



Heanor & Loscoe Town Council

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

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Town Council meetings are held in the Town Hall, Heanor
7.00pm on the first Thursday of every Month

ALL WELCOME



Message From The Leader Of The Council - Councillor Paul Jones



Before I begin my message it is with sadness that we report the recent death of former Mayor and Council Leader Bob Moon, our thoughts are with Anna and the family. There is an article in this edition acknowledging Bob's contribution to Heanor and Loscoe and the wider community.

In this newsletter we will provide details of the Town Council's activities since the last newsletter. For example we have been actively supporting local groups with funding, provided our annual free pantomime, improved our Christmas lights and fireworks display, co-funded (in partnership with Heanor Vision) the addition of an Ice rink and installed two WW1 commemorative benches, the first bench has been installed in Heanor Memorial Park opposite the War Memorial and the second bench at our Red River Nature Reserve. We also held an event acknowledging the Centenary of Women's partial suffrage and the visit of Emmeline Pankhurst to Heanor Town Hall. We continue to express concerns about the development of housing in our community and I spoke at the planning enquiry on the Borough Council's proposals for housing in Heanor as part of their local plan. I also attended the planning meeting to oppose the current proposals for the development of the former Grammar School site. The investment in the Wilmot Street Centre continues with new windows, doors and a resurfaced car park. The Town Council has expressed concern over the increase in anti-social behaviour and you will see within this newsletter the article from the Police and Crime Commissioner - Hardyal Dhindsa. We must not let this overshadow what a wonderful community we have in Heanor and Loscoe and it is important we continue to champion the positives in our community.

Floral Displays

Heanor & Loscoe Town Council are looking at providing a display of hanging baskets around the Town Centre for the summer of 2019.

If anybody would be interested in sponsoring a basket please contact the Town Council Office on 01773 533 050 for further details. Your sponsorship would be identified by a plaque underneath the basket.



Band Concert - Heanor Memorial Park - Sunday 16th September 2018

The weather was lovely for the time of year. Shirland Welfare Band gave a fantastic, entertaining performance, enjoyed by all present including residents from the nearby Ashfield Care Home. Shirland Welfare Band have been provisionally booked for Sunday 15th September 2019 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.



Small Business Saturday - Be Your Own Boss - Advice Workshop

Working in partnership with Heanor Vision we provided the above workshop to provide advice and guidance to anyone interested in starting their own business. This was held on Saturday 1 December 2018 in the Town Hall, the event was fully booked and received positive feedback from all attendees.

Pantomime - Saturday 17th November 2018

140 carers and children attended the FREE Pantomime funded by the Town Council. This year the Dream Team Theatre Company performed Mother Goose. Refreshments were provided and donations gratefully accepted for the Town Mayor's chosen charity - Blood Bikes UK.



Christmas Service and Lights Switch On - Sunday 2nd December 2018

A wonderful afternoon service was held at St Luke's Church Loscoe where we were treated to a delightful, heart-warming performance by Howitt Primary School Choir, followed by festive refreshments of hot drinks and mince pies.

Annual Christmas Lights Switch On and Fireworks - Monday 3rd December 2018

The weather was kind to us this year and hundreds of people both young and old joined us on Heanor Market Place to enjoy this event. The evening began at 5.00pm with a Fun Fair, gift/charity stalls, free balloon modelling and face painting, walkabout mascots, puppet shows and of course a visit by the MAIN MAN, Santa - who presented a small gift to around 250 children. The provision of the Ice Rink, jointly funded with Heanor Vision, proved very popular with local children and adults alike and we are looking to be able to support this initiative again this year.

The Christmas Lights were supplied by local firm Harlite Installations and switched on by the Town Mayor, Councillor Brian Gration and his granddaughter Liberty. The event closed with a spectacular Firework Finale supplied by Fuse Fireworks.

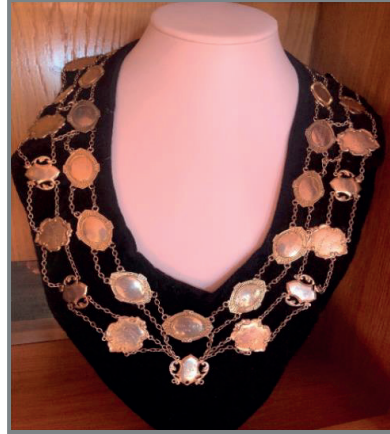


Saving The Town's Heritage

The Council is committed to saving the Town's Heritage and has a display within the Council Chamber of a number of historic items from local organisations.



