



HATHERN Parish Council

Welcome to another Newsletter. It's been a busy time for the Parish Council with a lot going on in and around the village.

Hathern Park, Pasture Lane

By the time you read this the majority of the building works will have been completed and the new boundary wall, railings, and gates should all be in place.

It has been a huge effort to get to this point. Once we had cleared all the paperwork and obtained the necessary Planning Permissions we were able to appoint a main contractor, Brian Mee Associates, who began work in mid March. The decorative ironwork (gates and archway) has been designed and made by Hathern Forge. Hathern School kindly agreed to find a new home for the original gate and that now takes pride of place in the School's Wildlife Garden. We are also pleased that the School has chosen to replace its fencing with railings that match those we have used in our development.

What has been achieved is of great credit to the village and will no doubt bring a sense of pride and pleasure to our community. We would like to say a big thank you to those who have been involved along the way and those who have had to put up with the disruption along Pasture Lane during the work!

Improvements to Round Bank, Wide St.

This project is now approaching its completion and already this important green space is looking better. Low-level wooden posts along one side of the bank have been installed to protect the green from further erosion caused by poorly parked vehicles. The electricity sub-station has been replaced and the old telecoms unit removed. A native Oak sapling has been planted to replace the Jubilee Tree that unfortunately became diseased. This should grow to become a magnificent backdrop to the Village Sign. What remains to be done is the road marking scheme to create a vehicle turning space and a planting scheme to help off-set the dominant appearance of the sub-station. This work should be finished later this year.

Parish Council Priority Plan

The Council has been working to produce a new priority plan to cover the next 4 years of its tenure. Once the plan has been agreed it will direct and guide the activities of the Council and act to determine our priorities for new projects over that period. We have summarized our proposed plan on the separate sheet included with this edition of the Hathern Herald. We would appreciate any comments and suggestions before we finally agree the plan itself. Details of how to do this are given on the sheet.



Latest News

Update on Charnwood 2021

Charnwood Borough Council have recently revised the program for their long term development strategy (the Core Strategy), that includes the proposed development of the Garendon Estate and the removal of the green wedge between Hathern and Dishley. A further Preferred Options consultation with residents will now take place in Feb 2008. This follows the Regional Plan proposals that look to increase the urban extension to Loughborough to 4,875 homes and the County Council's plan to further increase this to 8,000 homes! This will certainly put even greater pressure on our local environment and the Parish Council has recently agreed to financially support the work of the Garendon Park Countryside Protection Group who will be employing an environmental lawyer to fight these plans.

Parish Council Election

The May elections were uncontested. Your elected Councillors for 2007 to 2011 are Ian Bradford, Andrew Walker, Howard Toon, Annette Harper, Stan Roden and Roy Dann. Funds raised for election costs will be set against next year's budget requirements.