

Grassmoor, Hasland and Winsick Parish Council

Message from the Chairman

First of all, may I take this opportunity to wish you a happy New Year. I have enjoyed my first few months in office as Chairman of the Parish Council and I and my fellow



Councillor Pam Hemsley, Chairman of the Parish Council

Parish Councillors will continue to work hard for the local community in 2011.

The recent extreme bad weather was a difficult period for us all. The Parish Council provides 7 grit bins at various locations in the Parish at locations where it is considered there is a danger to road users and pedestrians owing to winter weather. The intention is to keep the bins filled during the winter months and we do our best to achieve this. The Parish Council is reliant on the County Council filling our bins.

Usually this is not a problem but during prolonged spells of bad weather such as that recently experienced and that of last winter, keeping the bins filled can be difficult. The County Council has to ensure that it has enough grit to treat mains roads which means on occasions there may be delays in filling Parish Council grit bins. We have looked at alternative means of obtaining grit but this simply isn't feasible both in terms of cost and the practicalities of filling the bins.

The Parish Council simply cannot afford to provide a grit bin for every street but it will look at the merits of individual requests for bins its receives. The grit in the bins are provided for use on the roads and pavements and not for private driveways. Whilst the vast majority use the grit responsibly, some don't. If you see anyone using grit for their own purposes, please let us know details so that we can take action. I would also like to thank all those who helped clear roads and pathways during the snow and also those who helped vulnerable neighbours and friends.

On another matter, the Parish Council has reviewed the CCTV scheme and through the provision of some new PTZ ("roaming") cameras at strategic points in Grassmoor, it has achieved a wider area coverage even though the number of cameras in use has actually reduced. The quality of the recorded images is also of far better. The latest Medusa software is being used by the Advance Group to manage the cameras on the Parish Council's behalf.

Parish Council Precept 2011

The Parish Council at its December 2010 meeting, agreed to set a precept for the 2011/2012 financial year of £101,794 which represents a 1.5% increase on the figure for the previous year. As in previous years, the Council has kept the Precept increase to a minimum and it will endeavour to do so in future years, particularly during these difficult financial times.

Remembrance Sunday 2010

Thanks to those of you that attended the Service on 14 November. It is pleasing that numbers attending seem to be increasing every year. The Parish Council decided to try out having a marquee to provide shelter from the weather. From the comments of those who attended it was greatly appreciated even though the weather was fine. The Council has therefore decided to use the marquee in coming years. Details of the 2011 Service to be held on 13 November, will be publicised nearer the time.

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Grassmoor Lagoons

There have been some slight delays with regard to the planning application in respect of the works to clean up the Lagoons. These have been caused by the need provide additional complex information in support of the application, the collection of which has been delayed by the recent severe weather. The County Council is confident however, that the planning application will be approved in time for an April or May start date for the clean up works. The project will take around 4 years to complete and will cost £4.9m.

Parish Council Clerk—New Contact Details

Please note that the contact details for the Parish Clerk have changed as detailed below:

Mr Roy Ackrill, Manor Cottage, 114 The Green, Hasland, Chesterfield, S41 0JU
Telephone: 01246 236878 Email: grassmoor.pc@talktalk.net

Grassmoor Audio Trail

Grassmoor has been chosen to feature in an up coming audio trails project. The audio trails involve short walks around local areas with directional information and interviews with local people about history, heritage and wildlife. The producers of the trails, Audio Trails will seeking volunteers to provide material for the recordings. If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact the Parish Clerk who will pass on your details to the producers.

Cool Stuff for Kids Activity Programme

Grassmoor Parish Council are supporting the 'Cool Stuff for Kids' holiday activity programme which takes place during every school holiday. In February, specific work with Grassmoor Primary School is taking place to ensure that all children and parents are aware of the programme. This includes taster sessions at Grassmoor Primary School during February half-term, members of the "Cool for kids" team will be in the playground at Grassmoor Primary on Monday 31st January, Wednesday 2 February, and Friday 4 February to give out booking forms and to answer any questions. There will also be a drop in session on Tuesday 8th February from 3-4pm to complete application forms. For further information about the programme , please contact Darren Norwood at Tupton Hall School on 01246 252559 or 07798681069.

Quality Parish Council Status



The Parish Council has been successfully re-accredited as a Quality Parish Council for a further four year period. Pictured is Councillor Pam Hemsley, Chairman of the Parish Council, receiving the award from Mr Alan Cooke of the Derbyshire Quality Parish Council Accreditation Panel at the September meeting of the Council.

