



HATHERN Parish Council

Welcome once again to the Parish Council newsletter.

Hathern Park

We have received many words of praise about the recently completed improvements to the park and its entrance points. Thank you. We aim to continue to work to develop and maintain this amenity for the benefit of the community not forgetting, of course, to recognise and preserve its rural setting .

Some work remains to be done this year. A large section of the car parking space in front of the park is about to be resurfaced and this will help tidy the whole area up. Furthermore we intend to introduce some planted areas together with planting saplings to replace the trees that had to be removed as part of the recent construction works. We are also developing a long term plan for the management of the park (and all our green spaces in the village) to ensure that we have a clear picture of the work required to maintain and improve this area for the future

We are also working to keep the park tidy, clean and safe. We have been litter picking the park on a weekly basis throughout the summer but would like to remind those who use the park to please put their litter into the bins provided. Hathern Park is one of the most valued amenities in the village and it is being spoiled by an inconsiderate few. The no-dogs signs are being re-installed at either ends of the Park and we would ask dog owners not to exercise their dogs on the Park – the whole area is used by children and dog fouling is unpleasant and can be a serious health hazard

Parish Council Priority Plan

Thank you for the responses we have received since we published our draft Priority Plan via the last edition of the Herald. In the main they were very supportive of the proposals put forward and made valuable suggestions and comments that the Council will consider as it tackles each of the priority areas. The topic that stimulated most comment by far was making our village and roads safer – especially issues concerned with parking, speeding and pedestrian safety. Also important were the topics of cleaner neighbourhoods and enhancing village street design, and here we received several interesting and constructive ideas. The Priority Plan will guide and direct the activities of the Council over the next 4 years and the community's input to that has been most welcome.



Hathern Heritage Trail

The Council, with the help of the Hathern Local History Society, is hoping to initiate a project to set up a heritage trail around the village and focused around a series of information plaques. Each plaque will describe certain aspects of local/social history relating to Hathern and its past and this will be linked to a specific feature, building or landmark that will be in close proximity to where the plaque is to be located. In this way we can bring local history and heritage to life by setting it in a real context. We would be delighted to hear from villagers with suggestions about subject matter and locations for the trail. We are in the process of applying for funding to help with the costs of this project so watch this space for more news.