Rotary Club of Heanor
Presidential Chain



Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
Town Mayors Chain of Office

Millennium Banner

We are looking at ways in which the Millennium banner, on display in our Council Chamber, can be restored following some disintegration of the silk work. The banner was part of a project in conjunction with Fleet Arts in Belper and the Borough Council and worked on by local community groups. (Historic report from Ripley and Heanor News)



Banner project's flying high!

TWO town banners are being produced as part of Amber Valley's Millennium Banner Project. The banners have been made by the communities of Heanor and Belper, with the assistance of art workers Jan Reynolds and Joan Smith.

The Heanor banner (left) illustrates the fair, the church and some of the street names.

The Belper banner (right) has a wheelchair user's view of the new pedestrian area and a river, signed by all the members of the swimming club, as well as pub signs and other items of local interest.

Pictured (left to right) Council member Peter Throckmorton; Mayor of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council, Councillor

Hare Starr; Sarah Laman of the Fleet Arts Project; Deputy Leader of Amber Valley Borough Council, Councillor Paul Jones; Councillor Peter Bailey; textile worker Janet Smith; Amber Valley Borough Council's area development officer Vicki Campbell; Councillor Jenny Harrington and vice chair of recreation and tourism, Councillor Broughton.



Red River Local Nature Reserve

This Council-owned Nature reserve is sited adjacent to St Luke's Church, Loscoe and proves a very popular destination for local residents. The site is maintained on our behalf by Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield, along with the Friends of Red River Group. Groundwork produce a quarterly report which lists the activities undertaken on the site. These include maintenance tasks, site management and development, wildlife monitoring visits and reports, environmental education activities, open events and guided walks and talks. The Red River Friends of Group recently won the customer vote and secured £4000 from Tesco Bags of Help to purchase and install a new pond dipping platform.

Anyone interested in becoming a 'Friend of Red River' or even just occasionally helping with maintenance or conservation work please contact the Town Council office on 01773 533050.

Centenary of World War 1 Commemorative Benches

Heanor & Loscoe Town Council have purchased two World War I memorial benches to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War I. The first bench has been placed in Heanor Memorial Park opposite the War Memorial and the second bench has been placed on the Red River Local Nature Reserve, Loscoe. The benches are a place for people to spend time to reflect, remember and give thanks.



Red River Local Nature Reserve, Loscoe



Heanor Memorial Park

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2018

The Royal British Legion have confirmed the total raised in Heanor for the 2018 Poppy Appeal as of the 6th February 2019 is £10,450.00. This is an amazing amount of money.

Commemorating 100 Years of Women's Partial Suffrage

On 3 November 2018 the Town Council joined with Heanor Floral Art Group, Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI), Local Arts Group (In8) suffragette painting display, Heanor and District Local History Society, Women's Institute and Women's Voice to hold a programme of events to commemorate 100 years of partial suffrage. These included making your own suffragette badge, copies of suffragette items from the period, a BBC film about Emmeline Pankhurst, along with a number of displays and information leaflets.



A plaque commemorating the visit of Emmeline Pankhurst to Heanor in 1909 was unveiled in the main foyer of Heanor Town Hall.



Deputy Mayor Cllr Sheila Oakes, Iris Symonds (a local schoolgirl who won a Blue Peter Badge for her project on prominent women) and former MP Judy Mallaber.
Photograph supplied by Eric Gregory.

Council Continues To Support Local Organisations

During this financial year the Town Council has awarded funding totalling £1300 to the following organisations: Loscoe WI, Carousel Craft, Heanor Swimming Club and Heanor Weenies.



Certificate of Appreciation

At the Town Council meeting held on 6 September 2018 the Town Mayor presented Joy Fell and Jeanne Evison with flowers and a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of voluntary services to the Community. Joy and Jeanne regularly carry out litter picking in Loscoe.