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Your Parish Councillors

| | | |
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| Mrs PJ Hemsley (C) | 211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5ER | 01246 851385 |
| Ms JA Hill (VC) | 5 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor, S42 5BA | |
| Mr IF Barlow | 4 Oak Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5YB | 01246 854050 |
| Mrs J Bedford | 7 Vernon Rise, Grassmoor, S42 5HD | |
| Mr AH Booker | 21 MacDonald Close, Grassmoor S42 5EH | 01246 856073 |
| Mrs A Browne | 2 Durham Avenue, Grassmoor | 01246 857188 |
| Mr D Chapman | 26 Chapel Road, Grassmoor S42 5EL | 01246 851789 |
| Mr B Garbutt | 127 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5EB | 01246 850322 |
| Mr K Hemsley | 211 North Wingfield Rd, Grassmoor, S42 5ER | 01246 851385 |
| Mrs EA Hill | 51 Tennyson Way, Grassmoor, S42 5BA | 01246 852216 |
| Mrs L Thomas | 95 North Wingfield Road S42 5EB | 01246 857787 |

Information and Help - Useful Contacts

| <u>Service</u> | <u>Authority</u> | <u>Service</u> | <u>Authority</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| Allotments | GPC | Planning Permission | NEDDC |
| Building Regulations | NEDDC | Public Footpaths | DCC |
| Bus Shelters | DCC/GPC | Recreation/Parks | GPC/NEDDC |
| CCTV | GPC | Refuse Collection | NEDDC |
| Council Tax Collection | NEDDC | Registration - Births/Deaths/Marriages | DCC |
| Consumer Advice | DCC | Register of Electors | NEDDC |
| Dog Wardens | NEDDC | Remembrance Sunday Service | GPC |
| Education | DCC | Social Services | DCC |
| Environmental Health | NEDDC | Street cleaning | NEDDC/GPC |
| Housing | NEDDC | Street lighting | DCC |
| Libraries | DCC | War Memorials | GPC |

GPC Grassmoor, Hasland & Winsick Parish Council c/o Mr R Ackrill, Parish Clerk, Manor Cottage, 114 The Green, Hasland, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 0JU.
Telephone: 01246 236878.

NEDDC North East Derbyshire District Council, Council House, Saltergate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S40 1LF. Telephone: 01246 231111.
Website: www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

DCC Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG.
Telephone: 08456 058058. Website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk

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Community Concerns and Crime Warning



Your Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team have continued to tackle the issues in your area. Our current priority in Grassmoor is the nuisance caused by off-road motorcycles for residents as they are being ridden through estates and on open land.

It is illegal to use off-road bikes anywhere in Derbyshire, unless you have the land owner's permission. The bikes are also dangerous, for the people who ride them as well as for other motorists and pedestrians.

Other important information, over the past few weeks there has been a number of burglaries and car crime within our areas. Can we please remind you that whenever possible to try the following 'simple' actions;

- Where possible keep your car in a locked garage or drive way when not in use
- Keep keys out of view in a secure place inside your home
- Consider improving your car's security, for example by having a tracker fitted
- Never leave your car unattended with the keys in
- Ensure ground floor doors and windows are securely locked when you retire at night
- If you're going out or going away, leave lights on a timer
- Draw your curtains as soon as it goes dark and never leave valuables on show
- If you can, fit a burglar alarm and use it
- Don't let cold callers into your home
- Ask a trusted neighbour or relative to keep an eye on your house if you are going away

Mark and photograph all your valuables (kits are available free of charge by getting in touch with us)

If you do see anything suspicious in the area please contact the Police in order that it can be fully investigated. It doesn't matter if it's a false alarm, it's better that suspicious incidents are investigated than ignored. However if you feel it is an emergency or believe a crime is in progress ring 999 immediately.

You can contact the Police or your local Team on 0345 123 33 33, by email at james.land.4513@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk or leave us a note in the Police Box in the Community Centre.

With continued support the team aims to tackle the problems and issues that matter to you most.

PCSO 4513 LAND & PC 2303 ALLCOCK.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Grassmoor Luncheon Club
Monday 12.30-1.30pm.

3 course meal including tea and coffee for only £3.50.

