



# Hundon Herald

December 2021



## Haverhill Singers

Musical Director: John Clenaghan  
(Accompanist: Ian Davison, Piano)

### Gonna Rise Up Singin'

To mark our first concert since lockdown, we invite you to relax and enjoy a programme of popular songs from the USA and the UK, including Moon River, Steal Away, Down by the Riverside, a Beach Boys medley and many more.

**3.00pm Sunday 5th December**

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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2021

**Saturday 11 December 4.00p.m.**  
**CAROL SERVICE**  
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and mince pies!

**Sunday 12 December 9.00a.m.**  
**Holy Communion**

**Friday 24 December 3.00p.m.**  
**Crib Service**  
Come and help dress the crib!

**Our Christmas tree  
theme this year is  
'The Twelve Days of Christmas'.  
Decorated trees will be on  
display from 12 December.**

## The Hundon Community Cinema returns to the Village Hall this December



After a very long enforced absence, the Cinema is re-opening on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We have new equipment installed in the hall and can't wait to get going and welcome you all back again!

To help make up for all those months without a show, we will be screening not one but TWO films in December!



### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. December – "DREAM HORSE"

The inspiring true story of an unlikely race horse bred by a small town publican & her neighbours that takes on racing's elite. A real 'Feel Good' film.



### Friday 17th. December – "RESPECT"

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Doors open 7.00pm, film starts at 7.30pm. Licenced Bar, Snacks.

Tickets £3 on the door.

*Catch up with friends, watch a film, enjoy a drink!*

## YOUR BOTTLE BANK NEEDS YOU!



Most of us know there is a bottle bank at the car park for the Village Hall—but did you know that recycling your glass there helps provide a small, but regular income for the village?

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## The Hundon Community Cinema

We now have the facilities for several screenings throughout the year, rather than just the Autumn and Winter months of previous years. To make this happen we need help in the form of extra pairs of hands to set up and run films at various times. If you would like to get involved please contact Melody on 07305 644868.

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## THANK YOU

On behalf of the P.C.C. Of Hundon Church we wish to thank everyone for the gifts, the work, and the support the village gave us for the Christmas Fair, the wonderful total is now at £1,400 so again we say: THANK YOU.

Also a special thanks to Helen from the Rose & Crown for allowing us to use the toilets, a very kind gesture.

Wishing a Merry Christmas to all.

*Ann McGregor*

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As Christmas approaches and another year passes all of us at the Village Shop & Post Office would like to thank you for your custom and your support. The many kind words of encouragement about the shop are greatly appreciated and motivate us to keep serving the village and surrounding areas. Thank you.

And we will continue to serve you throughout the Christmas and New Year Period. Christmas Cards are now in stock and there are plentiful supplies of stamps at the post office and in the shop when the post office is closed. There are good selections of beers, wines and spirits and fresh deliveries of milk, bread and meats will continue all the way through. Newspaper deliveries will also continue as normal.

You may be aware that we experienced an issue with bread availability during November when our supplier suddenly and with no notice ceased trading. A new supplier was quickly sourced, and Karen would welcome feedback on the bread from this new supplier.

Are you aware of when the last posting days are before Christmas?

2nd Class stamps for the UK is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December

1<sup>st</sup> Class stamps for the UK is Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

For those cards being sent to more distant destinations it is:

Asia Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>,  
Australia Monday 6<sup>th</sup>,  
USA Monday 13<sup>th</sup>,  
Germany Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and  
France Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>.

For the dates for all other destinations there is a leaflet available in the Post Office.

**NORMAL OPENING HOURS SHOP**

Monday to Saturday 8am – 1pm  
Sunday 10am-12pm

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS SHOP**

Monday 20th December to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December – normal opening hours.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day – CLOSED**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December Boxing Day – 10am – 12pm

Monday 27th December to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December – normal opening hours.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January New Year's Day – 9am – 12pm

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> onward reverts to normal opening hours.

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**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December Bank Holiday – CLOSED**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December – normal opening hours

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January New Year's Day – CLOSED**

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Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January onward reverts to normal opening hours.

*Stewart Alderman  
Chairman – Hundon Village Shop Committee*

**PLEASE NOTE THE  
DEADLINE FOR JANUARY ISSUE  
18th December BY 12 NOON PLEASE**

**HERALD ARTICLES**

Remember—you can submit articles for the Herald at any time in the month, you don't have to wait until the deadline. Items for inclusion can be emailed, typed or written. **Anonymous articles cannot be included, although your name and address can be withheld if you prefer.**

**Please be kind and courteous.**

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

Hundon Parish Council met on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7:30pm, Social Club, Village Hall, Hundon

### **Village Matters**

Highways issues can be reported online via the Reporting Tool – <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-and-pavements-and-verges/report-a-highways-issue/>

**Farmerie Road** - Work on Farmerie Road emptying the overflow tanks has now been completed by Highways.

**West Suffolk Local Plan** - The first draft of the Housing Needs Survey has been completed and the final draft is being prepared. A copy will be distributed to each household once completed.

