



Heanor & Loscoe Town Council

NEWSLETTER - Spring 2020

*Working for a
better community*



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ALL WELCOME



Leader Of The Town Council – Councillor Paul Jones

Since our last newsletter we have had Christmas, New Year and a General Election, about as much excitement as anyone can cope with. However, the new year brings a lot of opportunities for our community and some exciting challenges. The Future High Streets Fund, which if successful could revolutionise our Town, the marking of VE Day and VJ Day as a solemn reminder of man's inhumanity to man but also a recognition of those from our community who made the ultimate sacrifice in all conflicts.



Looking to the future we continue to support the Urban Youth Club for 9 -16 years old which is held in our Wilmot Street Centre, Wednesday evenings 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

After many years, progress is being made towards providing a community facility in Loscoe on Charles Hill Playing Fields. There is no doubt that without the commitment of the Town Council to fund this scheme it would not have gone ahead. Therefore, I thank my fellow Councillors for making this commitment, the largest financial investment in the Town Council's history.

Finally, unique amongst Town and Parish Councils we have produced a profile of the Town based upon the most recent data and census information to help inform our decision making.

Town Council Area Profile

The production of a profile, whilst not the normal function of Town or Parish Councils, is important given the current financial climate together with cutbacks by Government, Derbyshire County Council, the Police and Amber Valley Borough Council. Under such circumstances I believe it is the responsibility of those authorities closest to their communities to look at having a long-term plan to help develop and improve our community.

The report makes 45 recommendations that cover population density, housing, green belt, economic activity, high street, youth engagement, development opportunities within the Town, engaging with the community and environment. The details of the 71-page document can be accessed on our website at www.heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk. Or by viewing the hard copy held in Heanor Library. Copies of the profile and recommendations have been sent to Derbyshire County Council, the Police, Amber Valley Borough Council and local groups.

Message From The Leader Of Amber Valley Borough Council Councillor Chris Emmas-Williams

Since my last article the Borough Council has been working hard on your behalf to ensure that the Council is delivering what you, the public wanted or voted for.



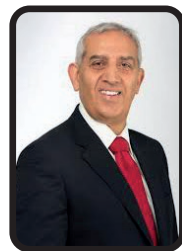
Working with the Town Council we have achieved a long-term ambition for both Councils in finally delivering a new sports/community facility on Charles Hill Playing Fields. Work on this will start this year.

We are also working closely with the Town Council on the Future High Streets Fund, which we believe, if successful, will transform Heanor and give it a bright future. Even if it is not successful we will continue to work with the Town Council to work on the ideas suggested to make Heanor a great place to work, shop and relax.

In respect of the Heanor and Loscoe area we have made several commitments /improvements

- 1.** We have reinstated a grant for your local Borough Councillor to help support local community groups. Contact your local Borough Councillor for details or see the link <https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/community/councillors-community-fund/> A particularly important source of funding given Derbyshire County Council's recent decision to further reduce funding to community groups.
- 2.** With the support of your Town Council we have enabled the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers to return to the Town and offer advice to residents for the next 3 years.
- 3.** An additional neighbourhood warden post has been created to tackle dog fouling and environmental crimes and approval given for Public Spaces Protection Order aimed at dog fouling within public areas and the control of dogs within cemeteries and children's play areas.
- 4.** Funded the provision of an additional CCTV camera, which is monitored 24 hours a day 365 days a week, on Heanor Market Place to ensure you feel safe.
- 5.** Supported, with the Town Council, the provision of a Multi User Games Area on Lockton Avenue and the County Council one at Charles Hill Playing Fields.
- 6.** Provided a Splash Pad in Heanor Memorial Park.
- 7.** Supported the delivery of a new bowls pavilion at Heanor Town Ground enabling the two clubs to play in modern surroundings with a first class club house.
- 8.** The Borough Council recognising the Climate Emergency are committed to plant 2500-5000 trees a year over the next 5-10 years. We are also negotiating a new and improved waste and recycling service.