Please contact Janice Bedford on 01246 857900 to join the Club

Grassmoor Over 55s Friendship Club

Every Tuesday
1.30pm-3.30pm

Grassmoor Community Centre.
Come along and enjoy a game of bingo and dominoes.
Occasional day trips out.

For further details contact Pam Hemsley on 01246 851385.

New Street Tots

Thursday mornings
9.00am – 11am

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Mother and Toddler Drop-In for under fives.

For further details contact Janice Bedford on 01246 857900.

Pilates Classes Mondays

6-7pm Beginners and Therapeutic

7-8pm Intermediate

Please note that courses need to be booked and paid for in advance as available places are available.

Contact Lizzie Self on 01246 291139 Or 07785923923 for further information.

Working Communities Project

Wednesdays 9.30am – 1.30pm

(partly funded by Grassmoor Parish Council)

Are you unemployed or facing redundancy and looking for work? You don't have to go it alone! Free information, advice and support is available. For more information contact North East Derbyshire District Council's Community Employment Officer, Mark Szadura on 01246 217534 or 07973343383.

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NEW! FLOWER4FUN (10 week course)

Introduction to the art of floristry

**Starts Monday 21 March to Monday 18 April
After Easter: Monday 9 May to Monday 6 June**

6.30-8pm

Learn about basic flower design, make hands ties with an Easter theme, how to wire and make a button hole, and how to conserve flowers and keep them in tip-top condition.

**Places are limited, so pre-booking is essential
Contact Susan Brighthouse 01246 857900.**

Little Learners Pre-School Group

Little Learners Pre School is now starting its second year here at the Centre. It is run during term time at the Community Centre, by Louise Lee and Diane Jones with professional, qualified staff and is OFSTED registered.

It offers children, between 2 and 5 years, the chance to develop their skills and confidence in the comfort of a safe, friendly and fun environment.

**For more information on times and charges please call
07866074319**

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RINGWOOD BRIDGE CLUB

Are you tired of watching television? Need to get out and about? Would you like to make some new friends? If so why not come and learn to play Bridge in a fun and enjoyable way by joining the Club.

Mondays 9.30am-12.30pm (Lessons) & 1pm – 4pm

Tuesdays 1pm-4pm (Lessons) & 7pm -10pm

Wednesdays 10am-1pm & 7pm – 10pm

Friday 7pm -10pm

If you are interested in joining the Club, please contact Iris on 01246 855535 or Mick on 01246 850660.

**Derbyshire
Unemployed Workers
Centre**

**Advice Sessions
Thursday 10am-12noon**

(Part funded by Grassmoor, Hasland & Winsick Parish Council)

NHS Baby Clinic

Thursdays 1.30-4pm

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Centre**

Community Centre News and Information

Members of the Community Centre Management Committee

| Member | Representing | Telephone |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Mrs J Bedford (Chair) | Parish Council | 01246 856306 |
| Mr I F Barlow | Parish Council | 01246 854050 |
| Ms D Jones | Little Learners Group Group | |
| Mrs P J Hemsley (V/Chair) | Parish Council | 01246 851385 |
| Ms S Kirkland | Sure Start | 01246 852228 |
| Ms J A Hill | Parish Council | |
| Mr M Gavigan | Bridge Club | 01246 850660 |
| Mrs L Thomas | Friendship Club | 01246 857787 |

Secretary: Mr R Ackrill, Manor Cottage, 114 The Green, Hasland, Chesterfield, S41 0JU

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Grassmoor Tenants & Residents Group December Xmas Fair

Due to bad weather the Xmas Fair on Saturday 4th December was cancelled and put back until the 18th December. Thanks to the Community Centre staffs unstinting help – Susan Brighthouse, Debs Morris and particularly Janice Bedford and Alan Bird for giving up their free time to make sure the fair went ahead and opened on time.

I would also like to thank North Wingfield Residents Group for all their help in staffing the stalls and to Rykneld staff, Sarah Allen, dressed as a very fetching elf and Michaela Cockayne, for guarding the giant Teddy Bear with her life, until forced to let it go! Both gave up their day off to help out.

And finally many thanks to the stallholders and people of Grassmoor who turned out to support us, not forgetting Santa Claus, who traveled along way to hand out presents to every boy and girl. I'm sure everybody had a good time. I know I did.

On a more serious note, unfortunately due to the lack of support from the villagers, Grassmoor Tenants and Residents Group has now folded, so we no longer have a village voice at any Rykneld meetings.

Phil Burnham
Chair of Grassmoor Tenants and Residents Group.

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