Cllr C Callow gave thanks to the members of the working party for their commitment and hard work in preparing the Housing Needs Survey.

The working party are now preparing next steps in preparation for the next stage of the West Suffolk Plan consultation due next year.

**Headway Charity** – It was agreed to donate £150 to support the Headway Charity.

**Grit Bin** – Highways agreed the new grit bin for the Corner at Steeplechase. A new grit bin for the corner of Hall Road was refused by Highways.

### **Planning Applications**

These can be viewed via West Suffolk Council. A full list of applications received will be published on the Hundon Parish Council website.

DC/21/1982/FUL - Appleacre Farm, Stradishall Road, Hundon, Sudbury Suffolk.  
Planning application - change of use of agricultural building to storage and distribution use (class B8)

There were no objections to planning applications.

### **Planning Application Decisions**

DC/21/1803/HH - 25 Windmill Rise Hundon CO10 8EQ  
Householder planning application - a. conversion of existing garage to habitable space; b. extension to porch  
**Granted**

DC/21/1398/FUL - Mortlocks Farm, Mortlocks Farmhouse Brockley Green Hundon CO10 8DT  
Planning application - a. two dwellings with garages (following demolition of agricultural buildings); b. construct garage for existing dwelling  
**Refused**

### **Update from WSC – Cllr M Rushbrook, Cllr K Richardson, Cllr N Clarke** **Covid-19**

Suffolk has just been granted the extra national resources that it asked for to help fight the rising number of cases of COVID-19 that we are facing.

West Suffolk Council (WSC) was part of the Suffolk Local Outbreak Engagement Board discussions that backed this request to Government and was on the call with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Vaccines and Public Health Maggie Throup on Friday 29 October when

the additional support, funding and resources to help the NHS avoid unsustainable pressure, were agreed.

The additional support includes:

- Extra localised COVID-19 testing, often known as 'surge testing'
- Logistical support to maximise vaccine take up and help deliver door knocking campaigns
- Additional control measures in schools
- Communications funding and support
- Fast tracked escalation of issues through the Government's emergency response decision making processes

### **Funding to support households**

The Government has recently announced funding to support households with housing costs. This briefing note sets out the key funding streams and the criteria used for the allocation of the funds.

In all instances where households are struggling with their housing costs, they should be encouraged to speak to the housing team about their situation who will then identify the best option for financial and other support (if applicable). For other financial advice, WSC will continue to refer customers to the Suffolk Support and Advice Service (SASS), a service set up specifically to support individuals and families to access support since the onset of the pandemic.

The following funding is available for the housing team to allocate, and they will do this sequentially to ascertain if the household situation meets the criteria of the individual funds.

**1. Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP)** – This is not a new fund and has been around for many years. Eligibility for DHP is assessed by Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP) but the housing team also have an input. This will be the first fund to be considered by the housing team and must be spent by 31 March 2022.

**2. Household Support Fund (HSF)** – This is a new fund announced by government on 30.9.21. This is paid to upper tier authorities (Suffolk County Council). The vast majority of SCC's £5million allocation will go to free school meals; holiday clubs; and a targeted approach to the most vulnerable in the county (details of this element of the funding should be directed to SCC. Of the £5million, £1 million has been allocated to district housing teams across Suffolk (the amount per district has yet to be agreed) to help with housing costs. This must be spent by 31.3.22.

**3. Homelessness Prevention Grant (HPG) – Winter 2021 Covid-19 rent arrears financial support** – announced on 23 October 2021 under the headline 'support for vulnerable renters', this is a top up of the council's existing Homelessness Prevention Grant. Of the £65 million additional funding, West Suffolk has been allocated £137,593, on top of our existing allocation of £656,214. The government's expectation is that we use the fund to maximise homelessness prevention for low-income private renters in COVID-19 related rent arrears in particular. Whilst there is no deadline for the allocation of this funding, there is an expectation that the top up award is allocated over the winter.