Concerns Over Anti-Social Behaviour

The Council share the communities concerns on anti-social behaviour and has held a number of meetings with the police and other agencies to look at ways that this can be addressed. We have also raised these concerns with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

As a Town Council we have commissioned an independent company to carry out a Youth Consultation project to determine the wants/needs of our youth. We are committed to working alongside other organisations in order to act on these results. Aiming to help provide activities for young people, the Council funded the Extreme Wheels Roadshow over the summer holiday period which offered high impact bespoke extreme and action sport activities for young people. We are currently providing free use of our Wilmot Street Centre to allow Heanor Safer Neighbourhood Team and Heanor Multi Agency Team to hold a weekly 'Youth Club' for ages 11 to 16 year olds.

Working with the Borough Council we have helped fund the provision of two Multi User Game Areas (MUGA), one at Lockton Avenue, the other at Charles Hill Playing Fields. These will be fully operational by the end of Spring 2019. There are concerns about the lack of changing facilities and a community room on Charles Hill. The MUGA is complimentary to this and was put forward as a scheme following a community wide questionnaire 2 years ago. It has had to be built now, because the funding for it was time limited and had to be spent by April 2019. The Town Council has committed £30,000 towards the development of changing facilities and a community room at Charles Hill. The total cost of the project is around of £645,000 and so with Amber Valley Borough Council reducing their original commitment to only £100,000 there is quite a shortfall. Some of this shortfall will be made up by commitments from the development of housing on the former Loscoe Miners Welfare site. The rest will be made up of grants from national sporting bodies. None of this is within the Town Council's control and we continue to put pressure on the Borough Council to prioritise the development of Charles Hill.

We are also requesting that Amber Valley Borough Council look at increasing the number of CCTV cameras following their decision to reduce them from 12 to 3 last year, or at least to reposition them where they will be more effective. To date the Town Council have not had a response to their letter from the Borough Council and the Leader of the Council was prevented from raising the issue at the recent Borough Full Council meeting.

Concern of Economic Prosperity of The Town

Following the closure of Lloyds Bank and the Argos Superstore, the Council has held a meeting with the Borough Council seeking assurances that they will work jointly with the Town Council to look at ways of improving the Town Retail sector and how to attract inward investment. We expressed our concern over the number of retail units being converted into flats/ apartments.

Future of Former Grammar School Site

We remain deeply concerned about the future of this prestigious site within our community and have raised significant concerns about the proposals for the site. We view the lack of commitment to community facilities within any proposal as worrying, as well as the future of the historic Robinson-Caley Triptych, which we believe is a community asset and should be on display within our community. At the time of going to print we seem no further forward in resolving these long standing issues.

Phlebotomy Service

We continue our agreement with the NHS to allow The Old Fire Station to be utilised as a site for Phlebotomy services. We realise the convenience of this site and would encourage individuals using this facility to take time to visit the shops within the Town centre.



Heanor Rotary Club

Following the dissolution of the Rotary Club of Heanor, former members gifted the Presidential Chain to Heanor and Loscoe Town Council, the chain is displayed within the Trophy Cabinet in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.



The William Gregg VC Cup Competition

The William Gregg VC Cup is named after William Gregg VC who was born on the 27th January 1890 in Heanor and was the recipient of the Victoria Cross. The tournament was first played in the 1930's and held annually until the late 1990's.

The football tournament was then brought back in 2015 by Heanor Town Football Club, along with the Royal British Legion. It is an outdoor football competition for primary and junior schools local to Heanor to enter.

There is a great deal of history and sentimental value to the competition, with local residents fondly remembering their own school days. The competition itself is still watched by generations and on the night of the matches you can hear people reminiscing about their own school football team.

Below is a list of the schools who have won The William Gregg VC Cup since its reintroduction in 2015:-

The William Gregg VC Cup Competition Winners

2015 Winners – Mundy C of E Junior School

2016 Winners – Mundy C of E Junior School

2017 Winners – Langley Mill Academy

2018 Winners – Richardson Endowed Primary School

Heanor & Loscoe Town Council recognises the importance of the tournament to the community and will be looking in the future at additional ways to support the tournament, so future generations can continue to enjoy this great historic footballing competition.

If you have any old school photographs of your school winning the prestigious Gregg Cup it would be lovely to see them.



Town Mayor Cllr Brian Gratton with William Gregg VC Competition Cup Winners 2018 - Richardson Endowed Primary School

The Wilmot Street Centre

This year the Council has made vast improvements to The Wilmot Street Centre. The Centre has had perimeter fencing, CCTV, new windows and doors installed and resurfaced the car park. Bookings for the centre can be made via The Town Council office.