Police And Crime Commissioner - Hardyal Dhindsa



Just before Christmas, my tour of Derbyshire's 383 towns and villages drew to a close. Four years on the road have taught me a lot about our communities and I'm very grateful to those of you who shared your views. It was wonderful meeting so many of you and listening to your concerns about safety and it was with a heavy heart that we arrived at the final destination. However, the work of the tour is far from complete and my team and I have been busy identifying solutions to problems with our partners.

Over the last month I've been speaking at catch up meetings to fill you in on what I've learnt and talk more about the priorities raised by our communities. I'll be going to the Heanor Vision meeting on Thursday 19 March, starting at 7pm at St. Lawrence's Church on Market Street.

This time of year is also when I set the budget for the police for the next 12 months. Whilst I was disappointed that once again the government asked me to put your council tax up by more than I would have liked, it does mean that as well as having more police officers on the frontline, this year once again the Chief Constable will have more PCSO's on the beat as well. I'm proud of the fact that after years of austerity, on my watch police numbers have gone up and that Derbyshire now has 130 more police officers and 80 extra PCSO's and police staff than it had when I was first elected. There is still a lot more to be done to replace the 700 people lost to Derbyshire policing because of austerity, but at least we are now heading in the right direction.

Since the County Council cut its funding for the youth service, I've been inundated with requests from communities for funding to support activities for young people. Whilst I can't possibly plug all of the gaps in local services this cut has created, supporting young people and preventing them from getting into trouble has been a key priority for me. I know from my visits to your town how important an issue this is to many of you too, and I'm aware that your Town Council has been doing its best to fund alternative provision for young people. I am, therefore, delighted to be able to report that this year one of the schemes I have funded is an initiative organised by the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to work with young people in Heanor and Langley Mill. It doesn't replace the services that have been lost because of austerity, but I hope you'll agree that it's better than doing nothing.

Former Heanor Grammar School

At our February Town Council meeting members agreed that we write to Amber Valley Borough Council requesting that they initiate the process of compulsory purchasing the former Grammar School site. This is necessary to ensure that the proposals outlined in the Future High Streets Fund bid are successful, that any development of the site is in keeping with the needs and aspirations of the local community and prevent further deterioration of the site.

Charles Hill

The Town Council are proud to have taken the initiative to ensure the provision of a community /sports facility on Charles Hill will go ahead. This will enable community groups to access meeting rooms within the village and provide the football clubs with first class facilities. Working with Amber Valley Borough Council and the Community Interest Company we are sure that this new development will prove an asset for Loscoe.



Councillors Hannah Stirland (AVBC) Celia Cox (HLTC) John McCabe (AVBC) Paul Jones (HLTC) and Kieran Hill (AVBC/HLTC)

Floral Displays

The Town Council will again be providing hanging baskets around Heanor, Loscoe and Marlpool.

Last year's floral display received lots of positive feedback. This year with additional sponsorship having been received from local businesses, it has allowed the Town Council to add to the display.



Rooms For Hire

Heanor & Loscoe Town Council have rooms available to hire within Heanor Town Hall. The details of the rooms are as follows;

Ian Cox Room

The Ian Cox Room is located on the first floor of the Town Hall and is ideal for large meetings, events and social groups.

Facilities include;

- Kitchen
- Seating for up to 60
- Room capacity for 120
- Tables and chairs are available, so the room can be set up as required
- Free wi-fi
- Lift available
- Car parking is located nearby (Heanor Whysall Street – behind Boyes Store), Heanor Ilkeston Road, Heanor Leisure Centre, Heanor Wilmot Street, Heanor Market Place)
- Flooring – maple wood flooring



Town Hall Council Chamber

The Council Chamber is located on the second floor of the Town Hall and is an ideal venue for meetings. It is also an ideal venue for Yoga classes, as it is a very relaxing space which is carpeted.

Facilities include;

- Seating for up to 40
- Water cooler
- Room capacity 50
- Free wi-fi
- Lift available
- Car parking is located nearby (Heanor Whysall Street – behind Boyes Store), Heanor Ilkeston Road, Heanor Leisure Centre, Heanor Wilmot Street, Heanor Market Place)



Town Hall The Buxton Room

The Buxton Room is located on the second floor of the Town Hall and is ideal for small meetings.