### Public Consultation Events

West Suffolk Council have been informed that the following Events for the proposed new hospital development will be held on the dates, times and venues as listed below:

Thursday 18 November 2021: 3pm – 7pm - Sudbury – Assembly Room, Sudbury Town Hall, CO10 1TL

Tuesday 23 November 2021: 2pm – 6pm - Haverhill – Main Hall, Chalkstone Community Centre, CB9 0JB

Thursday 25 November 2021: 3pm – 7pm - Newmarket – Memorial Hall, High Street, CB8 8JP

Monday 29 November 2021: 4pm – 8pm - Stowmarket – Main Hall, Stowmarket Community Centre, IP14 2BD

Thursday 2 December 2021: 4pm – 8pm - Brandon – Brandon Leisure Centre, IP27 0JB

Tuesday 7 December 2021: 1pm – 5pm - Thetford – Main Hall, The Charles Burrell Centre, IP24 3LH

A virtual meeting will also be held on Monday 22 November 7pm – 8.30pm and can be joined using the following web address: <https://www.wsh.nhs.uk/Live-event>

For those unable to attend any of the planned events, the information available at the events and an online feedback form will be on the Trust website [www.wsh.nhs.uk/planning](http://www.wsh.nhs.uk/planning) from Monday, 1 November until Sunday, 12 December.

To make sure everyone has a chance to share their views, the online form is compatible with screen readers and the language can be amended.

### Face to Face Parish Council Meetings

If you would like to attend the parish council meeting in person, please contact the clerk at [clerk.hundonpc@outlook.com](mailto:clerk.hundonpc@outlook.com) as there is limited availability.

*A few copies of the full minutes from the October meeting will be available at the village shop. Alternatively, you can view them on the Parish Council Website.*

### Next Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7:30pm, Hundon Social Club

+ C/o Post Office, North Street, Hundon, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 8EE

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8 [www.hundon.onesuffolk.net](http://www.hundon.onesuffolk.net)

### HUNDON WINE CLUB NEWS

Our last meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November was presented by Richard Langridge who introduced us to wines sold in cans. An interesting and imaginative subject indeed! We managed to drink our way through a couple of Sauvignons and then a couple of Rosés before a Malbec and a Garnacha all from France, Italy and Spain.

The general consensus was that they certainly have a place in the market especially for picnics, bbq's and events. The wines were measure for measure no difference in price, but I don't think we will be seeing any Grand Crus in cans just yet! Certainly my first encounter with tinned wine and a pleasant surprise.

Our December meeting will be our annual Dinner, then we head into the New Year where we shall be launching our oft cancelled quiz, an overseas trip, and many more excellent presentations from our club members and invited guests. If you would like to join in, please contact me.

Chris Burford  
01440 786248  
[cs.burford@btinternet.com](mailto:cs.burford@btinternet.com)



As holiday times are coming you may be thinking of getting away for a time over Christmas or may also be looking to plan a holiday for 2022.

If you have a dog that you would like looked after whilst you are away, please message me.

I will gladly provide a loving home to look after them for you. As I work from home, they will not be left alone.

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## Mindful Quote of the Month

"What does it mean to be mindful? Being here, not there, with whatever is arising, and doing so with kindness. — Shirley Kessel

### What is Mindfulness

Mindfulness is a simple and very powerful practice of training our attention. It's simple in that it's really just about paying attention to what's happening here and now (i.e. sensations, thoughts, and emotions) in a non-judgemental way. It's powerful because it can interrupt the habit of getting lost in thoughts, mostly about the future or past, which often generates more stress on top of the real pressures of everyday life.

Science suggests that mind-wandering freely to more pleasant and playful thoughts may improve our mood and foster creativity.

### Remember to breathe

- Inhaling up the right side of the square – pause –
- exhale along the top of the square – pause -
- inhale down the left side of the square – pause
- exhale along the bottom of the square – pause

### Dietary tips for winter

Vitamin D Sources include:

- oily fish – such as salmon, sardines, herring and mackerel
- red meat
- liver
- egg yolks
- fortified foods – such as some fat spreads and breakfast cereals

Vitamin D plays a significant role in the regulation of calcium and maintenance of phosphorus levels in the blood. These factors are vital for maintaining healthy bones. People need vitamin D to allow the intestines to stimulate and absorb calcium and reclaim calcium that the kidneys would otherwise excrete. Vitamin D has other roles in the body, including reduction of inflammation as well as modulation of such processes as cell growth, neuromuscular and immune function, and glucose metabolism. If you are having recurrent chest infections, consider Vit D deficiency. Always take advice from your GP or Pharmacist.

*Mikki Curran Cox and Sally Russo*



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## HUNDON ALLOTMENT FIELD UPDATE

### More Trees

This winter we are planning to double the size of the community orchard and to plant a range of trees around the field. Additional fruit and nut trees planned include additional pears, gages and apples (including cooking apples) but also filbert/Kent Cob, elder, cherry and damson.

