

Hayton and Tiln Parish Council NEWSLETTER

March 2021



Spring has finally sprung!

I don't know about you but I am certainly pleased to see the Spring flowers, to hear the bird song and smell freshly mown grass. I, for one, appreciate the lighter mornings and evenings and sunny days. It's a sign that Spring is upon us and the end of the restrictions is hopefully just around the corner. I imagine we all have plans to do the things we have missed for the last 12 months.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee (NPSC) have been working hard to progress our Neighbourhood Plan and in this edition, we share a detailed update. One of the decisions made at the last PC Meeting, following discussion with the NPSC was to open up the playing field for more activities. This is an amazing village asset and we are keen for everyone to enjoy it.

Sue Gott,
Chair of Parish Council

Keeping Hayton & Tiln Clean and Safe

Our Path Warden, Howard, is working tirelessly with Notts County Council to address the poor state of the byways. He is discussing what, if any, extra measures can be taken to repair and protect the surfaces within the Parish. If you have any concerns please contact Howard on 869617 or via email howardoates593@btinternet.com

We have also seen an increase in the amount of litter scattered around the villages, including used face masks. Obviously this is a concern for us all. We are currently liaising with Bassetlaw District Council to see if we can borrow the litter pick equipment. When this is available we will be putting a call out to residents to ask for help to clean up our village. Please keep a look out on our Facebook Page for further information and in the meantime, register your interest to help with our Parish Clerk, Julie Tisi on xxxxxx



We have received several complaints about cars being parked on the pavement which results in pedestrians having to step into the road. This presents a serious safety issue as we all know that Main Street has seen a significant increase in speeding traffic.

Please be mindful and **do not park on the pavement.**



PLEASE CLEAN UP



AFTER YOUR PET

Finally, a reminder to clean up after your dog. As a Parish Council we are receiving an increasing amounts of complaints about the amount of dog mess on the pavements, verges and canal bank. Because of the increase we are now working with BDC to request that more spot checks are carried out to ensure that dog owners carry poop bags and clean up after their pets. It's an offence not to do so! Please be responsible.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 17th May 2021 at 7pm. The meeting will be held virtually via zoom and the first order of business will be to elect a Chair. As always members of public are welcome to attend and a Public Participation session will be held. Further details will be posted on our website www.haytonparish.co.uk and Facebook page nearer the time. Alternatively, please contact clerk@haytonparish.co.uk to receive a copy of the Agenda and joining instructions.

Become a Parish Councillor



By becoming a Parish Councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped to make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride. Parish Councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. We currently have two vacancies. If you would be interested in finding out more please contact Clerk@haytonparish.co.uk Please note these are voluntary roles.

Hayton Village Lottery

It's that time again folks, when happy smiling faces will appear at your door asking for money.

We will be knocking on your door and also leaving envelopes for you to return to the Village Hall.

As you know the Village Hall Trust is a non-profit making organisation.

Our ethos is to provide a venue and activities for all villagers to meet and join in together. We are always open to suggestions for new events. In the past we have hosted Coffee Mornings, Skittle Nights, Wine Nights, and Musical Evenings. All self funded whilst hopefully generating a small profit.

We have also hosted a monthly Craft Group and Lunch Club and Charity Evenings.

The Hall is hired out for private functions and official events, all of which provided a revenue stream but our main source of income is the Village Lottery.

Unfortunately, this last year we have had no opportunity to provide any of these events but we still need to pay the bills and maintain the upkeep of the hall, so your contribution towards the Village Lottery is vitally important to us. We have several Lottery Numbers available so if you are new to the village and wish to join in we would be happy to include you, or if you already have numbers and wish to increase your chance of winning you can buy more numbers.

The Tickets are £1 per month per ticket. So £12 per year per ticket, you can have as many tickets as you wish. Every month we have 5 winners of £15 x 1 & £10 x1 & £5 x3 and at Christmas we have a grand prize of £100.

We are looking forward to the relaxation of the lockdown so we can restart our activities and welcome back our old friends and invite new villagers to join us.

