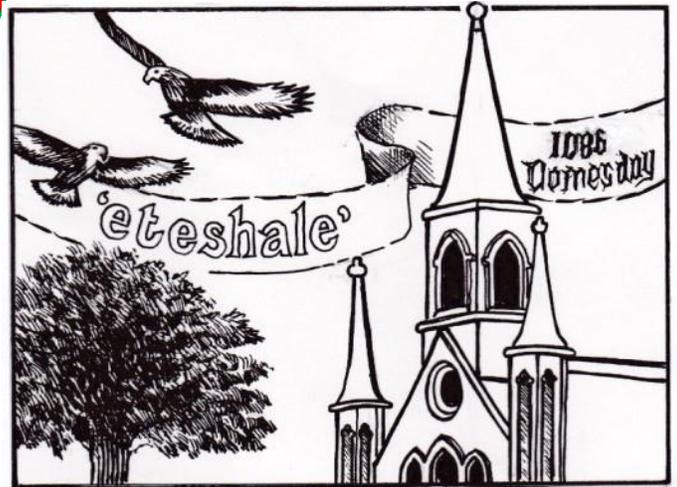


# HASSALL HERALD

## Hassall Parish News Letter

Winter 2019



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### Dear Parishioner,

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Hassall Herald with news and views from Hassall Parish Council. In this edition we have some dates for your diary along with key developments from the last few months and some plans for the future. If you have any comments or feedback then please feel free to forward it to us.



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[www.hassall-parish-council.org.uk](http://www.hassall-parish-council.org.uk)

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## New Councillors

It's not often that we get the chance to begin this section with the words '*We are delighted to announce*'... but we are indeed delighted to announce that we have 2 new Councillors who have joined us in the last couple of months. Therefore, a very warm welcome to **Chris Lyons** and **Paul Redstone**.

Chris has re-joined HPC after a break of a couple of years and, therefore, brings with him a good memory and working knowledge of the issues we face as a small Parish Council

Paul is 27 and works as a Marketing Manager for a local IT company. He is interested in local affairs, having studied Economics and Politics at University. Paul is keen to get more involved in the Parish Council and help in any way he can.

So, this year's line-up is:

- ✚ Chair – Richard Holt
- ✚ Vice Chair – Graham Warner
- ✚ Councillor - Eric Smith
- ✚ Councillor - Janie Stark
- ✚ Councillor – Chris Lyons
- ✚ Councillor – Paul Redstone
- ✚ Councillor John Wray – Conservative Councillor for Brereton Rural

Contact details are available on the HPC website.

We'd like to thank Chris and Paul for stepping forward to help our community. We now have only 1 vacancy and so if you want to join the party, then please contact Ruth via the website or email.

It's not a big commitment – 6 x 2-hour meetings a year in Sandbach Library 7 to 9pm on a Tuesday.



## **Annual Parish Meeting Review – April 2019**

We had a very small turn out this year to our Annual Parish Meeting but, nevertheless, we would very much like to thank the residents who did turn up. You know who you are!

The main topic of public conversation and concern is the site traffic and disruption being caused around Roughwood Hollow with the building of the 'Secret Bunker' otherwise known as Denise Coates' new house!

It seems that despite construction traffic – which in this case is motorway sized lorries - not being permitted down some roads, drivers are choosing to ignore the 'road closed' signage and as a result property boundaries are being damaged, roads excessively muddied, general disruption and so on. We are monitoring the situation but without conclusive video evidence (eye witness accounts are insufficient) we are not getting very far with the main contractors. We will continue our efforts.



***Road Closure signs being ignored by construction traffic***

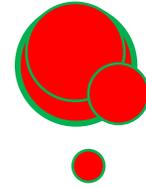
### **'Get Ya Wellies On' .....**

So if you live in Hassall Moss or Jubilee Villas there have been many occasions over the last few months that you can't actually leave without getting very wet feet unless you have a vehicle or wellies! The centre of this flood above is around 11" deep at its worst.

Likewise, the cats enjoying a luxury stay at Lodley Cattery have a small lake and river added to their vista when it rains..... and when hasn't it rained recently!

