



HATHERN Parish Council

Welcome once again to the Parish Council's Newsletter.



Major improvements planned for cemetery

Hathern Cemetery should be a place where relatives and friends of loved ones at rest in the cemetery can find peace and solace. Without doubt the cemetery is situated in a beautiful part of the village, overlooking the Soar valley, but unfortunately the physical environment is falling into disrepair. Hathern Parish Council, which has responsibility for the cemetery, has included improvements to it in its four year plan of action. With this in mind a project group has been formed to help drive forward these improvements.

This is a long term project and one that will require considerable financial investment. Funding for this will come primarily from the annual Parish precept; the local rate paid to the Parish Council as part of the Council Tax charged annually. The Parish Council will, however, be investigating additional sources of funding to pay for the necessary work.

An ambitious plan of action is being pursued this year and if all goes well we will see improvements to the entrance including work to allow wheelchair users to more easily gain access. It is also hoped to improve waste disposal facilities (including recycling bins for green waste), repairs to hedgerows, tree planting on the right hand side of the cemetery and maintenance work on existing trees.

In the longer term there will be work to improve the area around the war memorial, resurfacing the paths and installing new kerbs. Further details will be revealed as work progresses but in the meantime the Parish Council would welcome any ideas or offers of help.

Latest News

Round Bank – Together with local residents the Council recently reviewed the works that have taken place on the Round bank in Wide St. It was agreed that these works have had a tremendously positive impact on this area, protecting the bank from erosion caused by poorly parked cars and significantly improving the overall appearance of this important green space for the village.

Grounds Maintenance – Recently, and following a formal tendering process, we were able to award the contract for the maintenance of both our grounds (including Hathern Park, the Football ground and the Cemetery) and the grass verges in the village, to Roma Landscapes Ltd. We are pleased to be able to continue our relationship with Roma, who have delivered a high standard of service and have provided best value to the Council.

Heritage Trail – this project is making good progress and we can confirm that we are hoping to install plaques around the village covering the following areas – Hathern Park, the Cross, the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Hathern School, and the Jubilee Tree. We are expecting to complete this phase of the project over the summer and it is intended that in future years to add further plaques covering other areas of heritage in the village.

Update on Charnwood 2021 – Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) have recently announced that the program for their long term development plan (the so called Core Strategy) has been delayed yet again. The Core Strategy is likely to include proposals to develop the Garendon Estate and remove the green wedge between Hathern and Dishley. The Preferred Options public consultation was supposed to start in February, this was then delayed until May, and now this has been postponed again with no revised timetable announced yet. It is no wonder that CBC has recently re-named this project "Charnwood 2026"! The Parish Council is actively supporting the Garendon Park and Countryside Protection Group who are fighting any proposal to develop the Estate.

BT Phone Box - BT are proposing to remove the payphone installation in Cross Street as they claim that it is little used. If you have a view on this you have until July 2nd to respond to their consultation process. Contact details are : BT Payphones, PP 05A23, Delta Point, Wellesley Rd, Croydon, CR92YZ or email btp.authorisation.team@bt.com