The March Lottery winners are as follows:-

1st Leslie Pickersgill

2nd Marilyn Page

3rd Mervyn Witts

4th Gill Price

5th Audrey Witts

Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing and despite COVID-19 restrictions, we are "March"- ing on!

Along with OpenPlan and Locality, a Housing Assessment will be completed shortly, along with Design Codes for future housing. A Green Space Assessment will also be conducted throughout the Parish in the coming weeks.

It is important to bear in mind that the Neighbourhood Plan, which will include a Vision Statement and Objectives, is a 15-year plan and must therefore reflect the aspirations of our Parish.

Your valued responses to our recent questionnaire have enabled us to compile a Vision Statement and Objectives, which we share with you below.

If you wish to make comments on any of this information, you can do so by email to haytonnp2020@gmail.com

1 Our Vision and Objectives

The Vision Statement derives from the key issues that have emerged from the consultation process. The Steering Group developed this Vision for the future of the Parish as the main statement of intent of this Plan.

1.1 Vision Statement

Hayton Parish will be a welcoming and inclusive place for a diverse community of families and individuals, with a strong community spirit, built upon communication and cooperation among residents.

The village will progress, harmonising well-designed, appropriately scaled and reasonably priced residential development linked to the development of brown field sites where possible, whilst not compromising safety and wellbeing of all residents and visitors.

The open recreational spaces and the celebration of the village's historic heritage assets and rural character are to be cherished and developed.

Transport systems within the Parish will be safer, more efficient and more sustainable.

Local small businesses will thrive off the back of improved telecommunications and transport infrastructure, promoting jobs of the future alongside more traditional activities.

Hayton and Tiln will remain immersed within their rural surroundings, with people benefiting from enhanced opportunities to access the countryside and enjoy the tranquil rural landscape. Wildlife sites and ecological corridors within the Parish will be nurtured and protected.

The village will be a pleasant, safe and resilient place to live, with the community actively engaged in on-going adaptations to achieve sustainability for future generations.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

1.2 Objectives

The following objectives are based on the Vision, and they will provide the context for the Neighbourhood Plan's Policies.

1. Promote community spirit and social cohesion, creating an interconnected community where residents are active in leading and participating in community activities.
2. Address current traffic and parking issues, by promoting more sustainable means of transportation, including walking, cycling and use of buses.
3. Celebrate the history and distinctive character of the village, conserving and enhancing its built heritage and ensuring that new developments contribute positively to its character, appearance.
4. Enable residential development of appropriate scale, form and type in appropriate locations within the village boundary.
5. Enable development of a range of houses that responds to the needs of a diverse population, ensuring appropriate accommodation is available for households of different ages and incomes.
6. Provide for employment opportunities in the Parish, including small businesses, working from home opportunities, as well as more traditional activities such as agriculture.
7. Promote the development and long-term sustainability of community-oriented commercial activities and community facilities.
8. Preserve and maintain the existing network of footpaths and green open spaces, ensuring adequate access for all and equipped spaces for users of different ages.
9. Protect the rural countryside, including particular views over the landscape, both during the day and at night.
10. Preserve existing green features and plan for the future greening of the village.
11. Protect ecological corridors and wildlife sites in the Parish, achieving harmony between human socio-economic development and natural environment quality.
12. Promote broadband and mobile phone connectivity
13. Improve resiliency to flooding and climate change, ensuring the safety of people and properties and improved access to utilities for existing and new development.

Carole Oldham

Member of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Committee

Gardening Tips

Hedges can be a great asset to gardens. The right times for planting are January to March for deciduous plants and March to April for evergreens. The disadvantages are that they need trimming and they create shade but they have many benefits. They are good for dividing the garden into sections and are far more visually pleasing than fences. They provide wind protection and they are good for wildlife and a mixed hedge will prolong flowering and fruiting periods. They also absorb polluting particles from the air, this being especially relevant to properties close to busy roads and noise is also reduced. *Catoneaster franchetti* is the best for pollution: 1 metre absorbs over 7 days the same amount that a car produces driving 500 miles. It is one of a list of hedge plants on the RHS website that are suitable for clay soils.

