



**SOUTH
HANNINGFIELD
PARISH
COUNCIL**



**NEWSLETTER
SPRING 2023**



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

PARISH COUNCIL AND CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The above elections take place on Thursday May 4, 2023. Further information can be found at

<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/upcoming-elections/>

Voter ID - Photo ID will be required at Polling Stations. Acceptable ID includes: Passport, Driving Licence, Bus Pass or Disability Blue Badges. If you don't have any ID you can use you can apply for a voter authority certificate, which is free of charge, before Tuesday 25th April 2023. Phone 01245-606449 or www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

The closing date for applications to stand as a candidate at the elections is Tuesday April 4, 2023. Click on the above link for further information.

The Parish of South Hanningfield will have 3 vacancies for Parish Councillors. The Parish covers Downham, Ramsden Heath and South Hanningfield. The council meets twice a month with each meeting lasting between 60 to 90 minutes. For an idea of what the Council covers you can see Council meeting agendas and minutes at South Hanningfield Council website.

If anyone would like more information, please contact the Parish Clerk, Julie Moule.



CORONATION BIG PICNIC

Sunday 7th May

Norton Meadow

(behind Ramsden Heath Village Hall)

1pm to 6pm

Bring your own picnic and chairs



FREE ENTRY

This event is subsidised by the Parish Council.

In addition, in conjunction with King Charles' III coronation, a time capsule is being buried in Dowsett Ride (where the Jubilee trees were planted).

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday April 28 commencing at 8pm at Ramsden Heath Village Hall.

The guest speaker will be Rob Saggs, CEO of CHESS, a charity based in Chelmsford dedicated to helping those unfortunate enough to find themselves homeless. For more information on CHESS please visit [**CHESS Charity for the homeless.**](#)

Please do come to hear what the Parish Council has been up to in the last year.

FAREWELL AND THANKS TO DEPARTING COUNCILLORS

We would like to say farewell and thanks to three Councillors who are standing down at this election:

Gillian Bonnet, who has been a Parish Councillor for some twenty years and who is having to stand down as she no longer lives in the Parish. She has served on the Finance Committee and the Allotments Working Party and will be sorely missed. As will

Neil Mitchell, member of the Allotment Working Party, currently Chairman of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee and part of the P3 team who maintain our public footpaths and most notably who erects our Christmas tree and puts the star on top each year! Neil is standing down after 10 years to spend more time with his family, who happen to be in Australia!

Farewell also to Richard Cerson for his service. He has only been with us for one year but his service has been immense.

Many thanks to them all for their years of service to the residents of the Parish.

Thanks also to Peter Thurgood, the Parish Council Transport Representative, for keeping the Parish fully advised on recent road closures and bus services.

CORONATION LITTER PICK

There will be a Coronation litter pick on Friday 5th May, 2023. Participants should meet at the Ramsden Heath Village Hall at 10am.

Litter pickers, hi vis jackets and black sacks will be available.

Please contact Angela Harris on 07941-887018 for further information

PARISH ALLOTMENTS

Don't run short of fruit and vegetables - grow your own!

We have some very good allotments in the Parish and are approaching our end of year.

If anyone is interested in taking over a plot, please contact the Parish Clerk

ESSEX RECYCLING CENTRE BOOKING SYSTEM STARTS MARCH 13, 2023

Essex County Council are introducing a system whereby you will have to book a slot to take anything to any of their recycling centres. This system will begin on March 13, 2023. For further information please click on the following link:

<https://www.loveessex.org/news-and-ideas/essex-recycling-centre-booking-system/>

BUS FARE INCREASES

Please be aware that bus fares on a number of ECC supported services in Essex are set to rise by 5.9% (rounded to the nearest 10p) from Saturday 01 April 2023. Please note the £2 single fare cap remains in place until Friday 30 June 2023 for operators that are currently taking part. For more information and a list of all the services that are affected please visit

<https://www.essexhighways.org/fares-and-bus-passes/bus-fares>

Contact: Essex County Council – 0345 603 7631

RECREATION GROUND RUBBISH BINS

The rubbish bins on the Ramsden Heath Recreation Ground are being filled with the wrong sort of rubbish! Could those who do actually clear up after their dogs(well done you) use the dog litter bins and not the bins for general rubbish.

It is neither nice nor healthy for people using the general litter bins to come across dog poo. If we cannot keep the general litter bins safe and healthy we have to consider removing them altogether.

RAMSDEN HEATH CUPPA AND CAKE AFTERNOONS

RAMSDEN HEATH VILLAGE HALL 2pm – 4pm

Come along and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake

All proceeds go to charity

2023 Dates

Tuesday 11th April

Tuesday 12th September

Tuesday 9th May

Tuesday 10th October

Tuesday 13th June

Tuesday 14th November

Tuesday 11th July

Tuesday 5th December (1st Tuesday)

Tuesday 8th August

PROBLEM REPORTING

Problems with potholes, streetlights etc can be reported at www.essexhighways.org or on 03456-037631

Problems with fly tipping can be reported on 01245 606606

PARISH COUNCIL OPENING HOURS

The public can drop in to the Parish Council office between 10am and 4 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. At all other times an appointment will need to be made - or you can call the Parish Clerk, Julie Moule, on Monday and Wednesday between 10am to 4pm on 01268 710820 / 07985 430365. The Office is closed on Fridays.

Please like and follow the South Hanningfield Facebook page, where you will see road closure information, recycling and latest news etc. Also the new Parish Council website is up and running - please take a look at www.shpc.org.uk