



HATHERN Parish Council

Welcome to the Parish Council Newsletter. Again it has been a busy time with a number of important projects and issues for the Council.

Improvements to Round Bank, Wide Street

As part of our pledge to work to improve the local environment for villagers we are to make some improvements to the Round Bank green space at the top of Wide Street at its junction with the A6.

The Round Bank is an important space for the community, being the location of the Village Sign and, until last year, the site of the horse chestnut planted in 1977 to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Unfortunately this tree became diseased and had to be removed and as part of the new scheme we will be planting a suitable replacement tree and at the same time work to improve the appearance of the whole space whilst still retaining its relatively open aspect.

Another important part of the work will be a planting scheme around the electricity sub-station to off-set the dominant appearance of this structure and recently Central Networks agreed to install a new housing for the equipment in early 2007. Furthermore we will be installing low level wooden posts along the northern side of the bank to protect it from further erosion and prevent vehicles parking on the green itself. We are now working with Leicestershire County Council to implement the improvement scheme over the next few months.

Village Christmas Tree

We are extremely pleased to report that at last the village will have its own Christmas tree on display in the heart of the village. Together with the Church of St. Peter & St. Paul we are providing a permanent location for a large cut tree on Church land at the junction of Church St. and Wide Lane. Currently the village has no communal or public Christmas decoration and the completion of this project will undoubtedly bring great pleasure to many.

The groundwork and electrical installation for the decorative lights was finished in November and the first tree will be erected in early December. The Council will continue its involvement into the future by providing a tree for the next 3 years. A 'lighting up' ceremony is planned for the evening of the 30th Nov at 6.00pm – so come along and join the celebration.



Latest News

Update on Charnwood 2021

Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) has decided to delay the submission, to the Secretary of State, of its housing and commercial development strategy (the Core Strategy), that includes the development of the Garendon Estate and the effective removal of the green wedge between Hathern and Dishley. This is an admission that the CBC has not done sufficient work to ensure that its case is robust and supports our case that CBC has not considered the implications of this strategy on traffic congestion and pollution along the A6 through Hathern. Furthermore the new Regional Plan, that the current Core Strategy has not accounted for, calls for a significant increase in house building in this area and undoubtedly will have an impact on any revision to the Strategy.

Liaison with hathern School

The Parish Council is very pleased to be liaising closely with Michael Hoare, the new head of Hathern School, in a scheme to improve the frontage of the School and the Community Centre with Pasture Lane. To these ends it is planned to landscape the section to the right of the school entrance and to replace the fencing with railing to match those to be used by the Council for the recreation ground opposite. So watch this space for more news on this.