Should you happen to be standing by the Mill Lane/Jubilee Villas junction in your wellies waiting to cross the road; the possibility of a dousing caused by a small tsunami from passing cars is also dangerously high.

In other words, flooding in the Parish is undoubtedly becoming a real and potentially serious issue and it has just started to freeze. Which will create some really dangerous road situations. Lots of you (including HPC) have reported these problems through to Cheshire East Highways via the website. However, we are not alone and CE is suffering the same budget cuts as the rest of the country. The main problem we in Hassall Parish have is the 'risk based' criteria used to assess priority of fixing.



***Persistent Flooding at the Junction of Jubilee Villas and Hassall Moss***

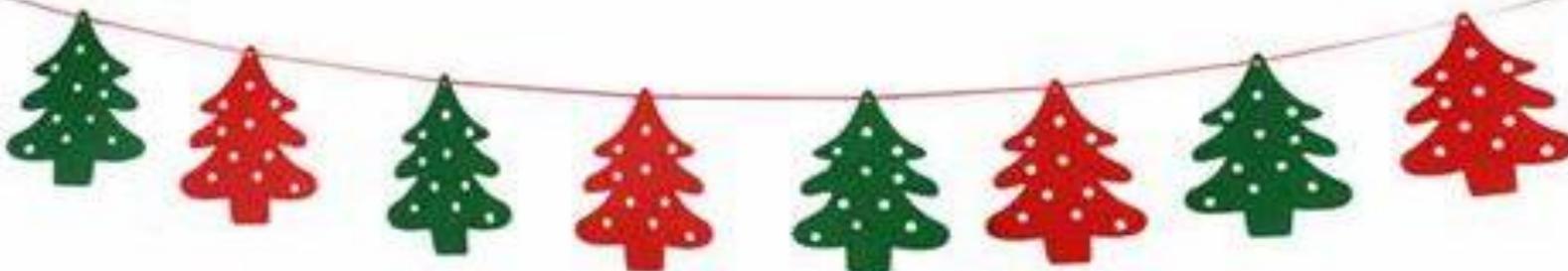
The schemes identified and to be fixed in 2019/20 have used the following scoring criteria:

<b>LTP Criteria</b>	<b>Score</b>
Water entering buildings on property	10
Persistent CLOSING of the highway due to flooding	8
Significant amounts of water entering onto grounds of property	8
Asset failure in need of repair	6
Persistent closing of the footway due to flooding	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

Based on that scoring our issues come in around Zero, which for the present time means a fat chance of jumping the queue although we have been promised that we will be 'included in the next round of gully clearance' whenever that may be.

We are pushing CE Highways for 'Flood' and 'Ice' signage to be installed urgently and as a minimum intervention.

We just hope that the issue is addressed soon before there is a serious car crash. If you see such an incident please take a photo (after you've assisted in the best way you can) and report it to HPC via our website. It will help us to try and get the problem solved sooner rather than later.



# It's A Date!

## 2020 - Fixed Dates for Community Litter Pick

### Last Sunday in every Month @10am

Starting January 2020, we have decided to make Community Litter Picks a regular date on the parish calendar. Our fly tipping and littering problem is getting worse by the month as more and more traffic comes through the Parish either to the Alsager Household Waste site or through use of the roads as a 'rat run' to avoid town traffic. At the moment it is mainly the HPC Councillors undertaking this. We are, however, all volunteers. So, if you are feeling Community spirited and want to help keep your Parish clean then the dates of the 2020 litter picks are:-

January 26 <sup>th</sup>	February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	March 29 <sup>th</sup>
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	May 31 <sup>st</sup>	June 28 <sup>th</sup>
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	August 30 <sup>th</sup>	September 27 <sup>th</sup>
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	November 29 <sup>th</sup>	December n/a



To facilitate this, we have procured our own litter picking kit (gloves, bag rings, pickers, bags etc) which will be available to anyone who come along.

