



Heanor & Loscoe Town Council

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019

*Working for a
better community*

Images Captured At The Red River Local Nature Reserve, Loscoe



The Council-owned Nature Reserve is sited adjacent to St Luke's Church. This place is a hidden gem, a place of tranquillity and home to many species of wildlife.

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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



Leader Of The Town Council – Councillor Paul Jones



I am honoured to have been re-elected as leader of the Town Council following the Town Council elections. The new Council is a diverse group and it is pleasing to see so many younger people getting involved in politics and wanting to work on behalf of their community. I am sure the new council will work collaboratively to help improve the Town. Following the Town Council's first Full Council meeting we elected a new Mayor and I would like to pass on my thanks for the wonderful job done by Councillor Brian Gration as Mayor during the last 12 months. I know he thoroughly enjoyed his term of office.

We continue to try to improve our community and help support local organisations and are helping to support several local initiatives.

The Town Council are looking to develop a plan for the town, with the support of the Borough Council that will look at economic development, housing allocations, sports facilities, jobs etc, over the next 10 years to ensure that we are no longer just reacting to events. This will support the work we are doing with the Borough Council around the Future High Streets Fund bid.

It is also our intention to express our concerns to the Government about climate change and we will be looking to take a motion to our next full council meeting expressing our concerns. Finally, we will be seeking reassurances from the County Council for the continued funding for the Sure Start Centre adjacent to Coppice Primary School on Roper Avenue. These facilities provide such valuable support to young families that it is vital they are adequately funded.

Hope you enjoy this edition.

Town Council Mayor/Deputy Mayor

At the Annual Town Council meeting held in May members appointed Councillor Sheila Oakes to the position of Town Mayor and Councillor Kieran Hill to Deputy Mayor for 2019/20.



Annual May Day Event

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Annual May Day event. Records show that the Town Council has held a May Day event for over twenty years! Perhaps you have memories or old photographs you would like to share with us? If so, then please get in touch.



Amber Valley Borough Council - Local Plan

Following the last Borough Council election, the new administration has made the decision not to proceed with the current local plan which included building on greenbelt in our area at Ilkeston Road, Peatburn Avenue and the potential merging of Loscoe and Crosshill. This decision is certainly welcomed by the Town Council who opposed such proposals. Consequently, there will be a new period of consultation and the Town Council will be actively involved in any proposals which affect our community. We will publicise any such meeting to allow maximum resident input.

We are pleased that, following concerns raised by the Town Council, it appears the proposals by the Borough Council to build on Lockton Avenue will not now go ahead.

Town Council Noticeboard

The Town Council has purchased a new noticeboard in order to keep our community informed and updated.

This is located outside the front of the Town Hall.



Former Grammar School Site

The Town Council continue to monitor the situation in respect of the former Grammar School. We have held a meeting with the relevant officers at the Borough Council and it certainly looks as though they have recognised the concerns of the Town Council and the community on the future development of the site. We also continue to look at possible ways in which the historic Robinson-Caley Triptych can be secured for the community and put on public display.

Floral Displays

The Town Council has extended its summer planting to include areas in Loscoe, Marlpool and Tesco roundabout. Going forward the Town Council is hoping to extend the areas covered. If you are interested in sponsoring a basket then please contact the Town Council office.



New Heanor & Loscoe Town Council Website And Facebook Page

The Town Council has launched a brand new website www.heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk. We hope that you find the website clearer and easier to navigate. The website will continue to be tweaked over the coming weeks, to make it as useful as possible for visitors to the site. Please also take a look and like the Town Council's facebook page.



Multi Use Games Area – Lockton Avenue

We are pleased that the Council was able to provide the biggest single funding contribution which enabled the facility on Lockton Avenue playing fields to be provided. The multi use games area was provided following a survey of residents, some years ago, and has proved very popular with local children. We have also supported a similar facility on Charles Hill Playing Fields.





Thank you to local resident Mark Simpson for applying to Basketball England for free basketball nets for the Lockton Avenue Multi User Games Area.

The Town Council has subsequently also applied to Basketball England and nets have been installed on the Charles Hill Multi User Games Area too.

Doggy Bags

The Town Council continue to provide free 'doggy' bags. These are available from Hallmark/Frosts (next to Boots on Heanor Market Street).



Cycle Racks

The Town Council has purchased and installed cycle racks on Heanor Market Place. These are located behind the bus stop.



Red River Nature Reserve Dipping Platform

Red River is a narrow nature reserve located in Loscoe between St. Luke's Church and Charles Hill Playing Fields. The reserve comprises part of the Bailey brook, a pond, and areas of woodland and wildflower meadow. The site is very important for wildlife, especially the endangered Great Crested Newt. The site is also very popular with locals and frequently used by families, walkers, dog owners and runners.

