



HATHERN Parish Council

Welcome to the summer Newsletter from the Parish Council. Once again there is plenty to report !

Speed limits on the A6

There have been 70 road accidents within Hathern over the past 5 years – most associated with the A6. The Parish Council has been working with our Borough and County Councillors to press for a reduction in the speed limit along the A6 through the village and we have finally received a proposal from LCC Highways that addresses that issue. The current proposal is for a 30mph limit running from the Wide Lane junction, through the village to the commencement of the dual carriageway, together with white-lining to reduce the dual carriageway to a single track road in both directions and a reduction in the speed limit to 50mph from the end of the dual carriageway to the junction with Warwick Way. Such measures are long overdue and, in the interests of road safety, we are hoping that the public consultation exercise can begin as soon as possible.

Mowing of verges

Leicester County Council (LCC) have been responsible for most of the grass verges and smaller green spaces in Hathern and in recent years many residents and the Parish Council have been concerned about their poor standard and regularity of maintenance and mowing. We are very pleased to report that to resolve this matter we have negotiated the handing over of responsibility for the mowing of these areas to the Parish Council, and we have already seen a great improvement in the standard and quality as a result of using our own contractor – Roma Landscapes. As part of the hand-over we receive a financial contribution from LCC that we top up to allow us to mow 15 times per year instead of the previous 9 – this is a very small price to pay for a vastly superior and responsive service. A great result for the village!

Charnwood 2012 update

We continue to press Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) with our concerns over the impact on our village of the proposed development of the Garendon Estate. The Chairman recently attended a meeting to discuss the likely impact on the A6 of such a development and the Kegworth bypass with the Leader of CBC, County and Borough Councillors, CBC Planning Services, and LCC Highways. We are convinced that these developments will bring traffic chaos to the village and we put these views strongly at the meeting. CBC and LCC are currently working to assess traffic and pollution impact – although no results were forthcoming ! We await to see if CBC do make a submission on their controversial proposals to the Secretary of State in November or whether they will defer until after the May 2007 elections.

We are also working alongside the Garendon Park Countryside Protection Group who are campaigning to stop any development on this important site. If you are interested in joining this group then please call Lynda Needham on 01509 821973.



Latest News

Hathern Recreation Ground

At last we have received conditional planning permission for improvements to the boundary of the Recreation Ground with Pasture Lane and we thank Richard Henson for his help with this. However there is still much to be done before work can start on the ground – watch this space for news

Police matters

The Police have reported to us that there has been an increase in damage to and thefts from parked cars in the village. If you see anything of this nature or have any relevant information that may help then please call the Hathern beat team on 0116 222 2222

HPC Website

The Parish Council's website, hathernparishcouncil.org.uk, has recently been revamped and improved to include information on the Council's role and responsibilities, its governance procedures, minutes of its meetings, its current 3 year plan and key achievements to date together with previous Newsletters (work in progress!). The site can also be used by residents to air views and make comments on village matters – go on, take a look.