



HARTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



Newsletter – August 2015

Thank you

The flowers in the High Street look fantastic this year thanks to Perryhill Nursery who donated them, the volunteers who planted them and the willing residents of the High Street who keep them watered and dead-headed. This annual show is very much appreciated by residents and visitors who use the High Street.



Small Grants awards

In June the Parish Council awarded small grants to many of the Village organisations. These grants are primarily to support groups which support and give enjoyment to the wider community. The total amount awarded this year was £4680 the main beneficiaries being the Village Hall (£650), Hartfield Parochial Church Council (£500), Community Transport (£360) and the Wealden Citizens' Advice Bureau (£350).

Finger posts

The Parish Council is responsible for maintaining the traditional black and white finger posts with half the cost being reimbursed by East Sussex County Council. So far this summer work on posts at Shepherd's Hill and Butcherfield Lane has been completed. Work on two more posts should be completed before the end of the summer. The Parish has twelve fingerposts and their maintenance is on a rolling programme



Great news

This year's Fun Run was another great success raising £1713. The money will go towards a public defibrillator, to be located in the village, and the Youth Fund established to fund facilities for the Young People of the Parish.



Defibrillator



More good news! A grant has been obtained from the British Heart Foundation to part fund the purchase and installation of the new defibrillator. This means the Parish Council only has to pay £400 towards the costs of over £1000. The machine is user-friendly and does not require any previous knowledge for use, however, the package includes information on resuscitation skills (CPR) generally.

The Big Pathwatch

The Ramblers association is launching 'The Big Pathwatch' appealing to the public to help survey all the paths in England and Wales. Hartfield Rights of Way Committee are pleased to become part of this work as the Working Party surveys almost all our paths at least once a year. If you want to help keep our paths open, register for The Big Pathwatch on the Ramblers website www.Ramblers.org.uk You can also download an app through which you can report back to Ramblers directly, alternatively report any obstructions to the Parish Clerk



Welcome to your new Parish Councillors

In May all Parish Councillors stood down to make way for elections held every four years. The Parish Council has thirteen seats. Eight of the previous council stood for election and they were elected uncontested. This left five vacancies which gave the opportunity for the existing members to co-opt people from the community representing a variety of walks of life bringing new perspectives and richness to what can be a challenging role.

Giles Horner has lived in Marsh Green since 2010 having been brought up in Forest Row and spending part of his working life overseas. He is a qualified chartered accountant with experience in business administration. He is on the Town Croft and Parish Assets Committee.

Stephen Howard has lived in the village for 27 years. His children went to St Mary's Primary School; his older child also attended Hartfield Playschool. In Stephen's words he is "almost retired" having worked as a director of a large multi-national company. Stephen is currently on the Rights of Way Committee.

Christine Tamplin, who was on the previous Parish Council, decided she didn't want to stand down after all and has been co-opted back. She brings with her a wealth of experience onto the Planning Committee and is actively working on the Youth Voice project.

Barbara Maude has lived with her family on a smallholding at Holywych, on the outskirts of Cowden, for three years. She is a qualified solicitor but most recently has been working in the state education sector. Rural pursuits and protecting the countryside are her particular interests.

Robert Nathan moved from Uckfield to Hartfield in 2011. He has been a self-employed toymaker since 1980 and a member of the British Toymakers Guild. Locally he is involved with the Wildlife and Farming & Forestry Committee of the South of England Show, the Autumn Game Fair at Ardingly and the Sussex Branch of the Salmon & Trout Association. When he is not busy thinking up new ideas for toys he is usually out fly fishing.

Outgoing Councillors

A big thank you to the outgoing Councillors who have given their time generously to support community interests.

Dan Maher came onto the council in 2011 and was a member of the Town Croft and Parish Assets, Planning and Rights of Way Committees. His particular interest became the missing names on the village war memorial and he obtained a grant for this to be put right.

Helen Searle came onto the council in 2011 and has used her skills as a solicitor to advise the council on legal matters. She was also one of the key members of the development group for the Resilience Plan and remains a member of the Community Team.

Clare Risby came onto the council in June 2010. Clare was a valued member of the Planning Committee having built up a wealth of knowledge over the five years. She also took an active interest in matters relating to Ashdown Forest and remains on the Ashdown Forest Parish Liaison Committee.

Eva Patry came onto the council last year and was developing her interest in the Town Croft and Parish Assets Committee but could not stand for election in May owing to family commitments.

A full list of councillors can be found on the website – www.hartfieldonline.com

More about footpaths!

