

October 2020

HUNDON VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Shop Opening Hours

Way back in March when lockdown first hit us and many of our volunteers were unable to carry out their duties the shop committee reluctantly made the decision to temporarily reduce opening hours and close at 1pm rather than the usual 5pm. In the August Herald I said that the committee would review in August/September and it was hoped that the national Covid-19 picture would be such that we could revert to opening in the afternoons again. Sadly, it appears that the situation is worsening again. measures are being tightened and we could all be in for a long, tough and frustrating winter. What we don't want to do is change the hours only to have to change them again in a short period of time, therefore, the committee have decided that now is simply not the right time to extend the hours. The next review of this will take place in the early months of 2021. The opening hours therefore remain as below.

Monday to Saturday 8am - 1pm

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Saturday 9am - 1pm

Face Coverings

A reminder please that it is a legal requirement for customers to wear a face covering when they are in any shop. The face covering should fully cover the mouth and nose.

NHS Collection

For several months there has been a collection tin on the counter for the NHS. This was started by the social club with donations at their drinks sell off during lockdown and customers have continued to add to it since. The sum has now reached £300 and this will be paid to the West Suffolk Wishing Well NHS charity in the near future. Thank you for your generosity.

Keeping a safe environment

In these current times a clean environment is more important than ever to keep our customers, staff and volunteers safe. In addition to the normal cleaning routines the shop now has a weekly deep clean conducted by a professional, qualified cleaner.

Stewart Alderman Chairman – Hundon Village Shop Committee

BADMINTON

Badminton will be starting on Tuesday 7th October at 7.45pm at Hundon Village Hall.
Hope to see you all there.

Karen 786660 or 07551999496

ALL SAINTS CHURCH OCTOBER SERVICES

Sunday 11 October: **11.00a.m**. Holy Communion Please note change of time Rev. Marianne Atkinson

Sunday 25 October 9.00a.m. Morning Prayer Please note change of time Rev. Barbara Hill

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MASK

HUNDON POST OFFICE

As from Saturday 3rd October The Post Office will be open 9 am to 1 pm every Saturday.

HUNDON SOCIAL CLUB

Opening Times

Saturdays 5pm till 8pm

Sundays 12 noon till 5pm

Covid is still in abundance and members should adhere to the current measures in place!

Stay Safe **☺**

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Hundon Church still hope to have their Christmas Fair on the 14th November (Covid permitting) with the many and varied stalls which we have lined up along with face painting and sand art for the children as well as the model railway and our raffle. Further information will be given in the November edition of the Herald.

> Wishing you all many Blessings Ann McGregor

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#YourFuture #YourSay on West Suffolk Local Plan

People's views will be at the heart of forming a new Local Plan for West Suffolk which will help shape the future of communities and supporting development up to 2040.

The Local Plan helps local communities continue to thrive in the future by setting out where homes will be built and supports where new jobs and other vital facilities are located. All West Suffolk planning decisions are judged against Local Plan policies.

The Local Plan ensures the right number and types of homes are built in the right places and through its policies supports the provision of space for employment, green spaces, education, culture, health and sports facilities. It also looks at how infrastructure supports this growth and challenges faced in the area, such as climate change.

It is also vital to prevent speculative development that could harm local communities and the environment. It ensures growth is well planned and supports future ambitions for the future.

The process in involves three consultation stages with the first being the Issues and Options which will start in October and last for 10 weeks.

This initial stage which will help shape the plan and the future of West Suffolk as it develops. The Issues and options part has three parts: Part One includes a vision for West Suffolk for the plan period to 2040 and a new draft settlement hierarchy; Part Two sets out issues in West Suffolk that are particularly relevant to our area; and Part Three contains sections for the towns, key service centres, local service centres and villages identified in the draft settlement hierarchy in part one of the plan.

At this first information gathering stage, the council will be consulting and seeking comments on a variety of issues and options. This includes questions such as have we identified the challenges correctly and relevant local issues as well as is the settlement hierarchy right and is yours in the right place.

