

Horden Parish Council

Newsletter

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Welfare Park Flowerbed for 100 years of Horden Brownies



The new Dr Who exhibition proves popular!



Horden Denes Project is almost complete

Hi Folks

Once again your newsletter is out to keep you up to date on what's been happening in the village.

The Summer Events in the Welfare Park went really well, there was a great turnout to all of the events and the children enjoyed joining in on the activities which ranged from sports activities to fun days. There was something available for the children to do on almost every weekday during August, many children attended most days.

The Welfare and Memorial Parks were both awarded the Green Flag, which is the national benchmark for quality parks and green spaces. Winners are judged to be welcoming, safe and well maintained with the strong involvement of the local community. I would like to thank

all of the staff of the Parish Council for all their hard work and effort... Well done!

There will be a pantomime in the Social Welfare Centre for the children on 28th and 29th January 2015 which is free to all Horden school children for the 16th consecutive year! The performance will be Dick Whittington. A big thank you must go to Walker Crisps who supply the crisps free of charge each year.



Once again the village gained success in Northumbria in Bloom, gaining an overall Silver Award alongside a Silver Gilt Award for the Welfare Park. One of our own Councillors, Isabel Roberts was awarded one of the five individual awards given to volunteers who have shown outstanding, ongoing commitment. Congratulations to Isabel on this fantastic achievement!

We will be having a Remembrance Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting Service as usual, further details can be found in this issue.

I myself have attended quite a few charity events and presentations throughout the County and locally to support charities and clubs.

I will once again be hosting my own charity evening in the Social Welfare Centre on the 8th November which, as always, has been a sell out! This year my chosen charities are Breast Cancer Care and the British Heart Foundation. I would like to thank friends, relatives and local businesses, such as East Durham Funeral Service for their generous donations year after year!

All the schools and nurseries in Horden once again participated in the Horden in Bloom Painting Competition which I had the pleasure of judging. I attended the schools to present the winners with their trophies and prizes.

As this is the final newsletter of the year, here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Jean White
Chairman,
Horden Parish Council

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Christmas Tree Lighting Service 2014

Horden Parish Council are pleased to announce that the annual Christmas Tree Lighting service will take place on Wednesday 10th December 2014 at 6pm.

Horden Salvation Army Brass Band will be accompanying proceedings and providing the music that only a brass band can provide. The council hope you can pop along for the half hour service. Father Kevin Smith, the curate of St. Mary's Church will preside over the proceeding and there will be a church service to follow once the tree has been lit.

Horden Brownie Guides 100 years

This is a photograph of the Horden Brownie Guides collection of unwanted spectacles and bags of used postage stamps which they collected as part of the centenary badge they are working on. The spectacles will be sent to World



Vision and the stamps to WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) to help finance the work they do in foreign countries. The Brownies would like to thank the local community for the support given in collecting glasses and stamps.

Cemetery Plans Progress

A public consultation exercise was undertaken in April to seek residents views on the proposed extension of the Thorpe Road Cemetery. There were a total of 792 questionnaires returned with 786 voting in favour of the extension going ahead.

Thank you to all those who took the time to complete the survey and share your views. The cemetery extension is currently in the planning and design stage but the parish council will keep the public informed appropriately throughout the rest of the project. Please contact the Parish Council Office for any further queries on the proposal.

Remembrance Sunday 2014

This years Remembrance Sunday Parade will take place on Sunday 9th November. This continues Horden's great tradition of annually honouring those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The turnout is always impressive at the Memorial Park and it is hoped that this year will be no exception. All are welcome to pay their respects and lay a wreath or a cross if they so wish.

If you wish to attend the service at the Memorial Park, simply turn up shortly before 11am. There will then follow a Remembrance Day service at St. Mary's Church immediately afterwards.



Welfare Park Play Equipment

It is with regret that the parish council have had to remove the large basket swing located in the junior play area of the Welfare Park due to misuse of the swing. It is a sad reminder that the minority who abuse the play equipment spoil the enjoyment of the play facilities for the majority.