In late 2018 the pond-dipping platform at Red River was damaged beyond repair by vandals, and unfortunately had to be removed. The pond dipping platform provides a safe opportunity for families to delve deeper into the wildlife that lives in our waterways. Pond dipping events are both fun and educational and help get young children interested in nature.

The Friends of Red River is a group of local volunteers who look after the site on behalf of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council, in partnership with Groundwork, an environmental charity. The group did not have the funds to replace the

platform. Instead they applied for a Tesco Bags of Help grant, and were awarded £4000. Further funding of £620 was kindly provided by Derbyshire County Council.

The new platform was installed earlier this year by Derwent Treescapes. It is made of recycled plastic, and is designed to be resistant to water and weather and harder for vandals to damage. A formal opening ceremony was held on Saturday 8th June, attended by representatives from the Friends of Group and Groundwork, who were joined by Cllr Sheila Oakes, the Mayor of Heanor and Loscoe Town Council, Cllr Richard Iliffe of Derbyshire County Council and Jodie Abbot, Tesco Community Champion. Luckily the persistent rain relented and the event was a great success. (Report prepared by Ben – Member of The Red River Friends of Group)



Councillor Brian Gration – Retiring Mayor’s Charity Donations

Retiring from his term of office as Town Mayor for 2018/19 Councillor Brian Gration donated £500 to Derbyshire Blood Bikes and £200 to Air Ambulance. These are local charities which rely heavily on funding and both donations were very gratefully received.



Restored Millennium Banner

Following on from the last newsletter I am happy to report that the Town Council were able to track down one of the original artists – Jeni Smith. Jeni worked with local community groups to help create banners to commemorate the Millennium and was delighted to be asked to restore our banner to its former glory. I am sure you will agree the restoration is astounding – thank you Jeni.



Concerns Over Anti-Social Behaviour

As reported in our previous edition the Town Council have commissioned an independent company to carry out a youth consultation project to determine the wants/needs of our young people. We are committed to working with any organisations to act on the results of the report which we anticipate will be available shortly. We are pleased to have been able to work with the police and the local multi agency team to run the URBAN youth project at the Wilmot Street Centre for a period. This was very well attended with around 25 young people aged up to 15 attending. We have also had a positive meeting with the Borough Council about reviewing the situation regarding CCTV coverage in the Town. We have a positive relationship with our Safer Neighbourhood Team which I think is helping to address some of the areas of concern you have. Finally we will be writing to the County Council expressing our concerns about the funding for the Multi Agency Teams, which do such a wonderful job supporting our local young people but are likely to have their staffing reduced by 50% which will reduce the effectiveness of the recent work they have been doing in conjunction with ourselves and the police.

War Graves

As we have been commemorating several events over the last few years to do with both World Wars, we are pleased to have worked with Amber Valley Borough Council to have a booklet produced to commemorate the war dead buried in Marpool Cemetery.



Future High Streets Fund Bid Successful For Heanor

Heanor has been selected by the Government's Future High Streets Fund to go forward into the next phase to develop a business case to rejuvenate areas of Heanor Town Centre.

The fund, which totals £675 million, is designed to help town centres evolve and adapt to new challenges – including the growth of online shopping.

Heanor & Loscoe Town Council will be working closely with Amber Valley Borough Council to deliver on this fantastic opportunity.



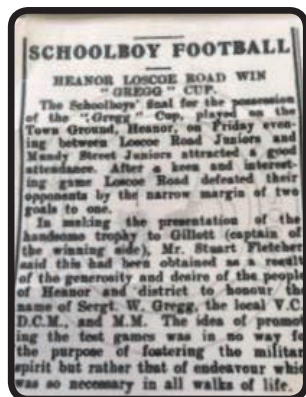
William Gregg Cup

This is the first newspaper report found which mentions the Gregg Cup. It was published in the Ripley and Heanor News dated 17 May 1935.

This photograph was taken around 1936-1937 – can anyone provide the names of these young footballers?



The Town Council proudly display the original Gregg Cup in our Council Chamber.



Urban Family Fun Day Sunday 11th August 2019

The Town Council is delighted to be able to support this wonderful event and has provided the use of the Wilmot Street Centre for what will be a great family day out.

Bouncy Castle, Penalty Shoot Out, BBQ, Ice Cream, Stalls, Fire Service, Police Cadets, Inflatable Fun, Balloons, St John's Ambulance, Face Painting

Council Continues To Support Local Organisations

Heanor & Loscoe Town Council provided a grant award of £800 to Heanor Weenies Playgroup. The group commented as follows; "We would like to say a massive thank you to Heanor & Loscoe Town Council for their £800 grant, which enabled us to buy and erect a shed to store our large toys and other toys and accessories. Heanor Weenies have been running for 18 years and donations are gratefully received and help the group to carry on running and supporting our local parents and young children".