Due to COVID-19 engagement on this will naturally be different to before the pandemic. There will be a range of ways people will be able to see the information, find out more and have their say, including a virtual exhibition online. As and if guidance changes on social gatherings the engagement will change to meet this where possible.

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HUNDON'S LITTLE HELPERS

to our wonderful volunteers.

We have not had many calls but winter may increase need. I would like previous volunteers to confirm with me please if they are happy to stay on our list to volunteer for dog walking shopping and pharmacy runs.

Many thanks, Mikki 07918 163895



HUNDON PARISH COUNCIL Full Minutes will be available on the Hundon Parish Council Website

Hundon Parish Council met remotely on Wednesday 16th September 2020.

Village Matters

Wildlife Area at Football Pitch. Following on from the report deferred from the previous meeting, it was agreed that an item be put in the Herald asking for volunteers to help clear the area and that two further quotes be requested regarding any essential maintenance work on the trees.

Councillor Evans has re-reported the road sign at Pipets Hill and the Give Way sign at Mares Hill.

The Clerk will write to various residents in the village regarding overgrown vegetation and fly tipping.

Hedge cutting on the meadows would take place as soon as 3 quotes have been received, an Extra Ordinary meeting will be held on the 23rd September to discuss if received in time.

The War Memorial is to be collected shortly from the Churchyard, refurbished by Paintins and replaced on the new site at the village hall.

With the setting of the new budget approaching, the Clerk is to put an item in the Herald to ask residents on their thoughts and ideas on how they would like to see their money spent.

Members of the Planning Working Party are looking at the new Government policies on Planning and how this may affect Hundon specifically.

Suffolk County Councillor Mary Evans forwarded documents from the local government boundary commission.

Councillor Evans followed up a call from residents in Farmerie Road whose garages flooded in the heavy rain at the end of August because the drain was full, highways will come out.

Councillor Evans Report: In August, the local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team got in touch with me to say they were looking to have more involvement with parish councils. They are planning to hold virtual meetings with local parishes where you can raise questions. It is broadly the area covered by the Clare Division plus Kedington, Barnardiston, Chedburgh, Chevington, Hawstead and Whepstead. I have supplied them with the email addresses for the parish clerks covering our local villages.

At SCC we have set up a fund of about £3m for community enhancement projects to be undertaken this year. Schemes in the pipeline for approval are planting more trees including the establishment of a healing wood as a site of commemoration post Covid19; a network of electric car charging points at village/community halls; the designation of quiet lanes and – of interest to you I think – a new app and upgraded smart marker posts for rights of way prioritising walking routes which parishes have publicised with leaflets as well as long distance routes

such as the Stour Valley Path.

We have worked very hard to make arrangements to get the 12,000 children entitled to free school transport to school safely. Full details are on www.suffolkonboard.com

The re-opening of the Household Waste Recycling Centres has gone extremely well and we are looking at making the system of booked appointments a permanent feature.

Suffolk Highways has completed its 1,000th resurfaced mile, following the Council's commitment to relay new road surfaces on a quarter of Suffolk's road network.

The County Council's Bikeability team is now offering FREE cycling sessions to provide practical skills on how to cycle on today's roads. Everyone is welcome to take part - adults, families, and children. The sessions are aimed at those who want to cycle more regularly, whether to keep fit, to commute to work or school, or to visit friends. Suffolk County Council wants to encourage more people to get out and about by cycling and walking for their short journeys. New resources have also been published to help young people in Suffolk understand how movement and physical activity can improve their emotional wellbeing. Further information is available fromkeepmovingsuffolk.com/wellbeing and thesource.me.uk/move.

West Suffolk Councillors reported:

West Suffolk Council has pledged its support for this year's Great British September Clean. The campaign, which was postponed in early spring due to COVID-19, will run from 11-27 September 2020. It will encourage the great British public to take part in small, socially distanced clean-ups to remove litter from streets, parks and beaches across the country. The Great British Spring Clean, run by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, brings together individuals, community organisations, businesses and councils to show they love where they live and in 2019 more than half a million #LitterHeroes collected more than 900,000 bags of rubbish.