Bowls Club enjoy new facilities

With Horden bowling greens hosting many County Games, due to the high standard of the greens, the Bowls Pavilion in the Welfare Park

underwent a refurbishment with a new kitchen being fitted to update their current



facilities. We are told they make a great bacon butty and cuppa! Members of the public are welcome to spectate games which are held throughout the summer months, further details can be obtained by contacting the Parish Council Office.

Horden Parish Council Grants & Donations 2013/14

During the year the council endeavours to help as many groups as possible within the village. For example we allow organisations reductions in room rental within the Social Welfare Centre and one-off donations. Below are a few of the organisations who received a grant or donation in 2013/14:

- ◆ Horden Brownies & Girl Guides
- ◆ Paige Robertson Dance School
- ◆ Posh Pawz (Dog Chipping Exercise)
- ◆ Horden Regeneration Partnership
- ◆ Great North Air Ambulance
- ◆ Hartlepool & District Hospice

Horden Ju-Jitsu Club

Horden Social Welfare Centre has a new regular booking, the Horden Ju-Jitsu Club, they meet every Monday and Friday. Junior classes run from 6:30pm - 7:30pm and senior classes 7:30pm - 8:30pm. Everyone is welcome and your first session is free. For further information you can contact the Club Coaches Brian on 07794263088 (after 6pm) or Bronia on 07701078441.

Summer Events 2014

A huge thank you to all who attended this years Summer Events, as always, the events were a huge success and continue to grow each year. This would not be possible without the dedication and tireless effort from the Parks & Cemetery Manager, Jimmy Bush, volunteers and the Parks staff. A special thank you to Deb Bradwell and Christine Jones who take the time to volunteer to run the Craft Workshops which are always a big hit! Keep an eye out for the 2015 schedule which should be another jam packed summer of fun!

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Cotsford Park Play Area New Play Area

It's been a busy 13 month for Cotsford Park Working Group but well worth it. The group made up of friends, family and residents began work in September 2013 to improve the dilapidated play area which lies within the centre of Cotsford Park Estate.

Giving up their own time the group have held numerous meetings and held consultation events involving schools, residents and most importantly local children. Children were given the opportunity to identify and select their preferred type of equipment and once this was



established a design was submitted. The new play area will cater for toddlers along with children of an older age and will also provide seating for adults supervising their little ones. Funding bids were submitted and the group managed to successfully raise £54,000 toward the

cost of the project. Work is scheduled to start on 1st December 2014 and due to be complete by the 19th giving the children a safe and fun play area which will be officially opened early 2015.

John Maudling, the Chairman of Cotsford Park Working Group said "I would just like to thank every member of our working group for all their hard work and effort. Without their sheer determination and dedication this result would not have been possible.

Horden Regeneration Partnership

Have you seen any of the new signage boards at Warren House Gill or visited the brilliant Horden Heritage Centre in the Welfare Park? I bet you didn't know that these are examples of recent and past projects worked up and influenced by the comments of members of Horden Regeneration Partnership?

The Horden Heritage Centre started as an idea from members of the group, and with support from partners, is now an excellent facility open each Wednesday and ran by volunteers. Partnership members have also been working with Durham County Council and Durham Heritage Coast staff over the last three years to advise on a variety of topics such as location and content of the seating and signage along our stretch of the Heritage Coast. This culminated in the creation of the 'Horden Walk' brochure which finishes the set for all the villages on the Durham Heritage Coast with a well attended and informative launch event held on 30th September 2014.

The Cotsford Park Play Area group mentioned above is another of our recently supported projects. Members discuss all kinds of things which are happening in the village and get updates from all sorts of groups. So if you are part of a group - community, sporting or business, we would welcome you coming along.

