

Hayton & Tiln Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

December 2020

It's fair to say 2020 turned out to be a very different and challenging year for most of us. Certainly not one that any of us could've predicted.

Since March all Parish Council meetings have been held virtually supported by our new Clerk (Julie Tisi) who has done a great job in modernising how we work, including a move to online banking, setting up a Facebook page and utilising our renewed Website to keep us all updated. We are also grateful for the continuing support of our County and District Councillors.

Despite Lockdown, a dedicated group of residents have been working hard to pull together a Neighbourhood Plan; one that recognises the need for change and evolution whilst preserving the uniqueness of our villages. It has been so good to see so many residents getting involved with the questionnaire and we look forward to being able to hold a Forum in the New Year.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new families to our community and we wish everyone a very Happy (albeit different) Christmas and New Year.



Help and Support for Vulnerable People in Bassetlaw

Bassetlaw District Council is working with Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service (BCVS), Nottinghamshire County Council, community groups and other agencies in Bassetlaw to provide help and support for vulnerable residents at risk from Coronavirus.

Many people may already have family nearby or good neighbours who are looking out for them. However, for residents who may feel socially isolated or concerned, the Council and BCVS can help by:

- Picking up prescriptions
- Providing help with shopping
- Arranging food parcels for those in need (and who are not in receipt of a Government food parcel)
- A weekly keep in touch call to ensure people are safe and well

To access these services call Bassetlaw District Council on **01909 533 533** between **9am – 5pm, Monday - Friday**

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Every household and business in Hayton and Tiln will have received a questionnaire asking a range of questions about the current status of the villages and some aspects of future aspirations for Parish development.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, Bassetlaw District Council have drafted a Local Plan which informs all towns and villages of their requirements to meet central governmental development objectives especially in the area of housing growth. Our village plan will feed directly into those central plans. The neighbourhood plan provides residents with a say on how they would like to see their village develop within the objectives of the Local Plan. Your response to the questionnaire helps to develop that plan.

Over 150 household questionnaires and 18 business questionnaires were distributed in Hayton and Tiln. At the time of writing, before the closing date of 20th November, over 50% of households and 60% of businesses operating in the Parish have responded. Of those, 60% responded on-line and 40% responded using the printed version. I would like to thank everyone who has responded. Your responses are key to making a successful neighbourhood plan.

I would also like to thank the Neighbourhood Planning team – Carole Oldham, Tamara Burton, Howard Oates, Roger Smith, Paul and Sue Gott and David Crossland, for their efforts in compiling and distributing the questionnaire. This work is entirely voluntary and it takes significant time and effort to get this done. However, there is still much to do. The next phase will be to analyse the responses and create a “where are we now” view of the villages and assess how you, as village residents, would like to see the village develop.

Over the months, we have been looking for an opportunity to hold an Open Forum to give everyone access to potential developers of land within the Parish. Covid-19 has prevented that happening up to now and for the foreseeable future. We are keen, however, to get information to you and to ask developers questions you have raised through the questionnaire. We are exploring alternative ways to do that. If anyone has any questions or comments, please email them to: haytonnp2020@gmail.com

PATHS UPDATE

As the walkers who use the footpaths in the parish will know, the muddy season is with us, so don't forget your boots and perhaps a walking pole or similar. The weather is very changeable so go prepared for rain.

The views from the higher points in the village are quite stunning on a clear day so it's well worth climbing up Topyard Lane past Phillipson's farm and looking back over and beyond Hayton. For those who prefer a level walking track why not walk along the towpath to Clayworth and further on to the tunnel at Drakeholes or in the opposite direction to Clarbrough and then ultimately to Retford. There's lots of wildlife to see and hear.

Last month I mentioned the Hayton Parish website www.haytonparish.co.uk where you will find a variety of short/medium walks around the district. Please let me know if you need more information about our footpath network

HAYTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

The Village Hall Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support over the last 9 months. Sadly all our activities had to be suspended due to Covid19.

We know how much you have missed The Lunch Club, The Craft Group, Coffee mornings and Evening events. We have missed seeing you too.