West Suffolk Council is supporting litter picking with advice and equipment on a first come first serve basis

Next meeting of the Council will take place on 21st October 2020 by Zoom

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

You may not be aware that it costs approximately £10,000.00 a year to keep our church open. This includes £6234.00 which is Hundon's contribution towards the Parish Share (£69,000.00 for the whole Benefice), £2556.00 for buildings and contents insurance (£213 per month), and on top of that there is ongoing maintenance, care of the churchyard and electricity, and that is all before we even tackle any of the recommendations in the Quinquennial Report. We are immensely grateful to the Parish Council for their recent grant of £525 towards the cost of cutting the grass and helping to keep the churchyard looking at its best.

Unfortunately, given current circumstances, we have been unable to do any fund raising since last November, although we had lots of events planned for this year. We hope to have a Christmas Fair in mid-November but that, of course, is not guaranteed, and although a Carol Service (of sorts!!) is in the diary for 12 December, that is not a given either. At worst, we would not be able to fund raise again until March/April 2021.

At the last meeting of the PCC we agreed that we would not be able to pay our full Parish Share this year — we have managed to pay £3600 towards it but as our outgoings outstrip our current income we had no choice but to come to that decision. We are not in imminent danger of closing the church but we have to be mindful of our difficulties and make plans for the future.

If you feel that the church is a special part of our village and would like to see it continue to flourish there are various ways of supporting us. Firstly, there is the Parish Giving Scheme – this is a direct debit scheme which allows for regular monthly, half yearly or yearly donations. These can be stopped at any time. The beauty of this scheme is that any Gift Aid (25% added on by Government) on those donations eligible is collected by the PGS and paid directly into the church's bank account. One off donations can be made either by cheque (Hundon Parochial Church Council) or by BACS directly into our bank account.

Having said all that, we fully appreciate the difficulties many people face country wide and we are all having to watch the pennies one way or another. And of course, there are many churches in a similar situation to ourselves, not to mention all the hundreds of worthwhile charities who are now struggling.

It really comes down to whether we feel that the church is something worth fighting for and would the village be a poorer place without it. If anyone would like further information on the above, please don't hesitate to contact me on 01440 786629, 07990 754401 or margaretlangridge@hotmail.com and I would be delighted to talk more about it.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

Margaret Langridge Treasurer Hundon PCC

THANK YOU

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to **THE CANNON FAMILY**, who gave my dog Hal a walk every afternoon for the five months since 'lock down'.

It was very much appreciated by us both!

Margaret Blackwell

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The service is provided from a pool of volunteer drivers who use their own cars to transport their clients to and from their medical destination. No charge is made, but many clients choose to make a voluntary donation to CLASP.

CarAid depends upon its volunteer drivers, but at present has no local Hundon drivers to help its Hundon "clients". (NB. Drivers receive a mileage reimbursement if claimed).

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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY **COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND**

Ms Nicola Beach Chief Executive **Endeavour House** Russell Rd Ipswich IP1 2BX

Dear Ms Beach,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SUFFOLK: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has opened a public consultation on its draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Suffolk County Council.

The consultation opens today 15 September 2020 and closes on 23 November 2020

The draft recommendations propose that 70 county councillors should be elected to Suffolk County Council in future. The recommendations also propose the boundaries of all existing divisions should change across the county. Those councillors should represent 70 single-councillor divisions across the council area.

Once the Commission has considered all the responses to the consultation, we aim to publish final recommendations in May 2021. We will then lay a draft order in both Houses of Parliament under the negative resolution procedure. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements are scheduled to come into effect at the county elections in 2025.

All information relating to the draft recommendations is available on our website. The Commission's report on its draft recommendations can also be found at: www.lgbce.org.uk. In addition, hard copies of the report and accompanying map will be dispatched to the council shortly.

Interactive maps of the proposals are also posted on the Commission's consultation portal at: https:// consultation.lgbce.org.uk. The portal also allows visitors to submit comments and alternative proposals.