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Investing in Our Community

The Town Council has agreed to fund repairs to St Lawrence's Church Clock to ensure that this significant local landmark is functioning properly. The Council is also providing a cycle rack on the Market Place following requests from local residents and as a small contribution to green travel.



Concerns Over Housing Proposals

The Town Council continues to oppose proposals by developers to convert local retail units into residential units and thus devastating our Town Centre. We have, and continue to express, concerns about developers NOT contributing financially to the local infrastructure, once they have planning permission e.g. Former Loscoe Miners Welfare site development and the land at Fall Road Heanor. Other concerns raised, have been in relation to the number of trees which are being removed as part of some housing developments.

Robert ('Bob') Moon

We are sorry to have to announce the death of Robert ('Bob') Moon on Friday 25th January 2019, following a short illness.

Bob will be remembered as a former Mayor and Leader of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council, Chair of Codnor Parish Council and Leader of the Labour Group on Amber Valley Borough Council. He leaves a wife Anna, sons Alun and David and their families. Bob born in Cardiff, South Wales spent a long time in academia and finished lecturing at Nottingham University. One of his great joys was visiting former Eastern European Countries as part of an European Union scheme to help share good practice. He was pleased to have helped the British Winter Olympic team in the development of equipment for the skeleton discipline. He was a committed socialist and Christian taking a very active role in his local church St James Crosshill, Codnor.

Bob will be sadly missed. He was a warm and compassionate person who always made time for people and many of his former colleagues, friends and constituents will have a funny story to tell about their experiences with Bob.

His commitment to the local community is demonstrated by his service summarised below:

Mayor of Heanor & Loscoe Town Council 2005-06

Member of Heanor & Loscoe Town Council 2002-2015

Chairman of Codnor Parish Council 2001-2004

Member of Codnor Parish Council 1995-2019

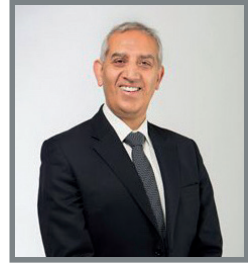
Member for Amber Valley Borough Council for Heanor & Loscoe 2000-2014

Leader of Labour Group on Amber Valley Borough Council 2004-2005 & 2007-2009



Police and Crime Commissioner - Hardyal Dhindsa

Last year I met with Councillor Paul Jones and other representatives from your Town Council to hear about the concerns many people have about the cuts to police officer numbers and the resulting impact on your community. I also know that my Deputy Commissioner has been to a number of meetings held at St Lawrence Church where this issue has been raised.



Councillor Jones described to me some of the incidents that had happened in Heanor and surrounding areas and asked what could be done to boost police numbers.

Having a visible police presence in communities across Derbyshire is something I strongly believe in. It's why, unlike some Police & Crime Commissioners, I've always made it a red line that despite the cuts to police numbers, we keep our Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

But there has been no escaping the consequences of those Government budget cuts, nor the impact they have had on my budget and on police numbers. In 2010, before the cuts started, we spent £169m on policing in Derbyshire and employed approximately 2,100 police officers. This year we still spend £169m on policing, so when you take inflation and other costs into account, that amounts to a £40m cut to the police budget.

Inevitably, when you lose that amount of money it means fewer police officers and at the start of 2018 the number was down to less than 1,700. That's nearly 450 fewer officers policing our county. We've also seen big cuts in the number of civilian staff, including PCSOs, and it's meant that we could no longer afford to keep open many of our police stations.

At the same time, the council tax payers amongst you have seen large increases in your bills. That's because policing is paid for by a mixture of Government grant and your council tax. As the Government cut the grant to pay for policing, it also said that it expected Police & Crime Commissioners to put up your council tax to make up some of the difference. That's why, in April, you'll see a 12.5% increase in the police element of your council tax. It was a hard decision for me ask you to pay more, but without this increase, the Force would have been looking at even deeper cuts.

Instead, my budget this year finally lets me do something to boost frontline policing and employ extra police officers. Over the course of the next few months the Chief Constable will be able to:

- Start recruiting 120 additional officers and staff
- Increase police visibility
- Improve Road Safety
- Provide greater support to vulnerable people, including those in mental health crisis
- Improve investigative policing

Where these extra officers are based is a matter for the Chief Constable, not me, but I have been clear with the Chief that I expect the investment to be felt by communities and I know some will be based in the towns and communities of Amber Valley. As welcome as these new officers are, and they'll certainly make a difference, it still leaves the Force over 300 officers plus several hundred civilian staff below the 2010 levels.

