

# HARTSHORNE VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter



November 2016

Welcome to the Association's second newsletter bringing you up to date on our activities over the last year. In our first newsletter we gave the statistical results of the survey carried out in the village in July 2015. In this newsletter we let you know what action was taken by the Association to address some of the concerns highlighted in the survey.

## SPEEDING

The Association has talked to the Parish Council about this ongoing concern. We are jointly setting up a community Speedwatch with volunteers from the village and Sandcliffe Rd area. The police will run a free training course on the use of the radar gun and the procedures for a minimum of 10 people. This will probably take place in February ready for the start of action in April. Speedwatch is being co-ordinated by Councillor Kim Coe. If you wish to attend the course, please let the committee know. Form attached at the end of the newsletter.

The Association also intend to write direct to the Cabinet Member of Derbyshire County Council, responsible for Highways using the petition signed at the AGM to request that they include in their Capital programme for 2017/18 some form of speed control preferably in the form of a electronic speed indicator.

## MORE POST BOXES

We talked to the Parish Council who are equally concerned. They have already spoken to Royal Mail who have refused point blank to put any more collection boxes in the village. Well you asked and we tried!

## DOG FOULING

We have written to the District Council requesting additional collection boxes for dog mess. The response was in effect that with government cutbacks they cannot afford them but if we were willing to pay for them ourselves together with collection costs it could be done.

We have also contacted the Safer Neighbourhood Wardens who have supplied a stencil and paint and ‘Bag it and Bin it’ signs have been made on pavements around the village together with many new signs on lamp posts. The school produced the poster which has appeared around the village. If you witness anyone failing to clear up after their dog, please pass information to the Safer Neighbourhood Wardens [neighbourhood.wardens@southderbys.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.wardens@southderbys.gov.uk)

Tel.01283 5895943

## VILLAGE PHONE BOX/INFORMATION CENTRE

The Parish Council has bought the redundant phone box from BT for £1 and the Residents Association volunteered to repaint and refurbish the box on their behalf. The telephone box has now been repainted inside and out in pillar box red and all the redundant steel interior panelling and dead electrics have been removed. An information rack for leaflets has been fitted and the box is now ready for a community notice board, which will be supplied and fitted by the Parish Council. A team of four people from the Residents Association have volunteered to look after it and keep it clean.

Have a look at the box as you pass the “Rodney”, it now looks a credit to the village and hopefully will become a focal point for information in the near future.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Association held its first AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> May this year. Future plans were outlined most of which concerned acting upon residents' concerns highlighted in the survey – see above and in the following news items.

The committee were re-elected en bloc since the meeting was satisfied with their management and there were no other nominations. However, in July Eve Adams stood down due to business and family reasons and Cathie Rogers from the Manor House was co-opted in her place.

## PLANNING - LOCAL PLAN PART 2

SDDC held a public consultation at the beginning of the year on Part 2 of the local plan. The Residents Association took this opportunity to have a say in the future of the village and the submission was on display for residents to peruse at the end of the AGM. Since then there has been a further consultation in June on the draft local plan to which the Association again responded. It is due to be submitted in December and possibly adopted in mid 2017.

## VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

Hartshorne is to have a Christmas tree for the first time (unless someone knows differently). The Licencees of the Admiral Rodney pub – Kevin and Lesley are kindly providing a Christmas Tree and lights, which will be placed on the green outside the pub.

The Residents Association is working to organise an evening of carol singing around the tree on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7pm for about 3/4 hour. The church have an informal choir that we hope will lead us in the singing but we hope also to augment them with villagers who would like to form a community choir to practise with them beforehand for the occasion. If you enjoy singing and would like to join the choir for the occasion then please leave your details on the membership renewal form at the end of the newsletter. This event is free to everyone in the village and, of course, The Rodney will be open for refreshments afterwards!

## LIAISON WITH PARISH COUNCIL

Ray Fairbrother and Jim Gosden continue to meet with Councillors Alan Jones and Kim Coe roughly every two months to discuss matters of concern to the community. Subjects discussed included the formation and training for the community Speedwatch, progress with the phone box painting, instructions on the use of equipment on the trim trail in the rec., carols around the Christmas tree and the state of the hedge up Main Street.

## PEARTREE CLOSE POTHOLES

The Residents Association reported the numerous potholes in Peartree to the County Council Highways dept. in January. [This was after one of the residents had stepped in one in the dark and fallen over] They have now been marked for attention so hopefully they will all have been filled in by the end of the year. If you have a pothole to report, go to the Derbyshire County Council website and search transport and roads/ potholes.

## COMMUNITY ON-LINE

We have been looking into a pilot scheme for internet access for a number of months now and would like to gauge people's interest. This will be a Residents Association laptop for community use in the village – venue to be arranged. A session on a Tuesday morning at the Dethick Hall when the post office is open or even a trial at a pub in the village could be on offer. This is obviously if the need is there for it. Can you please indicate on the membership form if you would be interested.

## CONSERVATION

Due to the departure at the end of May of the council's Conservation Officer the matter of designating parts of Hartshorne as a Conservation area has been put on hold. We have contacted the planning policy manager who hopes to bring it before the relevant committee in January.

## **OTHER VILLAGE NEWS**

### **Hartshorne Cricket Club - NOVEMBER 5TH BONFIRE NIGHT 6.15 pm**

The club is having their usual spectacular, bonfire and firework display and everyone is welcome. Usual children's rides, food and drink and Guy Competition starting at 6pm.

We are introducing a wristband entrance fee £1 per person with children under 5 free. Please be aware that it will be a noisy night with lots of visitors to the area, so the road will be busy with vehicles and pedestrians. If you have any animals, think of their welfare during the evening. Enjoy the best fireworks in the area and support your local club.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

We continue to be dedicated to the corporate interests of our village community and hope that in addition to monitoring planning applications we can promote a real community spirit.

If you are already a member and are satisfied that we are serving the community to the best of our ability, please continue to support us by renewing your membership if you haven't already done so. If you are not a member and feel we are worth supporting please apply on the **attached form**. The more members we have the more influence we have with local authorities.

**You will find details of the Association at:-**



**[www.hartshornevillageresidents.org](http://www.hartshornevillageresidents.org)**

And finally .....

**Have a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.**

.....REPLY SLIP .....

If you wish to join the Community Choir

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If you wish to volunteer for Speedwatch

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Community on-line: Gauge opinions?

If you're interested in using the lap-top, please leave your phone no. on the renewal form and we'll be in touch.

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More information contact Jim Gosden on 217656 or Kate on 200762 or

Email: [secretary@hartshornevillageresidents.org](mailto:secretary@hartshornevillageresidents.org)

### Membership – New or Renewal form

Name .....

Address .....

Phone No.....Email.....

I agree with the aims of the Association and wish to become a member.

Please visit our website for more details. [www.hartshornevillageresidents.org](http://www.hartshornevillageresidents.org)

or email [secretary@hartshornevillageresidents.org](mailto:secretary@hartshornevillageresidents.org)

Signature .....Date .....

Please sign and return this form together with your £2 membership to our Treasurer at 11 Ticknall Road.