



East Hunsbury Community update Your Parish Council

As we come to the close of a very different year – we finish this year's NN Pulse updates by focusing on the continued success of community projects.

NACRE Community Champions Award

We are delighted to share the news that several of our local support groups, have received special recognition in local Northamptonshire ACRE awards. Members of these East Hunsbury groups will attend a celebration event, in spring 2021. The Parish Council nominated these groups for their ongoing work in supporting our community during covid-19. Our thanks go to everyone involved.

- East Hunsbury Help Register
- East Hunsbury Seniors Phone Buddies
- East Hunsbury Stitching for the NHS
- East Hunsbury Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group



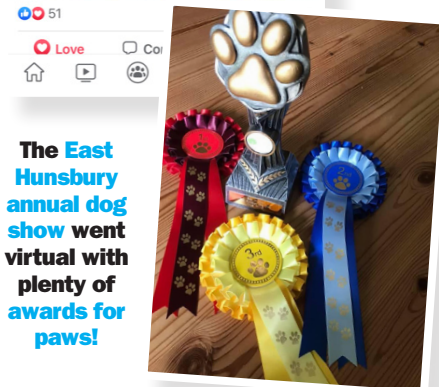
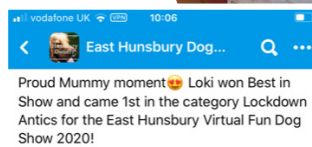
Going Online Virtual Dog Show and Bake Off

Although restrictions stopped our East Hunsbury fete this year, we carried on regardless! Partnering East Hunsbury Dog Owners Group, the online dog-show attracted hundreds of entries, with awards being handed over to happy owners - lots of wagging tails! Thanks to the Dog Show Committee for a monumental effort!

Also moved online, was this year's East Hunsbury Great Bake Off. The theme, lockdown images – cakes, decorated to the max! This year's winners – both men! Nigel Hicks won the adult section, and Caleb Slater won in the youth category. Thanks to East Hunsbury W.I. for help with organising the competition.



A Winning Bake!



The East Hunsbury annual dog show went virtual with plenty of awards for paws!

Get Active – Outdoors in East Hunsbury

Heading outdoors into our open spaces, continues to be hugely popular. We are looking at how to increase community usage of the parks, working with partners on walking projects and exercise classes. A future focus on the outdoors will see us look at new ideas, such as gym equipment trails and other installations.



Tai Chi in Grange Wood



What is in the woods?

The Adventure Geek - another popular session has been organised walks with Julia Doherty, The Adventure Geek. Julia is working on walking maps for the area, which will shortly be available via our website.



East Hunsbury walking group

Our groups will all restart after lockdown



Street Sports

For the children, we are working with Northampton Leisure Trust, to create outdoor sports sessions at Blacky More Community Centre. The session will be on Tues Evenings and will restart after lockdown. Register with Aaron Lee alee@nltrust.org.uk or phone 07824 461862.

EAST HUNSBURY REMEMBERS



Our final community project for this year has been our Poppy Project. Volunteers of all ages created poppies - knitted, crochet, felt, even recycled plastic bottles, to create an amazing installation at Hunsbury Library.

Thanks go to all the volunteers who made and installed the hundreds of poppies, including all our local schools, WI, craft groups and so many individual makers.

Although covid lockdown meant that we could not have our Remembrance Sunday gathering, Parish Councillors Claire Douglas and Maggie Allen laid wreaths on behalf of the community at Grange Wood Park memorial bench, along with Ollie Lyons who represented East Hunsbury W.I.



Christmas...

And so, we round off the year with Christmas. Again, our plans have had to be adapted, but there will still be ways for the community to join in!

Who wants a postcard from Santa?



We have made a special arrangement with the man himself, simply drop YOUR letter in the letter box at the Library (at the front door) or at the special letter box on Blacky More Community Centre Fence! We will pass on the letters and Santa... will write back! Please children, write your letters BEFORE 18th Dec.

Make sure to include your address! No stamp required – Santa has stamps!

Christmas Lights Competition '20

The chairman (Cllr Claire Douglas) will once again be giving two lovely awards, for East Hunsbury's best Christmas Lights! No need to enter – the judges will be driving around East Hunsbury until Fri 18th Dec and will award cups for BEST HOUSE LIGHTS and BEST STREET LIGHTS. So - dust your bulbs off, get the inflatable Santa out of the loft, and get decorating!



Community Christmas Tree

By now you will have seen our Christmas Tree outside Hunsbury Library - watch the clip of the festive light switch-on on our website or Facebook! We would love it if you would like to come and add a bauble, as people did last year, remembering to social distance. Something to bring a bit of sparkle!

And finally...

Just to say, as we round off the year, we wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and here's to a much better year for 2021. All best wishes from your Parish Council Team.

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