



HAXBY TOWN CRIER

October 2020

Council Projects

This certainly is not the year any of us had planned for! The national lock down presented a problem for councils across the country as regulation stipulates that council meetings must be held in person. In April the government passed legislation to allow virtual meetings using platforms such as Zoom, Skype, Webex as well as via telephone. As soon as this bill passed your council began meeting to address the necessary care and maintenance of our village. Some of the projects we have attended to so far this year:

Resurfacing of parking spaces along The Village. The tarmac paving in front of Sainsburys and The Red Lion pub sit on council property and were in need of repair. We also took the opportunity to add white lines to mark out the parking bays to improve the use of these spaces.



Maintenance of play equipment.

The council carries out regular maintenance of the equipment on our open spaces and with the increased use during lock down we have worked to ensure the equipment remains in a safe condition. Sadly it also appears that the increase in use of the open spaces has led to an increase in vandalism with equipment on Mancroft Open Space being damaged.

Staining and repair of hitching rails around the village green. This is a task the council undertakes on a five year interval.

New Haxby Town Council Website launched

In August the council launched its new website in response to legislation regarding accessibility requirements. Over the coming months we will be adding more content to improve communication with our residents. Take a look and let us know what you think - www.haxbytowncouncil.gov.uk .

Haxby Town Council welcomes two new councillors this month. Grant Cockburn and Lesley Beverley were co-opted to fill vacancies representing the North Ward for the council.

Cllr. Stephen Newton

Council members were saddened to hear the news that long serving Councillor Stephen Newton had passed away on 11 December 2019.

He became a council member in April 2010 and remained a councillor until he passed away. He was instrumental in the design of the Haxby Town Council Notice Boards and the Haxby Town Council logo. He is sadly missed.

Become a Town Councillor and have a say on local issues.

Would you like to become a Haxby Town Councillor?

Are you interested in town matters and would like to find out more? Would you like to be part of decision making committees, comment on planning applications and help with community projects that make Haxby an even better place to live, work and play?

Why Don't You Make A Difference?

If you are interested in becoming a Town Councillor, please contact the Clerk, Mark Scott for more information, Tel 01904 750378 or Email clerk@haxbytowncouncil.gov.uk

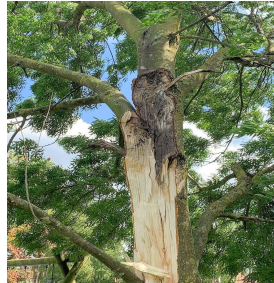
Local Business Supporting Our Community

Haxby Town Council would like to thank those local businesses and organisations who continued to support residents of our community during the lock down period. The spirit of community is what makes Haxby a great place to live and work!



Ethel Ward Playing Field

Ethel Ward Playing Field is the most heavily used open space provided by the town council. Earlier this year we experienced a number of storms, one of which brought down an ash tree near the children's play area. Tree surgeons from the City of York promptly cleared the debris and removed the remaining part of the tree that was still standing.



Respect Our Parks

During routine inspections of our open spaces during this lock down we have noticed several locations where garden waste has been dumped on public land. The council has written to residents in those areas affected but we would ask residents to respect our open spaces and refrain from using the parks in this manner.



Other open spaces maintained by the council are: Mancroft, Ashwood Glade and Old Dike Lands. The Mancroft open space provides additional play equipment for toddlers and younger children. We have also added picnic tables on three of our open spaces to encourage families to spend time together in the parks.



The council has continued to operate our open spaces since the easing of lock down conditions. It appears that our residents have enjoyed this as the parks have been well used. We would ask users of these public areas to use the litter bins provided or to take their litter home with them should the bins be full. Let us know if you notice any problems with equipment on the fields.

Please remember to adhere to government guidelines regarding allowable group sizes and social distancing when in the parks.

Haxby Library has reopened for browsing.

The library has now relocated to Oaken Grove Community Centre and is open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday from 10am –to 5pm, and on Saturdays from 10am until 1pm.

See www.exploreyork.org.uk/haxby-explore for library news.

Carnival

As a result of the pandemic it was decided to not hold the Haxby Carnival this year.

Haxby United Charities

Due to the pandemic Haxby United Charities has been unable to hold its annual tea parties for residents of pensionable age who live alone. We look forward to re-summing these events when the risk of pandemic has passed.

Details of the most recent event are on page 4.

Local Policing

Haxby Town Council regularly meets with local police to discuss ways of improving policing in our community. Our local PCSO's are;

PCSO Andy Smith 5520

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smith1@northyorkshire.pnn.
police.uk

PCSO Chris Pitchford 5571

e-mail address Christopher.

pitchford@northyorkshire.pnn.
police.uk

Please report anti-social behaviour or other police matters on 101. These calls are logged and will be included in the monthly crime reports.

