aspect eventually became the site of the Hall, long since demolished and now known as Hall Court.

The three families of Powtrell, Scargill and Newdigate, were also chosen because they represented so much of recorded life in West Hallam over the centuries. The design for the Powtrell armorial bearings were taken from their tomb in the church; the Scargill bearings from the stained glass window in the west wall; and the Newdigate design from research undertaken by Mr Price at Ilkeston library.

The new logo, produced by Allison Elliott of Snake Lane Design in Derby, aims to retain all these elements, whilst creating something that can be used at varying sizes (for example on letter heads or posters) and in both colour and monochrome.

How To Shop Online Safely - Advice from Action Fraud

Check the web address

Always check you're on the correct website. Criminals can set up fake websites that have a similar design and web address to the genuine site.

Is it a secure connection?

Web pages you enter personal or financial details into should display a locked padlock sign and have a web address that starts with https. This means your connection to the website is secure.

Phishing

Don't click on links or attachments within unsolicited emails. The number of online shopping related phishing emails increases significantly during the holiday period.

Bank transfers

65% of Action Fraud reports during the 2016 Christmas period were linked to online auction sites. Don't pay for goods or services by bank transfer unless you know and trust the person. Payments via bank transfer offer you no protection if you become a victim of fraud.

Snow Warden Scheme - a chance to help your community

Do you live in a close next to a road which is gritted by the County Council? Is it frustrating that with a small amount of grit spread you would be able to get out of the close - or if you have elderly neighbours living near you, could spreading a little grit on the pavements help them get out to the bus stop, shops or doctors' surgery?

If you are willing to offer any help you only need to complete a very short form just to confirm that you are reasonably fit, and the Parish Council will do its best to deliver grit to your house whenever snow is forecast.

Many people worry that if they get involved they could be liable if someone still slipped on the snow, but all advice coming from solicitors at DCC and from Government is that as long as you are doing something to improve the situation, which spreading grit is, then you will not be at risk.

Please consider helping out. If you are interested please make contact either via our web site (www.westhallam-pc.org.uk) or by contacting our Clerk, Kate Sharpe, whose contact details are on the back page.

Your help would be very much appreciated.

Speed Awareness Stickers for Wheeled Bins



Speeding in the village is the subject of regular complaints (not just in West Hallam) and the Parish Council has recently learned of the availability of stickers which can be used on the side of wheeled bins to provide a recurring reminder, when the bins are out for collection, of the speed limit in a particular area.

The Council has agreed to purchase an initial supply of these for both 30 mph roads and for use on High Lane where the speed limit is of course 40 mph. These will shortly be offered free of charge to residents, hopefully to be picked up from participating local businesses.

If you'd like to be notified when and where these are available please get in touch with our Clerk - contact details on the back page.

Derbyshire Connect

Derbyshire County Council has launched a new set of bus and volunteer car services called **Derbyshire Connect**, which started to run on Monday 2 October 2017.

In summary Derbyshire Connect Dial-a-Bus shopping buses are for people unable to use conventional public transport because of their age, mobility/disability difficulties or because they live in areas where public transport is limited. In the south and west of the county they are run by Ashbourne Community Transport. In the north and east of the county (our area) they are run by Community Transport for Town and County (CT4TC).

In addition, Derbyshire Connect Active Travel services are for people needing to get to healthcare appointments, who again, are unable to use conventional public transport.

Further information is available via the following link -

https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/public_transport/news_notices/derbyshire_connect/default.asp

Poppy Appeal 2017

Your two local Poppy Appeal Organisers would like to thank everyone who donated to this year's Poppy Appeal and the businesses and premises who promoted and accepted donations to the Poppy Appeal.

We are pleased to announce the Total so far for PAO Terry Hall HAE05 Stanley Rural including the Depot amounted to **£1016.66**; and PAO June Thornton covering West Hallam, Mapperley and Stanley Common raised **£4046.66**.

Thank you to every one.

Terry Hall
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer
Derbyshire Submariners



WW1 Commemoration 2018



Next year will be the centenary of the end of World War 1 and the Parish Council would like to mark this anniversary in some way, to commemorate and celebrate the end of the war.

The Parish Council has some ideas, which include the provision of a commemorative seat, a commemorative planter, or the production of small wooden crosses bearing the names of each of those who made the supreme sacrifice, which would be used to make a permanent collage - possibly for display in the Parish Church.

This will be further discussed early in the New Year but in the meantime the Parish Council would be very pleased to receive suggestions from residents and community groups as to what they think would be a fitting commemoration.