Facilities include;

- Seating for up to 10
- Refreshments available upon request
- Room capacity 15
- Free wi-fi
- Lift available
- Car parking is located nearby (Heanor Whysall Street – behind Boyes Store), Heanor Ilkeston Road, Heanor Leisure Centre, Heanor Wilmot Street, Heanor Market Place)



Wilmot Street Centre, Wilmot Street, Heanor, Derbyshire, DE75 7EF

The Wilmot Street Centre is owned and managed by Heanor & Loscoe Town Council. As the Centre is a standalone venue with its own car park it is an ideal venue for meetings, social groups, fitness classes, yoga, children's birthday parties and family celebrations.

Facilities at the Wilmot Street Centre include:-

- Car park
- Kitchen
- Large hall (capacity 130 seated)
- Stage (located within the large hall)
- Small meeting room which can be hired for performances and used as a changing room facility
- Free wi-fi
- Tables and chairs are available, so the room can be set up as required

If you wish to hire a room within the Town Hall or the Wilmot Street Centre, please contact the Clerk's Office on 01773 533 050 or email admin@heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk



Understanding Young People

A report commissioned by the Town Council has identified several issues for young people in our area. This report has been shared with local groups, the Police, Derbyshire County Council and Amber Valley Borough Council. We are trying to enable a collaborative approach to see how we can all ensure that young people have the right facilities for them.

East Midlands Trains Consultation Langley Mill Station Timetable

The Town Council have expressed concerns about the proposals by East Midlands Railways to no longer have London bound trains or trains from London stopping at Langley Mill Train Station. We have therefore expressed our concerns in writing to East Midlands Railways and to the Minister of Transport - these can be viewed on our website and Facebook page.

Grant Aid Support For Local Organisations

The Town Council has powers conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, to make payments in respect of grants to local organisations. The applications for grant aid are considered at the July and December meetings. If you would like a grant aid form, then please contact the office.



**Derbyshire Unemployed
Workers Centre**



Carousel Craft



Heanor Pre School

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres Are In Heanor Town Hall

Thanks to a grant from Heanor & Loscoe Town Council and Amber Valley Borough Council we have launched a weekly welfare rights advice session in the heart of your community. DUWCs have an adviser present in the Buxton Room, Heanor Town Hall every Thursday from 9.00am until 12 noon

We can offer **free** the following services: benefit and credit entitlements, benefit checks, help to fill in claim forms, help to challenge decisions made by the Department for Work and Pensions, Tax Credits/Universal Credit, Personal Independence Claims and advice, Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit, Carers Allowance, Pension Credit and Attendance Allowance.

No appointment is needed, just drop in during the allocated times. If you are a disabled person who is unable to leave the house, we can also offer a home visit service. Call us on 01246 231441 for more details on this or any other aspect of our work.



Community Litter Pick

The Town Council are working in conjunction with Amber Valley Borough Council and Groundwork Greater Nottingham to schedule monthly community litter picks to help keep our town tidy. Congratulations to the 15 people who attended our most recent litter pick and helped tidy up the Town. This group covered Ray Street and side roads, Thorpes Road, Burnthouse Road and side roads, Mayfield Avenue and Mundy Street.



Dates and times for future Litter Picks are posted on our website:
www.heanorloscoetowncouncil.gov.uk

William Gregg VC Football Tournament



The Town Council are keen to ensure the continuation of this inter school competition and will continue to sponsor the Tournament Final for the foreseeable future. The photographs below shows this year's winners with the trophy - Mundy C of E Junior School - together with some action shots of the nail biting penalty shootout.



Heanor Memorial Park – Sunday 15 September 2019

This event is growing in popularity. Shirland Welfare Band delivered a fantastic performance and entertained the crowds.



The weather was good to us and the ice cream van was a welcome addition. The next brass band concert is due to be held on Sunday 6th September 2020 in Heanor Memorial Park from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.



Beauty and the Beast

Another full house for this year's FREE pantomime funded by the Town Council.

