



# Hatton Parish Post

Spring seems to be here at last after such a wet March.

We are now posting editions on our website as we have received requests to receive this newsletter from those living on the outskirts of the Parish. Meanwhile, we endeavour to have it delivered to all Hatton residents but, if by chance your edition does not arrive when you expect, do look it up on the website.

The Birmingham Road roadworks are now becoming part of our daily lives! Whilst work is in progress, the footpath/cycleway is closed and it is necessary to use the path on the other side of the road.

The Parish Council continues to keep abreast of any issues arising from work on the site and along the Birmingham Road.

## Your Right to Vote

When you receive this issue, the closing date of Tuesday 4th April for nominations for your next Warwick District and parish councillors will have passed. The election itself is soon, so a further reminder please to make sure you can actually use your vote by checking you have the right Voter ID.

This is a form of photo ID and all the information detailing what is acceptable can be found on the Electoral Commission website. If you don't have the right ID you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate by 25th April from: [www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate).

## May Parish Meeting Schedule

In May, the Parish Council convenes the Annual Parish Assembly, and holds its Annual Meeting, as well as the usual monthly meeting.

### Annual Parish Assembly

The Parish Council is required to convene this although the assembly may elect its chairman and it may be conducted independently. The Parish Council, while strongly influenced by any conclusions reached, is not bound by them.

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to consider the expenditure of the £300k+ Community Infrastructure funding we will receive in respect of the Union View Development. We would welcome, and indeed must have the involvement of residents.

Formerly organisations supported by the Council have presented their reports at this assembly; these are now submitted in writing and appended to the minutes.

### Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

This is a usually brief meeting in which the formal business of the Council (election of officers, dates of meetings, the financial report, etc) is carried out.

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council is then held as usual.

As the Parish Council is required to meet within two weeks of the election on 4th May, these meetings will take place consecutively on Monday, 15th May starting at 7.30pm at Hatton Village Hall.

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend, and become involved in shaping our community.



### Hatton Big Help Out - Monday 8th May

To mark His Majesty the King's coronation thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help our local communities.

As part of this 'Big Help Out' Arabella Arkwright is organising a charity event at Hatton Country World. It is in aid of three military charities: Three Roses Care Homes, SSAFA (Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association) and Scotties Little Soldiers.

Activities will include a dog show, laser combat, music, traditional village fete events and many more. Full details are on the Hatton Country World website: [www.hattonworld.com](http://www.hattonworld.com).

Arabella is anxious to recruit volunteers to help run the event and its activities. To find out how you can help on 'Volunteering Monday', please contact:  
[rccraddock@hattonworld.com](mailto:rccraddock@hattonworld.com) or  
[alatham@hattonworld.com](mailto:alatham@hattonworld.com)

### Warwick District Council Trees for our Future Campaign



'Trees for our Future' project is the name of the Warwick District Council's tree planting programme, with the ambitious target of planting 160,000 trees by 2030: one for every resident living in its district.

Did you know that woodland cover across Warwick district is below the national averages of 10% across England and 13% across the United Kingdom? The WDC Climate Change Committee recommends woodland should be increased to at least 17% of land.

As of the end of the 2021/22 planting season WDC has planted almost 7,200 trees. While this is a small proportion of the 160,000 target

they expect to plant over 101,000 trees by 2030 at sites such as Tachbrook Country Park and Newbold Comyn. This means WDC needs to identify a further 51,500 tree planting opportunities over the next eight years in order to hit their target.



The Parish Council is fully supportive of this initiative and wishes to participate in aiding WDC in their tree planting. WDC does not own enough suitable land to house such a large number of trees.

So, if you own some land where trees can be grown or you know and would like to recommend any areas where trees could be planted or dead trees replaced, no matter how few, do please contact us. Join us at one of our meetings or send us an email via our clerk at [mail@hattonpc.com](mailto:mail@hattonpc.com). We will carry out any research and pass this information on to the Warwick District Councillor holding this portfolio after the election.

**The next parish meeting is on Monday 24th April 2023 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.**