Publicising the consultation

Please note we cannot send hard copies of documentation and attachments will be included alternatively. The Commission will receive the recommendations to the council for distribution to local information points. In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could bring the consultation to the attention of elected members. We have also provided information on the draft recommendations directly to local councils and community organisations as well as notifying local press and media.

I would be grateful if you could also take steps to bring the consultation to the attention of the public and interested parties. Please include details of the consultation:

- On your website;
- Promote the consultation through social media and;
- Use any other channels you would normally employ to engage residents in local consultations (newsletters, press releases, publications etc.)

The Commission would be happy to provide information and/or copy to help you promote the consultation locally.

Draft recommendations

The Commission considered all the submissions it received in the previous stages of the review before drawing up the draft recommendations. The councillors should represent 70 singlecouncillor divisions across the council area, whilst the boundaries of all existing divisions should change.

We have sought to balance the criteria we must follow when drawing up recommendations, namely:

- To deliver electoral equality where each county councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the county.
- That the pattern of divisions should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
- That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and 15 September 2020 convenient local government.

The Commission will consider all representations made on the draft recommendations and has an open mind about amending the scheme if an alternative pattern of divisions would better meet the statutory criteria above. It is also important for respondents to the consultation to indicate where and why they support the draft recommendations.

Further information on drawing up a pattern of electoral wards and putting forward alternative proposals is available in our guidance document: Electoral reviews: technical guidance, which can be found at: http://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/ Corporate%20Documents/technicalguidance-2014%20 (reduced).pdf.

We also publish a practical guide for putting forward submissions called How to propose a pattern of wards which is available at http://s3-eu-west2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/Corporate% 20Documents/Guidance/How%20to%20propos e%20a% 20pattern%20of%20wards%20(2018).pdf.

Our website includes information about previous electoral reviews of county councils where you can see how the Commission came to its conclusions and how other counties, districts and parishes responded to consultations on draft recommendations.

As ever, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the consultation.

Correspondence and enquiries Correspondence relating to the review - and consultation responses - should be addressed to: Review Officer (Suffolk) LGBCE c/o Cleardata Innovation House **Coniston Court**

Riverside Business Park Blyth NE24 4RP

Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

Responses to the consultation can also be made directly through our specialist consultation portal: https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk.

Further information on electoral reviews can also be found at our main website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

Your direct contacts for the review:

Paul Kingsley, Review Officer, with specific responsibility for the day-to-day running of the review.

Richard Otterway, Review Manager, leads the team dealing with this and other electoral reviews.

Yours sincerely Jolyon Jackson CBE Chief Executive

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Update

The community group, Hundon Wildspace has been dormant for a few years, however the remaining members are pleased to announce that we will be working with the Hundon Allotment Tenants Association (HATA) to create a community orchard and wildflower meadow, subject to approval of the proposal submitted to the Rogeron Trust. We are very lucky as a village to have the allotment as a community greenspace. We look forward to working together on shared objectives of ensuring the allotment space remains a village greenspace, developing planting opportunities to bring the community together in an outdoors setting and reconnect them with nature on their doorstep.

Sharon Mott on behalf of Hundon Wildspace

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HUNDON ALLOTMENT FIELD - UPDATE

As we promised in our last article, we wrote a formal proposal for establishing a community orchard and wildflower meadow on the allotment field and sent it to the Rogeron Trust. We met with Phil Impey, Sarah Upson & David Smith subsequently, but were told that they need to discuss the proposal with all the trustees before they can respond to us. We hope they can get this done quickly so that we can make some progress this autumn and we will update you next month.

We have received lots of support for the proposal as we talk informally with people around the village. If you would like a copy of our proposal or have any comments please email our secretary, Liz (<u>liz.hickes@hotmail.com</u>)

Fiona Gould on behalf of HATA



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THE VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL

Most people have seen the ongoing work on the new site for the War Memorial in front of the Village Hall and Shop.

The Stone Masons that Paintins use removed the War Memorial from the churchyard on Friday 18 September. Together they will refurbish the Memorial, add the four missing names and have the Memorial in place in the new location for Remembrance Sunday on 8 November with Armistice Day to follow on 11 November.

