



# Hatton Parish Post

Welcome to our first issue of 2024.

## Union View and its Roadworks

In our last edition, we reported that Taylor Wimpey had applied to Warwick District Council (WDC) to be permitted to have up to forty dwellings occupied before the main access was completed, and the Parish Council was opposed to this.

At the Planning Committee meeting on Thursday 14th December WDC councillor Peter Phillips, a parish councillor and one resident attended the meeting and spoke opposing the use of the temporary access into Union View being used for residents, on 1) safety grounds and 2) the disruption to the already challenging situation in the roadworks. The Planning Committee was unhappy about various safety aspects and the decision was deferred for further reports from Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Highways Department.

The next Planning Committee meeting took place on Tuesday 16th January and again Peter Phillips and one of our parish councillors attended the meeting to speak and object. However, the use of the temporary access for new residents was approved. The implications are that there will be two or three weeks needed to widen the temporary access, and there will have to be a third set of traffic lights to allow residents to leave the site safely and join the Birmingham Road, probably resulting in increased delays. The third set of lights will only be triggered when vehicles are looking to leave the site.

Although the lights controlling the single carriageway are actively managed, there are

still significant delays at peak times. This may result from the queue in one direction being much longer than in the other. If you observe this, it may be reported to the Highways Department on 01926 412 515.

Our district councillors, Jan Matecki and Peter Phillips, spent several hours early morning on the 10th January monitoring the traffic (image via WCC). They advise they will continue to monitor and welcome your feedback.



At the time of going to press, the lights are situated 50 metres from the roundabout causing it to be obstructed sometimes, although they will move back in the future. Despite assurances that the works would be restricted to 150 metres they are 250 metres. These, and other matters connected to the works will be discussed at a public meeting organised by WCC Highways Department.

**WCC Highways Public Meeting  
Tuesday 20th February at 6.00 pm  
at Holy Trinity Church Hatton  
(on the Birmingham Road)**

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## Hatton Parish Precept

Parish councils do not receive any direct funding from central government and rely on the precept for their funding. The precept amount is set by the Parish Council to pay for costs within a set budget and comes from the Council Tax we all pay.

Despite inflation, our outgoings are little changed, and the Parish Council will precept for £14,774 for 2024-5. Last financial year, it was £14,520 which was equivalent to £11.24 per D band dwelling, less than 1% of your Council Tax bill. This is very low compared to other parish councils and we are always open to applications from local organisations who need support.

## Hatton Park Encroaching Greenery

We reported in our previous edition a detailed report had been sent to our Warwick District councillor in order for this to be brought to their attention and attended to by them. This was an error and it was in fact correctly sent to our Warwickshire County Councillor.

Since, there has been a site meeting inspecting Hatton Park and this work is expected to be undertaken soon.

## Hatton Park Play Area

Version 5 of the Hatton Park Play Area Grant Agreement which was received from WDC in early January was agreed at the last parish meeting. We await the document for signature. Once this has been done, two of the Playground Working Group can take part in the tender evaluation process.

## Warwickshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan

WCC is responsible for around 1700 miles of public rights of way. They are important for enjoying and exploring, for travelling to work or school and for health and wellbeing.

The Parish Council agreed we should be doing more to promote active travel, reducing the need for people to jump in the car. The government guidelines for public rights of way improvements focuses on improving the experience for non-motorised users.

At our last meeting we discussed two suggestions for new bridle paths that would provide additional links avoiding main roads. The first is Grove Park where currently the footpath through the park is specifically not

open to cyclists. It connects Dark Lane to Hampton on the Hill. This route would allow cyclists to avoid travelling down the Birmingham Road and be useful for those travelling from Hatton Station and Hatton.

The second suggestion, Chase Lane extension, would connect Kenilworth with Honiley, providing cyclists an alternative route to travel out of Kenilworth without going on the busy A4177. Part of the route is not currently a bridleway, and most of it isn't a footpath, so new rights of way would need to be sought. It is a gravel track that flows all the way to Church Lane (near the Dogs Trust).



Map of Hatton Parish

As part of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP), WCC is seeking the views of residents. You can submit your comments to the Parish Council ([mail@hattonpc.com](mailto:mail@hattonpc.com)) or complete the online survey:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/insights-service/warwickshire-rowip/>

**The next parish meeting is on Monday 26th February at 8.00 pm to be held at Hatton Park Village Hall.**

**Our monthly meetings are open to the public and we always welcome discussion about what matters to you and how we can best support our thriving community.**