Bike Safety

Our PCSO's have asked that residents be aware of the need for lights on bicycles especially as the days shorten towards winter. They will be carrying out spot checks watching for this and other cycling safety issues.



HAXBY'S CORONATION TREE IS 109 YEARS OLD! (22/6/2020)



The magnificent Copper Beech tree which adorns Haxby Village Green is the source of constant admiration, but so few people seem to know why it is there.

Two years ago, three Haxby residents decided to do something about this omission. They commissioned a commemorative plaque which has been erected on the village green so that our residents and visitors can discover the significance of this tree.

109 years ago the tree was planted as a sapling by William Abel Wood J.P., then resident of Haxby Hall on behalf of the parishioners of Haxby. It was planted to mark the coronation of George V, the grandfather of our present monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.

Haxby United Charities

The New Year Party was held on 25 January 2020 and was attended by 85 residents. The event was once again a great success ably compered by Rev Ron Smith. Entertainment was provided by Debra Simpson vocals and guitar and John Fletcher on drums. Haxby United Charities wishes to thank all those who helped out on the day, the *Memorial Hall Trustees* for use of the hall, *Diane Beale* for the excellent catering, *Rev Kathryn Jackson* for proposing the vote of thanks, *Haxby Helpers* for transport to and from the Hall, *Dutch Nurseries* for the beautiful table decorations and all who so generously donated raffle prizes.

This was the eighth afternoon tea organised by Haxby United Charities during January. The first party was held in St Mary's Church Hall and arose at the suggestion of the Rev Steve Jarratt who expressed concern at the great number of older residents living on their own. We are grateful for additional funds donated by *our City of York Ward Councillors*, *The Co-operative Funeralcare*, the *Aroma Community Fund*, *The Outlook* and finally from *St Mary's Church: the Hodgsons Charities*.



Memorial Hall provides space for City of York Support hub during lockdown

At the start of the lockdown in March, the Memorial Hall trustees accepted a request from the City of York to establish a support hub on their premises.

Through the end of June this hub delivered 266 food parcels, assisted with 124 shopping trips and picked up 65 prescriptions.

In addition they enabled nearly 100 welfare and home visits. The hub also assisted local support groups like Haxby Helpers and worked to set up groups of volunteers to support local businesses such as Haxby Bakehouse and Cooplands who continued to operate in support of our village. The hub continues to operate. We would like to extend our thanks for their support of our community and those of our neighbouring villages.

Council Announcements

RETIRING COUNCILLORS

Councillor Richard Cousans had been a councillor since February 2013. His enthusiasm for community work included the Haxby Carnival and the allotment site.

Councillor Ellen Samuel joined the council in February 2017. Her advice regarding matters relating to the law has been invaluable to the council.



Haxby Town Councillors

North Ward

Cllr. David Rice (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Grant Cockburn
Cllr. Lesley Beverley

East Ward

Cllr. Tony Richardson
Cllr. Ian Craven

Central Ward

Cllr. Mike Harrison
Cllr. Neil Wyatt
Cllr. Tom Carmichael

Southwest Ward

Cllr. Mark Preston
Cllr. Mark Guilford (Chairman)

Haxby Town Council Staff

Clerk to the Council: Mr. Mark Scott
Deputy Clerk: Mrs. Jenny Bell
Groundsman: Mr. Steve Gray

You may contact the council using:

Our webpage contact form can be located at: www.haxbytowncouncil.gov.uk/contactform/
Telephone: 01904 750378 between 10.00 am and 12.00 midday Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Post: Council Office
The Memorial Hall
The Village
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City of York, Ward Councillor Updates

Since the beginning of the Coronavirus crisis, City of York Council has been working to support vulnerable residents in our community, working with the fantastic volunteers at our local community hub. We'd like to say a huge thank you to those volunteers, and to everyone in Haxby for their efforts during this time to keep our community safe. As we face what might be a difficult period over the Autumn and Winter, the Council is again asking for a huge city-wide effort to keep people safe and for the places we love to stay open. To prepare, the Council is recruiting and allocating more volunteers to the community hubs to ensure they are ready. If you can help, please email volunteer@york.gov.uk

Anyone needing help with food or other support whilst self-isolating can access the Council's helpline on 01904 551550 or by emailing help@york.gov.uk.

To keep up to date locally you can join the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/WiggintonHaxby

The Council send out regular email updates, to sign up please visit www.york.gov.uk/form/EmailUpdates

If we can help in any way please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing cldr.ahollyer@york.gov.uk or ringing 07752 159683