Lets be positive and hope that this awful situation will be resolved in the new year.

As soon as the rules and weather permits we plan to host a Village **PARTY IN THE PARK...** Where we can all meet again and enjoy each others company.. Stay Safe. **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

FOODBANK PROVISION

Foodbank services in Bassetlaw are currently being provided by BCVS, supported by Bassetlaw District Council, with distribution centres in Worksop and Retford. If you need Foodbank Services, please call Bassetlaw District Council on 01909 533 533.

If anyone wishes to donate food they can do so at Morrisons, Nationwide Building Society and Co-op Funeralcare Retford

GARDENING TIPS DECEMBER

Fortunately, garden centres were allowed to stay open during the second lockdown. They may not have such a colourful display now as in Spring and Summer but it is the right time to buy and plant fruit and ornamental trees and roses and of course plants and decorations for Christmas. Also, look for faded perennials being sold cheaply. They may look dismal now but they should flourish next year. Any perennial bought now should be planted as soon as possible to let roots develop over winter, using a temporary spare location if a permanent place is not yet available or decided on. One plant that gives a prolonged stunning winter display is Mahonia media var. Charity. It grows to 4 metres tall and has long upright spires of small fragrant yellow flowers tightly clustered round the stem. Mine already has flowers opening. It is suited to any soil and attracts pollinators.

Flower beds need tidying now with weeding and removal of spent annuals and diseased and dead material prior to mulching. Remove seed heads to collect seed and prevent an invasion of new plants but try to leave some for wildlife and winter beauty such as ornamental grasses, agapanthus and echinacea. If you have invasive weeds, it may be best to use a large fork to lift plants. Remove any spreading weed roots in the soil and then carefully extract unwanted roots from the rootball. Root clumps like phlox can be so dense that weeds cannot be teased out. Breaking up the clump may help. Plants that have merged and matted together, especially sedums and rockery plants such as saxifrage

and arabis in rockeries need the same treatment. Thinning out will give space to plant bulbs and spring flowers. Roger Lloyd-Mostyn



CHURCH UPDATE



St. Peter's our Parish Church was thoroughly cleaned and all the social distancing measures put in place so that on two occasions in November we were able to welcome people back. Sadly, no cuppa and chatting afterwards but it was still good to see the Church doing what it is best at - quietly offering comfort in troubled times.

On 1st November we opened for an hour private prayer and 17 people came. Afterwards Rev'd Cantrill blessed the "Pilgrim" Apple tree planted in the Churchyard. The tree commemorates the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim Fathers voyage in the Mayflower, 1620, many from our area,.

On 8th November 25 people were spaced around the Cenotaph for a short Remembrance Service led by Rev'd Cantrill. Wreaths were laid by representatives of Hayton PC, Claborough PC and St. Peter's. It is always moving to hear the last post played as we prepare to spend 2 minutes thinking about those who laid down their lives so that we might be free.

Christmas is always special at St. Peters. This year is different – as we are unable to plan actual services at the moment. Church will be open for 1-hour Private Prayer from 10.30am on Sunday 6th and also on Sunday 20th December. On the 20th pre-recorded Carols will be played and people will be able to light a candle and add a decoration to the tree if they wish. In the meantime.

Rev'd Cantrill Mark is recording an Advent, Carol and a Christmas Service which can be watched on line.

Rev'd Cantrill, the Church Wardens and the PCC all wish you and all your families a healthy, happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Year.



LOTTERY WINNERS

NOVEMBER 2020

- 1st David Bovill
- 2nd Joseph Cross
- 3rd Denise Darrow
- 4th Norman Merrygold
- 5th Laura Barnes



WOODLAND TRUST TREE PLANTING

On the 11th and 12th of November a team of volunteers gathered at Gypsy field to plant 420 saplings which were recently donated to the Parish Council by the Woodland Trust. It is hoped that in time the currently disused field will become a wildlife haven. The Parish Council would like to extend our thanks to all volunteers for their hard work.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
WITH BEST WISHES FROM US ALL AT
HAYTON PARISH COUNCIL**