



SOUTH HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER WINTER 2021



If you have any comments, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Julie Moule: Tel 01268 710820; email:shpc1@hotmail.com

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The Parish Office is open on Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 4pm. Covid restrictions will still apply and anyone wishing to visit the office will need to make an appointment with the Clerk. If Julie is not in the office she can be contacted on 07985-430365.

South Hanningfield Parish Council Facebook page - please like our page - this will ensure you receive all parish news as it is published. Also, keep a lookout for our new Parish website which will be available soon.

Christmas Cheer - £15 per Household

Any resident aged 60+ who is registered on the Electoral Register and who has not applied before please contact the Parish Clerk no later than 30th November 2021 at shpc1@hotmail.com or 07985 430365 to register for a voucher worth £15. If anyone does not want to receive a voucher, please let the Clerk know - the money can be used for other causes.

The vouchers must be redeemed by 31st December 2021 at any of the following companies:

Peter Andrews, Elite Hair Studio and Barbers, Hemmings Stores Too, Bell & Chimes Public House and Restaurant (Rettendon Bell), Nags Head Public House, White Horse Public House, Downham Hall, Pete's Place, Urban Fresh Restaurant.

Our appreciation goes to these participating businesses.

Parish Christmas Tree

Due to COVID-19, the tree will be erected in November. Sadly there will NOT be a tree lighting event this year.

SPEEDING OUTSIDE DOWNHAM SCHOOL

The Parish Council last year requested 20mph speed signs and wig-wag signage outside Downham School via the Local Highways Panel Request Scheme of Essex County Council.

This is on their list waiting to be approved

The need for such measures has been reinforced by the unfortunate accident to a Teaching Assistant recently. The Parish Council will continue to press for these measures to be implemented.

Parish Security Patrols

In response to feedback from residents about security in the parish, the Parish Council engaged, on a trial basis, S-Type Security to provide regular but random patrols in the three villages of the parish to deter any criminal and anti-social behaviour.

Following the trial period, we have suspended this contract until Spring 2022 to determine whether continuing the service would have any significant benefit. Continuing to employ S-Type security would be costly and would require an increase to the Precept levied on each household. A decision needs to be made at a meeting of the parish council as to whether to continue on a longer term basis. The Parish Precept would need to be increased by about £5 - £8 per household per annum to cover this expense.

The Parish Council would be interested in your feedback as to whether you would want us to continue to employ S-Type Security and whether you would be willing to pay an increased precept to fund the service.

Could you please let the Parish Clerk have your views by December 19th 2021 either by phone or email.

RAMSDEN HEATH LUNCHEON CLUB

Why not join our senior members of the village for a freshly cooked roast lunch. We usually serve lunches on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and, although our numbers are restricted, we are always happy to welcome new diners.

Helpers are also required to cook and serve our lunches.

If you are interested in either of these options, please contact Barbara Stanton - 01268 710642. Email barbarastanton950@btinternet.com

PLATINUM JUBILEE FAMILY FUN DAY

Keep the date free - Saturday 16th July 2022 - for a day out for all the family to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. To be held at Norton Meadows, behind the Ramsden Heath Village Hall.

Concerned about the Environment? The Parish Council Needs Your Help!

The Parish Council has been looking for a suitable location to plant 400 new trees, our contribution towards the effects of climate change. We have identified a section of the field known as Dowsetts Ride in Ramsden Heath. Essex County Council are planning to plant over 300,000 trees across the County, called the Essex Forest Initiative (EFI). Parish Councillors met their representatives on site to agree suitability and formulate a plan. EFI have recommended that we plant 400 varied native whips (60cm small trees) in January 2022.

The next step is to plan the actual planting day. Please would you consider helping us and the environment by volunteering your help on this day (probably a Tuesday) ? If you are considering helping, please contact the Parish Clerk, Julie Moule, for more details at shpc1@hotmail.com

Special Constable Recruitment for South Hanningfield

If you might be interested, please contact the Clerk, Julie Moule



And finally the Clerk, Councillors and Staff of South Hanningfield Parish Council would like to wish all Parishioners a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Keep Safe.