Heanor Weenies meet at the Wilmot Street Centre, Wilmot Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EF, every Wednesday morning from 9:30 am to 11:30 am during term time. All new members welcomed.



Defibrillator And CPR Training

In response to public interest, additional CPR and defibrillator training, conducted by John Whittaker of East Midlands Ambulance Service, was held at Heanor Baptist Church. Over two hundred members of the public have now attended training sessions, learning practical skills and gaining confidence



HEART DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS

The Old Fire Station

Wilmot Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EF

Heanor Baptist Church

117 Derby Road, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7QL

Loscoe Baptist Church

High Street, Loscoe, Derbyshire, DE75 7LE



Mundy C Of E Primary School Horticultural And Agricultural Show

The Town Council is proud to sponsor the trophy and prize money for the winner of the Claude Hancock Memorial Shield. Claude was a Councillor on Heanor and Loscoe Town Council for many years.



Message From The Leader Of AVBC Chris Emmas-Williams

Now that the dust has settled following the local elections, I think it important that I set out the direction that the new Borough Council is going.

We made specific pledges in our manifesto and despite what you may think of politicians and political parties we intend to deliver on them. Indeed, at the first council meeting after the election we delivered on four of our manifesto commitments.

1. We rejected the previous council's proposals to build houses on greenbelt and scrapped their proposals to build in areas which were not supported by local communities. We will now start a process of engaging the public in the decision making of where housing should be built. Because of the failure of the previous administration to deliver such a plan over the last 13 years it will not be easy and indeed there may well be proposals that not everyone finds acceptable, but we have given a definite undertaking to avoid development within the greenbelt.

2. We have moved the meeting of the Council's Executive (i.e. Cabinet) to the evening to allow members of the public to attend and make any observations they want, rotating the meeting in the four town centres. We are committed to open and transparent decision making

3. We have amended the constitution to allow members of the public to speak at full council on any issue which is important to them and for which the Council has a responsibility. Previously members of the public were not allowed to do so and could only speak on items which were on the Council agenda.

4. We have declared that any developments, over a certain size, must provide as a MINIMUM 30% affordable housing. For far too long developers have built the wrong type of houses in the wrong place. We want developers to build houses which meet the demands of the local community, not the developer's pockets. But this is just the beginning we are committed to supporting our environment and recognise the impact of climate change on our communities. A Motion Declaring a Climate Change Emergency will be going to the July full council meeting. New plans targeting economy and health will be drafted which reflect your concerns and ensure that all our decisions we make take these into consideration. We will work with our local Parish and Town Councils, as well as the police around reduction in anti-social behaviour and improvement to CCTV coverage. We are consulting on the introduction of new laws on dog fouling which will penalise the irresponsible dog owners but try to ensure the streets are free of dog mess. We are committed to the economic regeneration of our area especially along the A610 corridor which has been sadly ignored for so long. These are just a few of the commitments we have made and with your help we will deliver much more, to make Amber Valley a proud place to live in I will continue to use the local media to keep you up to date on the progress we are making against our commitments.





Diary Dates - Upcoming Free Events

Event	Venue	Date/Time
Brass Band Concert by Shirland 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 4.00pm
Christmas Lights Switch On (Heanor)	Heanor Market Place	2 nd December 2019 5.00pm

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HEANOR & LOSCOE TOWN COUNCIL

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

No Meeting in August

Thursday 5th September 2019

Thursday 3rd October 2019

Thursday 7th November 2019

Thursday 5th December 2019

Thursday 9th January 2020

Thursday 6th February 2020

Thursday 5th March 2020

Thursday 2nd April 2020

Thursday 14th May 2020

(Annual General Meeting)

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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INFO & HELP

For information and help on the following services call the appropriate authority:

Amber Valley Borough Council

Benefits, Council Tax, Car Parking, Bus Passes, Dog Wardens,
Environmental Health, Refuse Collection

01773 570222

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

COUNCIL TIP

Taylor Lane, Loscoe

01773 716629

CITIZENS ADVICE

Town Hall, Market Place, Heanor DE75 7AA

0300 4568390

HEANOR LIBRARY

Ilkeston Road, Heanor

01629 533795

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HEANOR WEST WARD

(l-r) Steven Bower, Celia Cox, Steven Grainger, Brian Gratton, Sean Hind, Paul Jones, Jackie Stones



LOSCOE WARD

(l-r) Rachel Burton, Sara Danvers, Chris Emmas-Williams, Sam Hart, Kieran Hill, Tom Singleton, Dale Wright



HEANOR EAST WARD

(l-r) Mark Burrell, Carol Gratton, Eileen Hamilton, Frank Carmichael, Sheila Oakes, Alex Stevenson, Janet Ward



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