

**HARTSHORNE VILLAGE RESIDENTS  
ASSOCIATION**

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**NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2019**

**Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter bringing you up to date with what the Committee have been doing on your behalf, and with news from around the village. Since the AGM in May, the Committee has met four times.**

**SPEEDING -**

This is top of the list of concerns. Although we have enough people trained on the speed camera to make up three teams, there is frustration that the camera has been in use in other areas and has not been available to Hartshorne. Now we have learned that new equipment is being introduced by the police, which has caused a further delay and which may require further training.

Our Chairman, Kevin Banton, has contacted the Parish Council with regard to the possibility of installing a speed indicator sign on the A514 in the village on a permanent basis. The Parish Council has asked Derbyshire County Council (the Highways Authority) if a sign can be erected at the Parish Council's expense with the County Council funding maintenance costs. However, the County Council wouldn't agree and it appears unlikely that they would agree to a further request. It seems that it will take a fatal road accident before there will be a change of attitude.

**DOG FOULING -**

is another of the major concerns of local people.

Having contacted the SDDC unsuccessfully to borrow their footpath stencil (they didn't know where it was!) the Committee bought their own stencil and paint. You may have seen signs we put on the pavements around the village during the summer. These were considered too small to be effective. We'll try again to borrow the Council's stencil before we try to get a larger more effective stencil of our own.

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**1. Woodville Road – The Village**

In our last newsletter we reported that the Council had refused the application to remove the requirement for inclusion of affordable housing and that the developer had appealed this decision. We have heard that the appeal was upheld and that no affordable housing will now be included in the proposed development of 14 houses. At the moment there is no sign of activity on the site.

**2. Manchester Lane -** The application for the erection of a barn on land behind existing dwellings in Manchester Lane was passed by the Planning Committee in May. At the time of writing there has been no move to start any work on site.

An original proposal to build five holiday cabins was opposed by the Residents Association and was turned down on appeal.

### **LOCAL GREEN SPACE PLAN –**

The Local Green Spaces Plan, which will become part of Local Plan Part 2, came before the Government's Inspector at a public hearing on 12<sup>th</sup> September, where the overall aspects of the plan were examined. These were mainly as to whether the plan was consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework and as to whether it was positively prepared and effective.

It is understood, from speaking to a member of the Planning Policy Team, that the Inspector has recommended some "modifications" to the plan, none of which affect the site in the village put forward by the Residents Association, i.e. the land behind the Mill Wheel car park. This means there will be a further consultation and that the adoption of the LGS Plan will probably be delayed until the spring.

SDDC is to be commended for formulating a Local Green Spaces Plan and allowing considerable public input and consultation. It is understood that some councils just have not bothered!

### **HEDGEHOGS –**

A local resident and member has contacted the Committee concerned that with some revival in the hedgehog population, he had seen at least two dead hedgehogs in the village, killed by passing traffic. It would appear that the Department of Transport earlier this year announced the idea of putting hedgehog warning signs on highways. Since then nothing seems to have been done.

Our chairman contacted the British Hedgehog Society to find out more regarding the signs. Unfortunately they know no more than we do and have received no guidance from the Department of Transport.

If you care about hedgehogs, then the Hedgehog Society would encourage you to log any sightings on the Big Hedgehog Map at <https://bighedgehogmap.org/>  
In the long term this map may produce sufficient evidence of hedgehog hotspots to prompt the government into some action with regard to signing on roads.

### **EMERGENCY TRADESMEN -**

It would appear from feedback that there is no emergency agency that pensioners can contact to get the services of a reliable tradesman to come out to help them in an out of hours emergency.

The Residents Association would like to compile, if possible, a register of local tradesmen, such as electricians, plumbers, and carpenters etc. who would be prepared to cover emergency repairs for pensioners out of hours at a reasonable cost.

We invite those reading the newsletter to forward names and telephone numbers of tradesmen of good repute known to them who would be prepared to attend to emergencies of pensioners (only) to our secretary at:

secretary@hartshornevillageresidents.org

Please get confirmation beforehand that the tradesmen are willing for their names to be put on a register, which will be displayed on our website at

[www.hartshornevillageresidents.org](http://www.hartshornevillageresidents.org) Paper copies would be available for those without computers.

### **NEW LOCAL MAGAZINE – SWADSTYLE –**

Some of you may have seen the new free local magazine – Swadstyle – that is published monthly and is distributed at the moment only in the Swadlincote area. It is just a year old and the editor plans to ultimately distribute it to a wider area including Hartshorne. Two members of the Committee have met with the editor and have arranged for a few copies to be placed in the telephone box information centre, starting as a regular thing in November. It is hoped that soon it will be distributed to all homes within the village.

The contents of the magazine, which are attractively laid out, cover local events together with community and business news. The magazine is funded through advertisements, which cover a wide range and which are most useful. There are also articles on health, money, travel and local history and even a crossword puzzle. Take a look in the information centre if your curiosity is aroused!

### **CAFÉ CHURCH -**

If you are one of those people with a basic Christian faith but for one reason or another do not wish to attend formal or organised church services, then a new type of service held once a month at Hartshorne Church may appeal. It is called ‘Café Church’ and is very informal and not at all ‘churchy’. The church is transformed into a café by removing the rows of chairs and replacing them by small tables seating four people. It starts at 5.30pm on the first Sunday of the month with tea, coffee and cake served. There is a seven-piece band providing live music and a visiting speaker. No sermon!

The Christmas Café Church on 1<sup>st</sup> December will have ‘alternative’ Christmas music and the speaker will be the Bishop of Repton – Jan McFarlane.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE ADMIRAL RODNEY –**

Christmas Carol singing around the tree outside the Admiral Rodney has become part of village life and is looked forward to by many people. This year there is the band “Liquid Brass” and singing starts at 6.30pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is welcome!

**FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR PENSIONERS** –

Lesley and Kevin at the Admiral Rodney are hosting a Christmas lunch for Old Age Pensioners on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 1pm to 3pm, which will be **free of charge** to all pensioners. If you wish to go, just call in at the Rodney during opening hours and put your name down so that they know how many to cater for.

Alternatively, write your name and address on a piece of paper and post it through their letter box.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS** –

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year 2020.

**AND FINALLY** –

We thank all those members who help us in one way or another, it is always greatly appreciated. This newsletter is delivered free to all dwellings in the village to let you know what the Residents Association is doing. If you are new to the village or a former member who has lapsed and you think we are doing a worthwhile job, please consider becoming a member. The subscription is only £2 per year and the more members we have, the more influence we have with local authorities.



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Membership is taken on a household basis and only the name of the principal or nominated holder is required.

The membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Name .....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Number of adults at this address ..... Email .....

Home Telephone/Mobile .....

I agree with the aims of the Association and wish to become a member/renew my membership

Signed.....

Date.....

Please return this part of the form together with your £2 membership in an envelope to Jim Gosden (Membership Secretary), 17 Ticknall Rd, Hartshorne