Action is in hand to get someone from the church to dedicate the Memorial and a volunteer to tidy up where the Memorial came from.

Johnny Walker

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The rescue here in Hundon deals with approximately 150 sick, injured and baby hedgehogs each year and we have a good survival rate. We cover a large geographic area of West Suffolk, North Essex and South Cambridgeshire, working alongside other rescue centres. We have several volunteers who give their time to help but we need a few more volunteers to get us through the winter, which is our busiest time. The work which includes cleaning out cages, feeding, checking, medicating and weighing the hedgehogs occurs mainly in the mornings. If you are interested in helping please give us a call on the telephone numbers below.

Unfortunately a few years ago we lost many hedgehogs in the village. They were killed on the roads and much of their habitat was destroyed. This year we have released some hedgehogs back into the village and things are looking good as we are getting plenty of sightings. We intend to release more but we need everyone to help look after them.

The following is a list of what we can do to help them survive the winter:-

- Don't be too tidy in the garden leave them some bedding material to hibernate.. Piles of leaves and logs are good as they not only offer shelter but food as well in the form of insects.
- When strimming check first and if in doubt strim 12inches above the ground.
- If you have a bonfire check for wildlife before you light it. preferably move the material to a new site then light it.
- If you have a compost heap check it before you stick a fork in.
- Check sheds left open over night to make sure no hedgehogs have walked in and gone to sleep.
- Put out food (cat biscuits are ideal) and a bowl of water. Try and avoid mealworms as they are the crisps and chocolate bars of the hedgehog world—ok in small quantities.
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Martin Warner, Chair.01440 787860.

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I would like to say a big Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the sale that we held. Considering that it was very much a last minute decision to hold one this year - we raised £382.50. There were 18 stall participants, the most that we've ever had and from the feedback that I've had I think we all enjoyed the day - indeed many people who came also said that it was nice to get out for a 'local' event after being confined for some of the summer.

I would like to thank too, people who gave donations of money and also items to sell - as they perhaps personally have enough to do their own separate sale. Also, a big thank you to Libby and Tim Stone who helped with the putting up of the boards and also collecting them in and as always Albert Forge for as always doing a lot of the 'donkey work' for me fetching and carrying.

Well done Hundon - another event showing what a lovely village this is to live in.

Helen

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KEEP HUNDON TIDY

Last month Richard Langridge wrote a paragraph about the dumping of "garden rubbish" in the north east corner of the football field. Well, with a troubled conscience I must hold up my hand and admit it was I, but I have a plea in mitigation.

Between my adjacent drive and the road there is a dip, a drainage gulley. Road grit migrates into this gulley where it combines with slurry washed down from the grass verge. When the gulley is choked, and particularly in heavy rain, water overspills into the road, so I keep it swept. I also trim the hedge so that villagers can gain unfettered access to the field and I cut the grass between the gap in the hedge and the pitch. The minimal arising I deposit in a small bund under the toe of the hedge. Obviously the organic matter breaks down leaving a preponderance of road grit, as noted by Richard.

I have been doing this, without reproach, for 30 years (yes, 30 years!) and until now considered it a modest service to the community so naturally I was just a trifle miffed to read Richard's reprimand. Now my conundrum is, should I continue?

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Unfortunately, the wildspace has become neglected; brambles are rampant, weeds are choking the young saplings and ivy is strangling some of the larger trees. There are also a number of dead trees which pose a danger and need to be cut back.

So, we are appealing for volunteers. Some members of the community have already expressed an interest in joining such a group, but we need someone to head it up and lead the group in carrying out the initial tidying up and ongoing maintenance for the benefit of the community. A recent survey was carried out of the area setting out the present situation and including some ideas and recommendations on the way forward. This will be made available.

If you would like to join a friendly, welcoming group of volunteers who are prepared to spend a bit of time reviving a project which will add to the enjoyment of our way of life in Hundon, please either email (rlangridge@hotmail.com) or telephone (01440 786629) Richard Langridge who will host a socially distanced meeting, or, if that is not possible, a virtual Zoom meeting, at which we will elect a Chairman and agree the way forward.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Councillor Richard Langridge

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