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Hughenden Newsletter



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The Hughenden Street Association vision:

For community life in Hughenden Parish to become better connected, supportive/supported, stronger and friendlier so that all residents are involved in it to the level they desire. This means working to create safer and connected communities encouraging residents to identify the needs of their neighbours to help them engage in the community. The Association has a key role to play in helping develop links to existing facilities whilst also working to support community groups to reach out to as many residents as possible.

So much has been achieved by the Street Association with more still to do together. Take a look: <http://bit.ly/2Skst40>

Community Safety

There have been several virtual conversations about **community safety** in the parish. Car tyres slashed in Friars Gardens (HV), inconsiderate car parking on pavements in Naphill and so the list goes on. The latter highlights the importance of personal responsibility and consideration of others. The Covid19 pandemic brought communities together, people volunteering in all sorts of ways and many acts of kindness. As the lockdown eases the aim must be to retain and consolidate all this great work. **'Let's not go back to how it was before'**, is a common refrain. How do we achieve this? It is simple: maintain the good neighbourliness! Everyone can play their part regardless of whether they have returned to work or stepped back from volunteering. Parked cars is a common problem and the **Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group (HNAG)** recently issued some useful guidance which might give pause for thought including: vehicles causing an obstruction (such as preventing easy access along a pavement for wheelchair or pushchair users can receive a penalty notice (currently **at least** £50) and in some cases be removed! Blocking a driveway, preventing another vehicle from existing is another example.

Litter picking



In a previous newsletter a poll was created to find out if residents wanted to form groups to carry out a litter pick as part of the Annual **Great British Spring Autumn Clean, 11th - 27th September**. The correct litter picking tools and clothing will be provided and the Parish Council was keen to support this event. There is still time to complete the survey: <https://bit.ly/3eSzsVB>



It is a harsh truth that no matter how much we urge people to take their litter home or put it in the correct bin there will be some inconsiderate people who will continue to drop litter. **York City Council** asks a question (via a poster placed around the city): **why are you tossing litter around here?** 3 possible answers:

- ✓ I'm lazy
- ✓ I don't care about this community
- ✓ I think other people should pay to clean up after me

The poster ends with a request: **Don't be a tosser. You brought your rubbish here, please take it home with you.**

Most residents take pride in their community and perhaps we need to recognise that regular litter picking is the way forward. The September initiative would be a great start, don't you agree? If you do, then please complete the survey.

Contact the Editor – feedback/suggestions most welcome!

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Looking forward to hearing from you. *Hilda Stearn*

Speed Watch

Another virtual conversation has been about **speeding cars**. This is a national problem however there is something we can do locally: join **Speed Watch**. Thames Valley Police run a **Community Speedwatch Scheme** where a Speed Detection Radar Device (SDR) is used at the roadside and registration numbers of vehicles that may have been speeding are noted down. This information is sent to the police and a warning letter is issued to the registered owner. Any repetition and the owner will receive another letter confirming that their details have been passed to Roads Policing for possible further action. You may have noticed a group of people at the side of the road around the parish from time to time. They are the **Hughenden Speedwatch Team**. Why not join them? Simply register your interest and then you will be invited to complete an online training course before joining the local team. Contact Stan Jones, 01494 716278.

What's Going On?



The new **Unitary Authority** – Buckinghamshire Council – which replaces the District Councils is now up and running. Covid19 has presented some unexpected challenges: no local elections until 2021 meaning that there are currently more councillors than was anticipated. The positive side is that this means that they can help get the **Community Boards** up and running more quickly. 16 are planned across the county and Hughenden will be part of the **North West Chilterns Community Board** which extends across the Stokenchurch and as far as North Lee (just south of Stoke Mandeville). The Boards are expected to bring together councillors and communities to help solve local issues such as **tackling social isolation of older people** which is something Hughenden Street Association is keen to address. Membership of the Boards will include parish councils, the police and Primary Care Networks (health services) as well as community groups, residents and young people. The Board chairman will be appointed by Bucks Council and have a two year term. The key objectives are:

- ✓ **Local issues** – councillors will be able to make recommendations on locals issues having listened to Board members;
- ✓ **Influence**- councillors and communities to influence service design and delivery on local issues; and
- ✓ **Partnership** – encouraging communities to work together alongside councillors to solve local issues

By working together we will be able to articulate the voice of Hughenden and lobby for inclusion on the Board. *Something for the Steering Group to consider when it meets later this month?*

