

The Hart

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Harthill with Woodall Parish Council Newsletter

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Village Hall Progress

Further progress has been made at the Village Hall.

Charitable status should be achieved within 3 to 4 months and it is now likely that the Management Committee will opt to become a limited company as part of this. This means that the threat of any personal liability is removed. The Management Committee is still looking for new members if anyone is interested.

Meanwhile, the designers have submitted a report outlining the options for refurbishment and a wish list has been drawn up which will now be properly costed.

The Management Committee should therefore be in a position to submit a substantial funding bid in the summer. There are no guarantees of success but it looks promising.

Spens Field Secured for 20 Years

It's taken three years but at long last a 20 year lease has been signed between RMBC and the Parish Council for Spens Field.

This came into effect from 1 April 2010 and runs until 2030. This gives the Parish Council the potential to improve play and recreational facilities on Spens Field while protecting it from other types of development.

Sale of Land

During 2009/10 the Parish Council has sold land at the rear of Winney Hill to residents.

This was effectively the rear gardens of some properties which had previously been rented from the Parish Council. The sale accrued £67,000 which will be used for the improvement of the Parish and its facilities as well as providing support to village organisations. The resurfacing of the car park on Woodall Lane was the first project undertaken and several organisations have received financial support over the last year.

List of 2009/2010 Grants and Donations

- Harthill with Woodall In Bloom: £1100
 - Harthill Memories / Local History Society - £100
 - Village Hall Management Committee - £1000
 - Harthill Cricket Club - £1550
 - Harthill & District Garden Association - £100
 - Harthill Carnival Society - £680
 - Harthill Primary School Gardening Club - £500
 - Peregrin Centre - £175
- In addition, the Parish Council contributed £10,000 to the cost of the Woodall Lane Play Area, sponsored three weeks of holiday play schemes in Harthill at a cost of £1949 and the ongoing Active Always programme at a cost of £199.

Civic Pride

By Joy Pattison, Parish Council Chairman

A lot has been said recently about civic pride. It is so easy to have pride in one's surroundings and all too often any problems can be solved by a simple phone call.

Streetpride is a department of Rotherham Borough Council paid for by all of us through our Council Tax. It covers a range of services from waste collection to drains to highways. If there is a problem connected to the roads, be it safety,

street lighting and signs or (surprise surprise) potholes, Streetpride are the people to contact. Likewise fly posting, tipping, graffiti and excess litter can all be reported as can anything drains related.

Please do not think we are "passing the buck". Streetpride relies on members of the public passing on complaints rather than public bodies such as the Parish Council doing it.

The one area that does need addressing more at a local level is the subject of dog fouling. All those people who clear up their dog's mess AND either use the special bins or take it home for disposal deserve our thanks. However for those who either

throw the waste bags into hedgerows or do not clean up at all, again Streetpride is the answer. They have dog wardens who can come out to an area at recommended times to advise dog owners on correct behaviour and even issue fines. No one wants to be heavy handed but we do not want to step in your dog's mess either, especially not children on what should be safe, clean play areas and paths.

To notify Streetpride of a problem the number to phone is 01709 336003

PS – While the Parish Council would love to be able to repair the potholes in the Parish we legally aren't allowed to.

One Year On... What's Next?

Harthill with Woodall Neighbourhood Watch held its first AGM on 12 April. Achievements include membership at 36%, and some 20 Street Coordinators. This huge resource clearly has potential to make NHW work even better.

The key is to improve information flow around the village. Fast communication can help prevent possible problems escalating into something more serious. The Police will also respond quicker to problems they agree have higher priority status. Picking up street level intelligence can shape these priorities. Harthill shops/ Jacky's Lane area is now in focus, for example.

A pyramid type of communication system won unanimous support at the AGM. People report their concerns to their Street Coordinator, who takes responsibility for contacting two or three others, so news can travel quickly as needed. Coordinators are being approached directly about this.



We aim to publicise the final system, with names of each Coordinator and the streets they cover, during May. Meantime, any queries please to:

- Alan Newby, 01909 515758 or alannewby@talktalk.net
- Bryan Marshall, 01909 771150 or bryanchris1939@aol.com
- Jim Miller, 01909 772590 or jamesmiller221@btinternet.com

South Yorkshire Police HQ: 01142 20 20 20

Who are your Parish Councillors?

Joy Pattison (Chairman)	772727
Ian Lloyd (Vice Chairman)	773942
Steve Green	773056
Barbara Gunby	771328
David Hall	771607
Carol Leigh	770114
Angela Adams	771610
Liz Simmonite	770921
Wendy Thompson	773271

Clerk to the Council:

Les Wheatley
Tel 01246 434 908
Mobile 07773 782 246
les.wheatley@btinternet.com

To give information (even anonymously) call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Neighbourhood Police Team:
Rother Valley South 01709 832720

Recycle for Heroes!

Tanimara has started a new scheme, accepting used PRINTER CARTRIDGES, LASER/TONER CARTRIDGES and MOBILE PHONES.

They will be collected by recycle4charity.co.uk who will ensure that all proceeds are donated to Tanimara's nominated charity 'Help for Heroes'.



Just drop them off in the box provided in the shop on Union Street and help support our many wounded heroes in the armed forces. For further information contact Julie Johnson on 01909 770648.

"In Bloom" Appeal

Harthill and Woodall are looking very pretty at the moment and this is due in very large measure to the work of our "In Bloom" group. **THEY URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

It isn't hard work and it just needs a small time commitment. If you can help please contact Lyn Wood on 773941 or Wendy Thompson on 773271.

Bluebell Walk – Sunday 9th May

Over the last year the Parish Council has been conducting a series of inspection walks to check public footpaths, bridleways and stiles in the Parish.

The last of these walks is on Sunday 9th May and everyone is welcome to take part. The meeting point is the seat at the top of Serlby Lane at 11.30 am. You will need a packed lunch as

the walk is about 7 miles. Most of the walk is outside the Parish but includes the last section of Harthill to be inspected.

The route takes us to Grange Farm, continuing along the footpath to Castle Hill farm. From there we wend our way through Barlborough and onto Ward Lane. Leaving the lane we enter Quarrydam Wood and High

Wood where we hope to see the bluebells (bring a camera).

Next we go over the motorway, through Barlborough Park and back to Harthill via Pebley Grove Farm.

It should be an enjoyable day and hopefully we will get some good spring weather.