



HARTSHORNE VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2015

Welcome to the Association's first newsletter. This is a brief update of our activities since we were founded in May and hope you find it interesting and informative.

A. SURVEY RESULTS

Many thanks to all who took the time to respond to our survey and sent the forms back. The total number of questionnaires distributed was 317 with 160 being returned.

1. Which of the following is most important to you and your main concerns about the village? The responses to the various questions were as follows:-

A Speeding traffic	137 = 86 %
F Dog fouling	80 = 50 %
C Community policing	68 = 43 %
A Children's playground suitability	53 = 33 %
E More information boards	35 = 22 %
D More post boxes	31 = 19 %

2. Future Village Development

Do you think that the village has reached its optimum size and shape?

Yes 132 = 86 % **No** 21 = 14 %

3. Best use of the redundant BT phone box. Make it a village tourist/information centre?

Yes 116 = 85 % **No** 20 = 15 %

We understand that the Parish Council are actively negotiating with BT to buy the phone box to install a defibrillator in it.

The survey has shown many ideas and thoughts for improvements to the village and the comments will be shared with the parish and will also be mentioned at the AGM next year.

B. LIAISON WITH PARISH COUNCIL

We are hoping to meet with members of the Parish Council on an informal basis to work together with them to address some if not all of your concerns raised in the survey.

C. WEBSITE

The Village Residents Association website is now up and running. You can access this at:-

www.hartshornevillageresidents.org

We would love to share any community news or activities on the website, so please email to secretary@hartshornevillageresidents.org in good time and we will put it on the Community Notice Board.

D. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

You will be able to find a link to Hartshorne planning applications and appeals on the website which includes the inquiry for Rodney Meadows Appeal 9/2014/1140, SK3221 6215. This public inquiry is planned for 19th to 21st January; the venue is Swadlincote Town Hall. Please check public notices in village for further details.

E. CONSERVATION NEWS

The District Council's Planning Policy Manager has written to the Residents Association to inform us, that the Conservation Officer will undertake an appraisal of the village. This is to establish if in principle a conservation area will be appropriate or not. That appraisal is now being undertaken and may have a bearing on the outcome of some of the pending appeals. We will inform you of the outcome when we hear from the Council.

F. VOLUNTEERS

We are hoping to collect together a pool of volunteers to help us run the Residents Association after all it is 'Your Association!' So anyone with spare time who is willing to help out on various future projects please let us know as we will be delighted to hear from you.

For instance, if the Parish Council are successful in buying the phone box and are agreeable, we as an association would be willing to repaint it and generally maintain it on their behalf. A small group of volunteers with a heart for this project could help, generally keeping an eye on it and ensuring it is stocked with information and checking the defibrillator is in order.

As 85% of respondents agreed in the survey, we are considering a 'Community Speed Watch' in partnership with the police. We'll need a number of volunteers to support this initiative, with enough numbers perhaps Hartshorne could become a by word for caution among motorists. **THINK SAFER SPEED!**

If you are a member and feel that you can spare some time on an occasional basis to help the association in some way, please fill in the enclosed form with a few details of your interests or talents and we shall get back to you with further instructions.

Our final thoughts...

Much has been done in our first 6 months and so we still need new members to build up a strong base to give the association more influence with authorities. A membership form is attached or you can download a copy off the website.

We would like to wish you an enjoyable Christmas break and a prosperous 2016.