Friends of Beech Lane Recreation Ground

The Friends of Beech Lane group was set up a few months ago to work, with the support of the Parish Council, to improve and add to the play equipment at Beech Lane Recreation Ground.



They have used the Tesco Grant award of £8,000 and the Parish Council budget allocation for play equipment to make real improvements and helped by work being done on a 'not for profit' basis. Now they have moved into the second phase - an application was made to Awards for All to pay for a piece of equipment for the older children and the application has very recently been approved in the sum of just over £9,000. To add to this the Friends have arranged for collecting tins in various outlets in the Village, they have set up a **Just Giving Page** at (<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friendsofbeechnegroup-westhallam-1>) and also approached businesses for sponsorship.

There is also going to be a non-uniform day at the school. With a good response it does mean not only will a new piece of equipment be purchased but more work can be done to the equipment in the play area. They are now looking at specific items and will approach the local Borough/County Councillors for a contribution from their grant funding provided by EBC and DCC. **Fantastic work by local volunteers.**

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We seem to have been having an increased number of incidents of anti-social behaviour and, even worse, drug dealing/usage.

Quite a lot of these sort of activities are picked up by our CCTV cameras and if anything is seen by the monitoring unit the Police are contacted and respond to many of the reports.

We now have a new Officer working in our area - PC. Ann-Marie Gregory and she is very helpful and pro-active. The local Safer Neighbourhood Team are also becoming more pro-active and they will be visiting areas in their policing area to talk to residents and listen to their concerns. We will make sure their visits are publicised in advance.

Speeding as always is an issue and in the newsletter is something to try and help remind drivers of their speed. Hopefully it might help and raise awareness - see page 5.

As usual I will finish by saying the Parish Council is always interested in what our residents think about the work we do on your behalf. If you have anything you would like us to do that we are not doing, bearing in mind we only have limited resources, please let us know. You are welcome to email, but why not come along to the Open Session which is held from 7 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. before each Parish Council meeting,

Finally can I, on behalf of the West Hallam Parish Council, wish all of our residents a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year,

Regards,

Carol Hart

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 11 December 2017.**

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.

New at the Powtrell Pavilion



Do you have a budding chef aged 2-4 years? **Cook Stars Amber Valley and Erewash** are excited to have brought their cookery classes to Powtrell Pavilion, West Hallam.

Cook Stars Juniors is on Mondays (4-5pm) - term time only.

They offer a ****FREE**** first class to all children so you have nothing to lose by coming along. Children will learn an important life skill whilst having fun and get to take home their dinner or pudding each week along with a recipe card to recreate their dish and a craft activity.

Booking is essential so please visit their website at <http://www.cookstars.co.uk/our-classes/amber-valley> to book. If you love their classes and want to stay then you can book for the remaining half term for just £7.95 per class.

They also offer a range of Cook Stars Birthday Parties. They cater for EVERYTHING - all you need to do is book the venue (the Powtrell Pavilion is ideal) or even your own home, then sit back and relax! <http://www.cookstars.co.uk/parties>

In Brief . . .

- **The external audit** of the Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 has been completed and no significant issues raised
- **Repairs to the skate ramps** at Station Road Recreation Ground have been agreed (to fill a small gap between the ramp and the tarmac) and will hopefully be undertaken shortly
- **Fly Tipping on Parish Council land at** Farnham Walk had to be dealt with by the Parish Council over the summer. Unfortunately the presence of asbestos sheets had made it a relatively costly exercise for the amount of material involved

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.

We are now over half way through the year and limited funds remain, but 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 it may not be too late. Please contact one of your Borough Councillors and they will be able to advise you.

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 - Telephone 0115 9322513

councillor.bruce.broughton@erewash.gov.uk - Telephone 0115 9323531

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





**WEST HALLAM PARISH COUNCIL,
THE VILLAGE HALL & ST.WILFRID'S CHURCH**

Invite you, your family and friends to join us

**SWITCHING ON OF
THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
AND CAROL SERVICE**

SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2017

**From 4.00pm at the Church and
from 5.00pm around the Village Hall**

Hot food and refreshments available

Children's entertainment

Visit from Father Christmas...

...and some visitors from Disney Lane!

6.00pm - Switching on the Christmas Lights

6.05pm - Our traditional Carol Service



Your Parish Councillors



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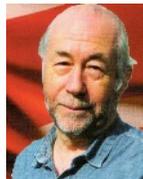
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Councillors Carol Hart, Bruce Broughton and Barbara Harrison are also members of Erewash Borough Council representing the West Hallam and Dale Abbey Ward.

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 Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer -

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