We intend to plant some small trees such as walnut and black mulberry alongside some of the paths through the field as well as some taller trees at the bottom of the wildflower meadow and alongside the brook, though not all of these will be planted this winter. The taller trees will include the native black poplar which is now one of Britain's rarest trees. The black poplar is a large tree, with a thick, fissured trunk, that can be found on floodplains, around flooded gravel pits and along ditches. It is particularly prevalent in Shropshire, Cheshire, Somerset, the Vale of Aylesbury and East Anglia, but populations have declined massively over the years. Black poplars have formed an important part of our landscape and culture for centuries, from being landmarks and a focus for celebration, to inspiring the famous painter, Constable, and providing timber for floorboards.

We hope to have a **planting day**, supported by the Sicon Foundation, on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**. Please put the date in your diary. More details next month.

### Sloes

We have now had our first frosts which means that sloes are now ready to be picked. These are the small purple fruit of the blackthorn, which is thought to be the wild ancestor of domesticated plum and damson varieties. The berries are high in tannins which make them very astringent with a dry mouth-feel if eaten raw. They are also very sour. But beneath all that, they have an intense plummy flavour which can be released in infusions with sugar – such as sloe gin!

There are loads of sloes in the hedgerow from Church Street down to the lower Rogeron Close entry. Please feel very welcome to pick them.

Sloe Gin recipe

#### Ingredients

500g ripe sloes

250g golden caster sugar

1 litre gin

#### Method

**Step 1:** Rinse and pick over the sloes, then pat dry in a clean tea towel. Using a stainless steel fork or cocktail stick, prick the sloes and tip into a 2-litre glass jar, or divide between two smaller jars.

**Step 2:** Add the sugar and gin, then seal the jar. Shake well. Once a day for seven days, give the jar a good shake. Store the jar in a cool, dark place and leave for two to three months.

**Step 3:** Line a plastic sieve with a square of muslin set over a bowl and strain the sloe gin through it. Decant into clean, dry bottles, then seal and label. The sloe gin is now ready to drink but it'll improve and mature over time – so, if possible, make it one year to drink the next.

*Recipe courtesy of BBC Good Food.*

Sloe gin doesn't have to be drunk as it is, it is also very good in cocktails; put into fruit sauces with game or into puddings!

## HGC Blog December 2021

**Thursday November 18** - In 2020 we were to have **Ian Limmer, Nursery Manager, for Peter Beales Roses.** His talk was 'Getting the Best out of your Roses.' Finally we met Ian who was ably supported by Mrs. Limmer who has also worked at Peter Beales for almost as long as Ian. They came with many roses, both containerised and bare root, some for sale and some to demonstrate pruning. They offered the demonstration roses for raffling, so 5 of us walked home with a plant with the potential to enjoy for many years to come.



The evening went well with the use of the easy to operate screen and microphone the village hall has to offer. Those who are hard of hearing and the rest of us, had a comfortable evening being able to see his PowerPoint presentation and being able to hear him clearly. It really makes a difference.

They both really knew their stuff and were full of enthusiasm imparting their knowledge in a generous and amusing manner. They took many questions including one from a man who has a blind rose, telling him what to try and then suggesting he brings along a piece of it next year when visiting Peter Beales. They will endeavour to name it and figure out more accurately why it won't flower. What service!

We all left happy and looking forward to a visit and tour with Ian next year.

**Thursday December 16** - Our meeting at 7.30 in the hall, will be a Social with refreshments, more details to follow.

**Thursday 20 January 2022** - will be our AGM starting at 7.30 in the hall. More details to follow.

*Janet Burrows*



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A major activity of CLASP is **CAR AID** which, using volunteer drivers takes those needing transport from their homes in the Clare area to hospitals, doctors, dentists or other medical practices. **This is free of charge**, but many people who use the service make voluntary contributions towards petrol costs.

The demand for CarAid services has increased considerably with the easing of lockdown restrictions, to higher levels than those experienced prior to lockdown. Unfortunately our pool of volunteer drivers has reduced by a third over the same period, reflecting the impact of Covid 19, making the provision of our normal service increasingly difficult.

**We desperately need more volunteer drivers. NB. A standard mileage rate is paid to drivers if requested.** If you are able to help CLASP and your local community by becoming a CarAid volunteer driver please contact John Webb on -

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## WEST SUFFOLK LOCAL PLAN AND HUNDON HOUSING SURVEY

### Update from Parish Council

As you will be aware recent Hundon Heralds have included information about the West Suffolk Planning consultation process that is currently underway to determine potential housing needs and development options across West Suffolk for the next twenty years.