The meeting place is the Parish Noticeboard at 10.00am and runs for approx. 90mins. We will be starting a whatsapp message HPC group to send out reminders to everyone who wish to help clear road side litter. Please provide your name, and contact number to :

[clerk@hassall-parish-council.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hassall-parish-council.org.uk)

On Average we are removing a minimum of 5 bags of rubbish after each litter pick event, without exception.

Diary Dates



## Handy Help for Hassall

HPC has decided to employ paid help to undertake some of the physical work needed in the parish that the Councillors struggle to do themselves.

Therefore, we are obtaining quotes for various works from Streetscape as we go along and the need arises. Predominately though the type of work to be undertaken is tree and bulb planting, cutting back foliage around signage, erecting 2 new poles elsewhere in the Parish for the HPC Speed Indicator Device (SID) to be located on rotation etc. etc.

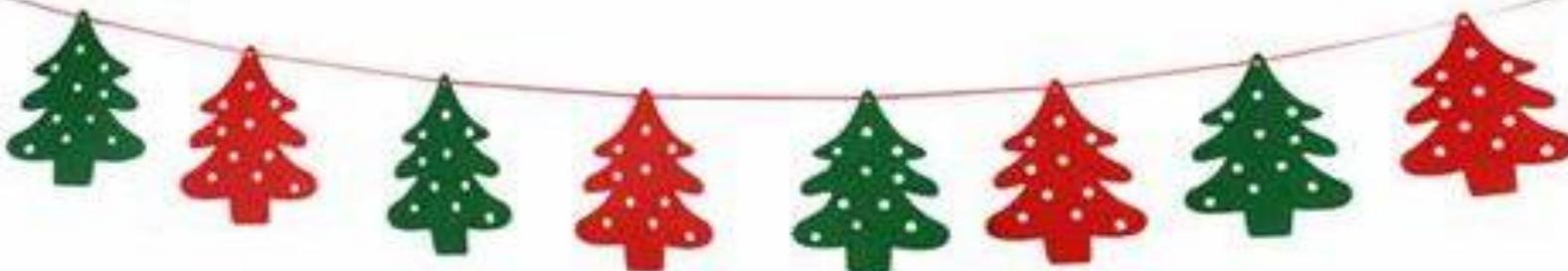


## The Speed Machine Update

It appears that the purchase and installation of the SID (speed Indicator Device) has been a success in terms of reducing the average speed through Day Green. The highest speed clocked since it was deployed between July and Sept was 67MPH, but encouragingly the average speed has reduced to between 35 to 40 MPH depending on the time of day. This is significant reduction from the previous CEC traffic report of 48 MPH.



There has however been a recent accident at the junction of Roughwood lane at Day Green which resulted in damage to a wall and thankfully



no one was seriously injured, but serves a very timely reminder that this junction is very dangerous.

HPC has also taken the decision to launch a 30mph speed campaign through Day Green and other dangerous sections of parish roads. Although we can't get official 30mph or 40mph speed restrictions put in place as we don't meet the national criteria; we can campaign and raise awareness to road users in these accident hot spot areas to try and slow the passing traffic further.

We are planning to install 2 other poles on which the SID will be located on Mill Lane and the Mayfield area of Alsager Road where we have particular speeding issues.

More information will follow shortly.

### **Broadband Bulletin**

In the last edition of the Hassall Herald we asked you to register your interest if you wished to investigate the BT Openreach Community Fibre Partnership scheme further. 17 residents have confirmed they will proceed with the Parish Partnership Scheme. At the present time Openreach are finalising the project costings, which will be supported via the governments rural broadband fibre voucher scheme.

We await this confirmation from Openreach and a date for when installation work can commence.



### **Life in the Green Lane**

We have set aside some capital from this year's precept to invest in tree planting around the council owned verge stretching from the Hassall noticeboard down to the Hassall/Betchton boundary sign.

We are looking at native English species such as Oak, Beech, Birch and Sycamore but will be guided by local tree growers A. P. Matthews who will also be supplying the semi-mature plants.

Conversations have also started with the Cheshire East Rangers about the purchase and locating of nest boxes in the Parish.

