



# HATHERN Parish Council

Welcome to the Hathern Parish Council Newsletter.

## Priority Plan

From its 4 year Priority Action Plan the Council has identified three areas for attention over the next 12 months. These are :

1. **Management Plan for HPC's Green Spaces** – The Council owns and/or is responsible for the upkeep of many important green spaces in the village – from Hathern Park to the roadside verges. The quality of these areas impacts on everyone in the village. With the help of Wendy English, Hathern's Tree Warden, and several other experts we will be preparing and publishing a long term plan to help manage the maintenance and improvement of these areas.
2. **Cemetery Improvement** – The Council's cemetery ground is in need of major works to improve accessibility and raise the general standard of this most sensitive area.
3. **Approaches to the village** – Many villages are welcoming to visitors and passers through having planters and appropriate signage at the roadside. The Council will be considering what might be done for Hathern, and residents suggestions and ideas will be most welcome. Please let us know.



## Anti-Social Behaviour

People often associate anti-social behaviour with unruly youths, however in this case some adult residents of the village are no less guilty of such. We are referring to those who allow their dogs to foul the pavements and other communal areas and then fail to clean up the mess. We have received many complaints about this perennial problem. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and care about the community they live in, however some evidently do not. Failing to clear up your dog's mess is anti social and potentially a serious health hazard, especially for children. Furthermore it is an offence that attracts a fine of up to £1000. We believe that persistent offenders can only be tackled effectively by bringing about a prosecution – so if you have information relating to someone failing to clean up after their dog then you should call Charnwood Borough Council's Contact Centre on 01509 634563.

## Come and have your say

We can't promise scintillating debate or earth shattering issues but what the Parish Council meetings can offer are discussion on things that affect the village and a chance for you to have your say.



Meetings are held approximately every six weeks at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm. Each meeting considers a range of issues including plans for improvements to the village as well as how to deal with potential threats such as new local development. At the start of each meeting there is time set aside for local people to raise matters of importance to them. The public is of course very welcome to remain for the whole of the meeting (it finishes by 9.00pm.) but sometimes people need to get away after the public participation session and that's absolutely fine too. Meeting dates are posted on the Parish Council notice board on Cross Street, on the website <http://www.hathernparishcouncil.org.uk> and in the village notices in the Loughborough Echo. Why not give it a try?

## Latest News

**Music in the Marquee** – congratulations to those who organised this event in the marquee in the grounds of the Three Crowns pub. It was very successful and many from the village enjoyed the evening of live music. The Parish Council supported the grant application for the purchase of this facility and encourages community groups who want to provide activities and events for the benefit of the wider community.

**Heritage Trail** – this project has got off to a great start with Hathern Local History Society recently being awarded a £1000 grant from the EMA Community Fund. The project, which is led by the Parish Council, aims to set up a Heritage Trail, comprising a series of historical information plaques, around the village.

**Update on Charnwood 2021** - Through the efforts of the Parish Council, local residents and many other objectors Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) were forced to withdraw its Core Strategy last year. You will remember that this would have resulted in the building of thousands of houses on the Garendon Estate green wedge that separates Loughborough from Hathern and Shepshed. It is almost certain that the East Midlands Regional Plan will increase the allocation for new houses to be built in Charnwood. CBC is currently preparing a new Core Strategy to identify alternative locations for these houses. The Parish Council has recently made its first response to the associated consultation process and we will continue to work in the interests of Hathern residents in fighting against the encroachment of urban sprawl from Loughborough, the consequence of increased traffic on the A6 and loss of the amenity value of our green wedge.