The Rights of Way Working Party is pleased to report the repair of stiles by the landowner on the path leading from Church Street, down across the Tunbridge Wells Road and over to the Forest Way.



It is the farmers' responsibility to keep the paths clear and accessible. This includes marking paths across growing crops.

Please report any blocked footpaths.

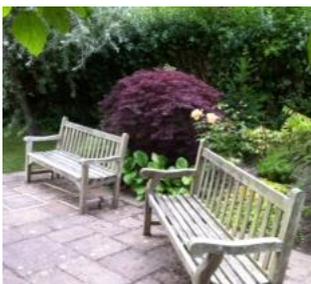
Can anybody help?

A couple of hours once a month is all it would take. The Memorial Garden is a real asset to Hartfield enjoyed by both residents and visitors. Hedge cutting, lawn mowing and heavy maintenance are carried out by a gardener but the weeding and tidying is down to volunteers. Sadly the number of volunteers has dwindled to three and we desperately need more help. If you can spare a couple of hours a month on a day of your choosing, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Clerk and the details will be sorted out.



Commemorative benches

Hartfield has many benches dedicated to loved ones who spent much of their time enjoying places such as the Town Croft or Memorial Garden and all that Hartfield has to offer. Just spending time reading some of the dedications brings the past back to life.



If there are any family members or friends who would like to continue this thoughtful and poignant tradition, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk who will advise you.

Youth

Hartfield Parish Council is pleased to support the new Youth Group run by the Church. It will meet in the Pavilion every other Monday during term time. For more details please contact the Church.

The Youth Voice Project will continue separately but we will make the most of any overlap between the two initiatives. In September the



Youth Voice Project will be **recruiting a qualified Youth Worker** for one 3hr session a month for nine months to lead the project. We will also be

looking for **volunteers who are interested in Youth Work** to work alongside the Youth Worker. *Anyone interested in either of these positions should contact the Parish Clerk (details over)*

Hedges

**Do you own a hedge?
Is it cut back from the pavement?**

At this time of year hedges become overgrown. Please make sure your hedge is not obstructing the pavement for pedestrians or blocking sight lines for motorists, especially at road junctions.

Dog owners -

Please do the right thing

Pick up after your dog.

Most dog owners do!



Please clean up after your dog.

And finally –

Although I said I was standing down as chairman of the Parish Council in May, somehow I am still here! I am delighted we have a full complement of Councillors to take the work of the Parish Council forward and am happy to be part of the new team.

**Jo Edwarde
Chairman, Hartfield Parish Council**

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VOLUNTEER MINIBUS DRIVERS NEEDED



Do you enjoy driving?

Do you have some free time?

Would you like to be involved in your local community?

Some of the benefits of volunteering include meeting new people, making friends, keeping active and making a real difference in your local community. You can decide how much time you want to give to volunteer driving and fit it around your other commitments. An ideal opportunity for the recently retired or mums of school age children! The minibuses are easy to drive and can be driven on a standard car licence. Full training is given.

Some paid work is also available.

For more information, ring 01892 771332, email nwctp@4weald.co.uk, or see the website: www.4weald.co.uk/volunteers

Useful telephone numbers

Clerk to the Parish Council	Mrs E Fulham	01342 822404 Mondays 01892 771140	parishclerk@hartfiedonline.com
Chair of Parish Council and Rights of Way	Cllr Jo Edwarde	01892 770201 (answer phone)	joedwarde@hotmail.com
Vice Chair of the Parish Council Chair of Town Croft and Parish Assets	Cllr John Smith	01892 770871	smithorchardview@aol.com
Chair of Planning Member of Community team	Cllr Anne Higgins	01892 770312	annehigginshartfield@hotmail.co.uk
Chair of Environment and Transport. Member of Community team	Cllr Mike Colenutt	01892 770840	mikecolenutt@btinternet.com
Representing Holtye	Cllr Charlotte Beare	01342 850669	charlottebeare@btinternet.com
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Community team	Monty Larkin	01892 770777	20, Mottefield, Hartfield
Community team	Helen Searle	01892 770018	helen@helensearle.com
Community team	Simon Costen	01892 770206	The Old Police House, Hartfield

Tree Wardens - Helen Searle (above) and Mr Monty Larkin (above)

POLICE - call 101 for non urgent contact, 999 for emergency services, **Police, Fire or Ambulance**

Local Community Support Officer – Sharon **Ashwell** . 07787 685769

Wealden District Council – 01323 443322, 8.30 am – 5.00 pm Council Office, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX

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