Are you excited about the opportunities, layout and planning of the new train station? Or would you like to be part of a group, working in partnership with Horden Parish Council, designing a new pavilion on Sunderland Road Playing Fields? These are just examples of two projects in the pipeline and something members of the group will be involved in. If this is something you would like to become involved in then please come along. Anyone living in the village or who works here for the benefit of the village is welcome. Our meetings are friendly and informal and they are held on a six to eight week cycle in the Social Welfare Centre. The next meeting is at **6pm on 9th December 2014**, so please come along or pass the message on.

Hope to see you on 9th December.

Cllr. June Clark,
Chair of Horden Regeneration Partnership



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Horden Denes

The third and final stage of the Heritage Lottery Funded project at Horden Denes is almost complete. The flooding under the bridge at Warren House now has new drainage to carry the water away from under the bridge and the car parking area around the bridge has also been improved and tidied up. A series of information panels have been placed around the reed beds and seating has been installed for those wanting to enjoy the views and tranquillity.

The road from Warren House to the cliff top now has a gate and the old flight road has been narrowed at the request of landowners and locals. Unfortunately, the area has been plagued by illegal use of 4 wheel drives, off-road bikes and fly tipping, this sort of activity not only destroys the protected rare grasslands but also rubbish from fly tipping often ends up on the beach banks, which is bad news for wildlife and isn't nice to look at. This behaviour by a few, spoils it for the rest of the walkers, bird watchers etc. who appreciate and treasure the area. The England Coast Path runs along the Durham Coast and visitor numbers are increasing, many have said how wonderful the area is and we hope to keep it that way.

The new seating on the cliff top replaces an old plastic bench that has long since gone. This new circular structure is made from stone and reflects the memories from those who know Horden the most. Timber end pieces designed by a local artist reflect the mining heritage of Horden, and we hope by situating the seating here visitors will enjoy the unbroken views both north and south. The butterfly wings represent the Speckled Wood butterfly often seen in the coastal denes and gills.

A new footpath runs from the top of Blackhills Gill, alongside the railway line and to the south of the reed beds eventually leading to the cliff top and the new seating. This new path provides different views for walkers and provides an alternative route from the Coastal Footpath.

The new Horden Village Walk leaflet takes us on a 4 mile walk from the village along the coast looking at points of interest along the way and a dedicated leaflet on Horden Denes show the new footpaths and artwork recently installed. Copies will be available from the Welfare Centre, Horden Library and other community buildings.

For those wanting to find out more about the project, you can visit the website www.changingcoast.org.uk or you would like any more information about the project please contact the Durham Heritage Coast Team info@durhamheritagecoast.co.uk.



Have Your Say....

Have you ever wanted to tell the Parish Council what you think of the services that are provided: Wanted to make a complaint but didn't know who to write to or where to send a letter? There are many ways that you can contact us:

You can phone us on **0191 5180823** during office hours, or leave a message on our answer phone after hours. You can contact us by e-mail at: hordencouncil@btconnect.com

Or you can fax us, on: **0191 5180385**

Letters of enquiry, compliment or complaint can be sent to: The Clerk – Mr Paul Davison, Horden Parish Council, Social Welfare Centre, Seventh Street, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham, SR8 4LX.

You can call into the Social Welfare Centre during office hours. If you wish to speak to the Clerk, you may need to make an appointment. This can be arranged by telephoning the office in advance.

If you are interested in finding out how the Parish Council makes decisions, you are entitled to attend meetings of the Parish Council to observe the proceedings. Meetings of the Parish Council, Parks & Cemetery Committee and Finance & General Purposes Committee are held the first Thursday of the month (except August) in the Training Room at the Social Welfare Centre from 6.00 pm. The agenda for the meeting (which details what is to be discussed) is placed on the notice board in the foyer of Horden Social Welfare Centre on the Friday before the meeting.

If you wish to speak at the meeting, all you need to do is contact the Clerk before the meeting. You would be able to speak at the Public Participation Section of the meeting. A maximum of 20 minutes is allowed for the public.

To find out more, please contact the Clerk.

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