That's why the police continue to need your help in fighting crime and why I'd urge you to report any crime or suspicious incident you see. It's why I continue to work closely with Neighbourhood Watch, why I'm boosting the Community Speedwatch campaign, and why I have a grant scheme to help local groups that are doing something to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in their community. You can find out more by visiting my website (derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk) or by signing up to receive Derbyshire Alert (derbyshirealert.co.uk).

Closing Words From Your Town Mayor Councillor Brian Gratton

In May 2018 I was nominated and accepted as the Mayor of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council..... I cannot tell you the pride I felt on being appointed.

We all know there are problems in our Town but there are far worse places than Heanor. My wife and I moved here 52 years ago and have never regretted the move. I am two thirds through my term of office, in that time representing you, I have met some wonderful people, from the High Sherriff of Derbyshire to a lady celebrating her 100th birthday and all ages and professions in between.

Young school children's football teams, shop owners, Chairman, Mayors and representatives from other Councils and many more. Wherever we go, my wife (the Mayor's consort) and I go with pride and honour representing a wonderful Town and wonderful people. Be proud of where you live - the grass is not always greener on the other side.

Sincerely yours
 Brian Gratton
 Town Mayor





Diary Dates - Upcoming Free Events

Event	Venue	Date/Time
May Day Event	Heanor Market Place	6 th May 2019 Time to be Confirmed
Brass Band Concert by Shirland Welfare Brass Band	Heanor Memorial Park	15 th September 2019 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Pantomime	The Wilmot Street Centre	16 th November 2019 1.30pm
Christmas Lights Switch On (Loscoe)	St Luke's Church Loscoe	1 st December 2019 5.00pm
Christmas Lights Switch On (Heanor)	Heanor Market Place	2 nd December 2019 4.00pm

For further information please contact the Town Council office.

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Community Events For Your Diary

Event	Venue	Date/Time
Community Fair	St Lawrence Church	1 st Saturday in every month. 9.00am – 1.00pm
Women's Institute Quiz £6:00 entry bring your own cutlery, dish & drink	St Lawrence Church	23rd February 2019 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start
St George's Day	Heanor Memorial Park	22 nd April 2019 11.00am – 4.00pm
Fun Fair – Arranged by Amber Valley Borough Council	Heanor Market Place	25 th – 27 th April 2019 (time to be confirmed)
May Day Family Fun Day	Heanor Market Place	6 th May 2019 10.00am – 4.00pm
Horticultural Show	Mundy C of E School	15 th June 2019 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Heanor's Got Talent	Heanor Market Place	27 th July 2019 3.00pm – 5.00pm
Gin & Beer Festival	Heanor Market Place	27 th July 2019 5.00pm – 9.00pm
Cinema in the Park	Heanor Memorial Park	31 st August 2019 8.00pm
Vintage Party in the Park	Heanor Memorial Park	21 st September 2019 12.00pm – 6.00pm
Fun Fair - Arranged by Amber Valley Borough Council	Heanor Market Place	26 th – 28 th September 2019 (time to be confirmed)
Christmas Market & Ice Rink	Heanor Market Place	7 th December 2019 12.00pm – 6.00pm

For further information please contact Heanor Vision on 07948 421 503



HEANOR & LOSCOE TOWN COUNCIL

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 10th January 2019

Thursday 7th February 2019

Thursday 7th March 2019

Thursday 4th April 2019

Thursday 9th May 2019

(Annual General Meeting)

Thursday 6th June 2019

Thursday 4th July 2019

Thursday 1st August 2019

Thursday 5th September 2019

Thursday 3rd October 2019

Thursday 7th November 2019

Thursday 5th December 2019

Held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Market Place, Heanor.

Meetings commence at 7:00 pm unless otherwise stated.

The public and press are cordially invited to attend.

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Amber Valley Borough Council

Benefits, Council Tax, Car Parking, Bus Passes, Dog Wardens, Environmental Health, Refuse Collection	01773 570222
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Derbyshire County Council

Bus Shelters, Education, Footpaths, Highways, Leisure Centres, Planning Permission, Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages, Street Cleaning, Public Toilets, Street Lighting	01629 533190
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COUNCIL TIP

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HEANOR LIBRARY

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