Ivy can make a very effective hedge if it has support and it can hide unsightly fences, sheds etc. Moreover, it may not need planting! It does not harm healthy trees but may need to be cut back from buildings, structures such as our fruit cage, and when covering flower borders. If clearing it from the ground, cut round sections with a spade and then lift out with a fork. When climbing, it produces small white flowers in late Autumn, attracting pollinators. Green berries follow, becoming black by January and attracting birds such as blackbirds, thrushes, blackcaps and wood pigeons. Recently, we have enjoyed watching pigeons clinging upside down tucking into them. Ivy also provides a good shelter for hibernating insects.

With the dwindling numbers of butterflies, bees, moths and other insects, promoting wildlife should be a major consideration in planning what to sow and plant for the summer and autumn. Variety is important and is best provided by sowing meadow mixes. The ground should be completely cleared of grass and weeds and kept well watered. Pollinators benefit from both nectar, a sugar solution for providing energy and making honey, and pollen, a rich protein source important for insects rearing their young. The ratio varies between different flowers. Some, including red clover and viper's bugloss, have very little pollen whilst poppies have almost no nectar. Diversity of flower structure is also important to suit different insect tongue lengths and shapes. Specific plants to choose include Scabious, Cosmos, *Verbena bonariensis*, Borage, Lavender and Oregano. Seed packets often say "Good for pollinators". I have just sown comfrey for the first time. Not only does it attract pollinators but an infusion of its leaves makes a wonderful fertiliser for flowers and fruit such as tomatoes.

Lawns with hollows or bumps can be levelled by peeling back the turf and filling with or removing soil. Areas compacted by footfall should be aerated with a fork and some grass should be allowed to grow long to help wildlife. Ponds should be cleared of dead material. Onions, new potatoes and asparagus can be planted now but the soil is too cold for sowing. Warming can be hastened with black polythene. It is the right time to repot house plants using a pot that is only a little larger. Tease out the roots, and use fresh potting mix in the bottom and to fill in round the sides. Then water well.

Roger Lloyd - Mostyn



Hayton School – Photographed 1900

In 1876 Hayton was a small close knit agricultural community of around 250. Queen Victoria was just emerging from a long period of mourning for Prince Albert and still had another 25 years to reign.

The coming of the railway had transformed Retford into a busy growing town – the new town hall was opened in 1868. The market place on Saturday was the centre of attention, where people came to buy, sell and hear the latest gossip. For 5pence you could buy a dozen eggs, a gallon of petrol or a pound of bacon. Just as well, for a farm labourer only earned about 85 pence a week! Haytonians were very dependent on the land which grew crops of wheat, barley, peas and beans for the most part.

There is no record of a school in the village, except for the Sunday Schools – until 1876. In 1870 the Education Act was passed and elementary education was made compulsory. The village needed a school. The Vicar's wife and local ladies organized a "Grand Bazaar" in Retford Town Hall at which they raised over £140. 00. and due to her husband Rev'd. Mee's generous donation and gift of land formally used as a tithe yard on the corner of Church Lane, the school room and adjoining teacher's residence were built.



We don't know how many pupils attended on the first day 20th March – the first teacher was Miss Ellen Hudson. Married ladies were not allowed to teach and so many of the teachers only stayed a year or so before leaving. Discipline was strict and the syllabus was very formal – the three R's, copper-plate handwriting, religious education and drill.

The salaries of the teachers in the early days were derived from School pence, Church collections, voluntary gifts and Government grants. For some years visiting inspectors examined children annually and the size of the grant depended on the results. You can imagine the pressure on the children as the dreaded date approached. After 1902 the Government took over the responsibility for paying the salaries. In 1903 the salary for the Head was £60.00 per annum.

The school was built to accommodate 60 children but the average attendance was only 28. Children were expected to help on the land especially at busy times such as haymaking and harvesting. Some families such as the Bovills, Hills and Peatfields preferred to send their children to the Wesleyan School in Retford. Hayton Church School was scheduled to close in 1958 but was deferred until 1962 when the last few children were accommodated at Claborough School.