This year the Dream Team Touring Theatre Company performed Beauty and the Beast. Refreshments were provided for everyone and donations gratefully received for the Town Mayor's charity – Autism East Midlands. This year's pantomime will be held on Saturday 21st November in the Wilmot Street Centre at 1:30 pm.



Children in Need Rickshaw Challenge

A team of six young people and The One Show's Matt Baker took on an eight day challenge to cycle 400 miles from Holyhead to London. This year's route included our very own Town and many of you lined the streets to greet the riders with words of encouragement and applause. This year's Rickshaw Challenge raised 8.5 million.



Reduction in MAT team services

The Town Council continues to be concerned about the County Council's decision to make redundant most of the what used to be called 'youth workers' in the area. There are now only 2 to cover the whole of Amber Valley. The Town Council, in conjunction with neighbouring Town and Parish Councils, are working with a Third sector provider to look at ways of mitigating this decision which has severely impacted on the support services available to our young people.

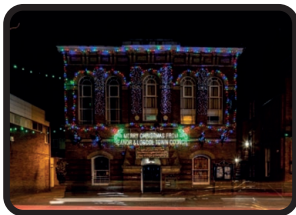
Climate Change

Members have attended a conference run by Derbyshire Association of Local Councils to look at ways of implementing our commitment to reduce the impact of climate change. As part of our long term strategy it is our intention to carry out an environmental audit of the Town.

We continue to be concerned about the impact of climate change and will be working with Amber Valley Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council to reduce our carbon footprint, adopt environmentally neutral practices and encourage the provision of electric car charging points.

Our Biggest And 'Arguably' Best Event – The Christmas Lights Switch On

Monday 2 December 2019 was the evening of our annual Christmas lights 'Switch On' event. It was a fantastic evening with thousands of our residents coming together to enjoy the activities. The evening began at 5.00pm with Bert Holland's Fun Fair, gift and charity stalls, free festive hats and 'glow in the dark novelties' (these proved very popular and we are hoping to recreate these again this year). The children were entertained by Pinxton Puppets, Woody and Olaf and of course a visit to Santa who handed a present to over 200 children on the night. As the end of the evening drew to a close crowds gathered on the High Street and Market Place in readiness for the much anticipated Firework Finale – the final display received a massive round of applause from the crowds – thank you for showing your appreciation and supporting this event.





Diary Dates - Upcoming Free Events

Event	Venue	Date/Time
Brass Band Concert by Shirland Brass Band	Heanor Memorial Park	Sunday 6 th September 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Pantomime	The Wilmot Street Centre	Saturday 21 st November 1.30pm
Christmas Lights Switch On (Loscoe)	St Luke's Church Loscoe	Sunday 6 th December 4:00 pm
Christmas Lights Switch On (Heanor)	Heanor Market Place	Monday 7 th December 5.00pm

For further information please contact the Town Council office.

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HEANOR & LOSCOE TOWN COUNCIL

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 5th March 2020
Thursday 2nd April 2020
Thursday 14th May 2020
(Annual General Meeting)
Thursday 4th June 2020
Thursday 2nd July 2020
Thursday 6th August 2020
Thursday 3rd September 2020
Thursday 1st October 2020
Thursday 5th November 2020
Thursday 3rd December 2020

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, Public Toilets, Refuse Collection

01773 570222

Derbyshire County Council

Bus Shelters, Education, Footpaths, Highways, Leisure Centres,
Planning Permission, Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages,
Street Cleaning, Street Lighting

01629 533190

Council Tip

Taylor Lane, Loscoe

01773 716629

Citizens Advice

Town Hall, Market Place, Heanor DE75 7AA

0300 4568390

Drop in sessions in Heanor Town Hall Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm

Heanor Library

Ilkeston Road, Heanor

01629 533795

Heanor & Loscoe Town Council

HEANOR WEST WARD

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



LOSCOE WARD

(l-r) Sara Danvers, Chris Emmas-Williams, John Halfpenny, Sam Hart, Kieran Hill, Rachel Waldron, Dale Wright



HEANOR EAST WARD

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



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