During September the Parish Council Working Group issued a confidential questionnaire to all 460 properties in the parish to help understand our anticipated housing needs and requirements for the future to feed into that consultation process. We also gathered views on associated issues regarding any potential growth for the village.

We had approximately 200 responses which has given us some broad indicators suggesting that Hundon may benefit from some limited growth to cater primarily for the elderly looking to downsize or find manageable properties, and first-time buyers.

Estimating housing needs across the next twenty years is obviously an inexact science due to the wide range of variables concerned. Some needs will be met by the normal levels of movement but this will be primarily houses and bungalows sold at the relatively high market values of existing properties in the village – which may be suitable for most of those seeking to downsize but which will remain out of reach for first time buyers. Some very broad forecasts can be drawn from the figures provided which will need to be explored in more detail to determine firmer conclusions.

As anticipated there were firm views against any large scale development or any housing on the allotment site and concerns that roads, sewage and drainage are improved before any new housing is considered.

The Parish Council has drafted an initial report on the survey results and is considering a range of proposals to adopt some broad principles and objectives that should underpin any future development - both in terms of scale and types of housing - should any sites be allocated by West Suffolk. These principles will guide our responses to the next stage of the consultation process next year and are also included in the survey report.

The initial survey report will be available via the Hundon Village Facebook page and the Parish Council Website in the next few days and printed copies will be delivered to all households with the January copy of the Herald. (A number of printed copies will also be available in the village shop shortly for those interested but without Web/Facebook access).

<http://hundon.onesuffolk.net/>

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The Parish Council will also organise a briefing session in the village hall in January for residents that are interested in discussing the report or next steps in the consultation process.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please contact:

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**Ailsa and Jeane** would like to send their friends and neighbours in the village all good wishes for a very happy Christmas and a healthy Covid free New Year.

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From Richard Langridge:

We were recently sorting out the books for sale in the Church and found the following article about Hundon which may interest readers of the Hundon Herald.

Hundon, called "Hundendana" in the Domesday Book of 1086, is the second largest parish in West Suffolk. It is a scattered village which includes the hamlets of Scotch Green, Babel Green and Brockley Green, and is situated about six miles from Haverhill and four miles from Clare, with its main north-south street centred around the church of All Saints and the United Reform church which was built as an Independent chapel in 1846.

In the 1890s most Hundon people worked in or around the village as corn millers, tailors, wheelwrights, bootmakers, saddlers, blacksmiths, farmers, butchers and bakers. Today this is the exception, people travelling sometimes as far as London on a daily basis; gone is the horse-drawn farm equipment and the driving of herds of animals to market on foot- all is now mechanised. In the 1930s there were eight public houses or alehouses in the village - there are now only two; but unlike many villages, Hundon has retained two shops and the post office.

All Saints Church, whose register dates from 1642, suffered a severe fire in 1914, losing five of its six bells, and was rebuilt in 1916. In 1929 Canon Arthur Wasket came to All Saints as his first living, and remained for 52 years until his death in 1981. During his time in Hundon he published a book of poems, and was an accomplished water-colourist. In 1687 the church sexton, while digging a grave, unearthed 200 Anglo-Saxon coins. each worth 4d. Jackie Blackcap was a "gentleman of the highway" whose round included Hundon, and it was not uncommon for him to sleep in the church porch.

Some of the oldest surviving houses are Hundon Hall; "Thatchers" which was originally a hall-house; Pinhoe Hall, at one time a moated house; and Workhouse Yard which was built in 1737. There are houses of every period in the village, including an unobtrusive modern development.

The approach to Scotch Green is called Steeplechase Terrace, which is reminiscent of the horse racing which took place in the 1730s for the prize of a pair of silver spurs. This must have been quite a festive occasion, for footmen could run for a prize of ten shillings, and also ten pairs of gloves could be won by young men in a football game.

In 1936 much of the parish was bought by the Air Ministry for the building of an aerodrome. This was opened in February 1938, and was named RAF Stradishall (Hundon) to avoid confusion with the existing RAF Hendon.

RAF Stradishall closed in August 1970, but a few years later the buildings housed the refugee Asians from Uganda. The establishment is now Highpoint Prison.

Until the building of the village hall in 1956, the school provided the venue for many functions. Built by local volunteers with help from the Quaker community, the Hall now accommodates all the village organisations from the play group, through all ages and interests, to the Evergreen Club.

*(Date and author unknown)*

Advice from Neighbourhood Watch: "Brighten up! It is getting darker earlier each passing evening. Please be sure when walking in the late afternoon to wear plenty of hi-viz and carry a torch which you can flash briefly toward an approaching car to let the driver know you are present. And you can protect your family members by reminding them as they leave the house".

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