St Peter's Church



We're still unable to open the Church for regular services but we intend, as soon as permitted, to start opening the doors again and welcoming our friends and neighbours in. Our Rector Rev'd Mark Cantrill posts a weekly service on YouTube and Facebook. Our lovely old 12thc Church still needs maintaining. In last month's Newsletter we wrote of some ideas for fund raising to help with this. The ideas were :

- a) An Open Gardens Weekend.
- b) A treasure hunt which could be done over a week.
- c) An on-line "Nearly New" sale.

If you have any other ideas we'd be really happy to hear them or any comments on the ideas already in the pipeline. Contact Elizabeth at 01777 706623 . EHP

St Peter's Church on Palm Sunday for private prayer at 10 am for one hour and palm crosses will be available for collection

Heartless

One of the most disturbing aspects of recent news is the growing instances of dog thefts apparently for a variety of purposes e.g. breeding or selling on, but the most disturbing reason is for the pet to be used as bait for fighting dogs to make them more aggressive. The thought of your beloved pet being torn to bits at the behest of sub human brutes is the stuff of nightmares.

The impact upon those who lose their dogs never to be seen again can have a similar devastating effect as losing a relative, forever wondering what became of them.

It is common knowledge amongst those in the know that many who indulge in cruelty to animals often go on to hurt people, yet dog fighting, cock fighting and hare coursing the activities we thought were relegated to the past are still very much in evidence today.

With all we have to put up with these days the thought of people capable of such cruelty living among us is a very chilling thought indeed.

David Otter

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations – June 2022

The May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Hayton Parish council has been approached by a number of villagers proposing that Hayton should stage their own community event over the extended Bank Holiday Weekend. The Parish Council are in agreement and we would like to hear from willing volunteers to be involved in planning and organising the event, or suggestions for activities which you feel folk would enjoy, if so please let us know by contacting clerk@haytonparish.co.uk or your councillors.

Police Report – Reported Crimes of Interest for the Bassetlaw East/Clayworth/Sturton Beat Area

Burglary Other – 4 (Drakeholes, Sturton le Steeple x2, Clarborough).

Theft Other – 1 (Hayton).

Criminal Damage Other – 2 (Clarborough, Clayworth).

As I mentioned in last month's report, it would appear, across the beat areas I cover, that outbuildings/ sheds away from personal properties, paddock areas, allotments and set aside space are still attractive, and preferred, locations presently for criminals. This would certainly appear to be the case on this beat area, and adjoining beat areas, in the last month.

As we move into March, and the prospects of better weather, please remain vigilant around all aspects of home and vehicle security. Be especially careful to lock house doors and leave windows on locks – even if you are only in the back garden. If you do leave windows and doors open and a burglary occurs, you could receive a further nasty shock when you try to make an insurance claim. A lot of insurance companies are now reducing payments, or even refusing to pay out altogether, if doors and windows have been left open arguing that it is your own negligence that has led to the theft.

Check car windows and sun roofs are closed when you park, remembering not to leave anything inviting on display in your vehicle. And always secure your unattended bicycle to something that is fixed to the ground, or leave it in a rear garden where it is out of view from the public highway.

There have already been reports made on this and adjoining beat areas, of garden furniture and ornaments being stolen. This, again, is a trend which happens around this time of the year, and throughout the gardening season. Items of this nature are far easier for criminals to pass, or sell, on at this time of the year.

Around this time of the year, there is traditionally an increase in the number of vehicles collecting scrap metals, which also suggests that there is an increase in the sell on price in this type of commodity. Also, there is usually an increase in doorstep salesmen and persons wishing to complete gardening and handyman work. Please report this type of activity through to 101, as these situations would certainly fit the suspicious persons/ activity category.

As ever, the beat team will keep an eye out to look after you and your homes. The team would like to hear from any community members who would like some crime prevention advice, or even just a reassurance visit.

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