



East Hunsbury Parish Council

As we move towards Summer, the Parish Council remains busy, and we are getting ready for announcements about future covid restrictions. In anticipation of more freedoms, we continue to develop our community offer, in partnership with local organisations and groups.

Your Councillors

Following the uncontested election result for East Hunsbury we are pleased to welcome back many of our long-standing councillors, and to welcome new councillors to the parish council. Your duly elected Parish Councillors are:

- Cllr Maggie Allen
- Cllr Bob Burnell
- Cllr Michael Campbell
- Cllr Claire Douglas
- Cllr Paul Draper
- Cllr John Elliott
- Cllr Ron Firman
- Cllr David Lewis
- Cllr Kathleen Moore
- Cllr Mary Roach



There remain two parish councillor vacancies and expressions of interest are invited from local residents. Are you passionate about where you live and want to help shape the priorities for your local area? Become a voice for your community and make a change to help improve the lives of residents! We would particularly like to hear from residents aged 18-35.

Get in touch to find out more - we can help you to decide if it's for you, and provide information about applying to be a parish councillor.

Community Arts – Rainbows for the NHS in July!

Look out at Hunsbury Library, in July we have partnered up with East Hunsbury WI, East Hunsbury Rocks Group, King Richard Court and local schools and youth groups.

What for? Well, we are making a community rainbow display, to celebrate our NHS, for its birthday on 5th July.

Our seniors are making a huge rainbow, WI are yarn bombing the building front, and lots of groups are making Rainbow Rocks! Added to this, our crafty local knitters are making Bees – to link in with our wildflower Bee Friendly Campaign! It's going to "Bee Buzzing!". Thanks to all the local volunteers coming on board to help!



Parish Council meetings

East Hunsbury Parish Council will return to face to face meetings from May, following the decision by the Government not to extend the Regulations permitting us to meet virtually. Our Annual Meeting will be held on 18th May with all relevant social distancing rules enforced, and non-essential items will be dealt with at a meeting later in the year. The agenda will be published on our website, where you can also find copies of minutes and future meeting dates.

If you want to find out anything about the parish council or East Hunsbury, the best place to start is our website.

www.easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Contact: Caroline Holgate, Clerk to the Council by email: clerk@easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk or on 01604 708429

Eco Projects Update

In the March edition of NN Pulse, we offered local East Hunsbury Residents the chance to have a Bee Bomb for their own garden. We are delighted to report that 100 Bee Bombs were snapped up, including by the residents of King Richard Court - we cannot wait to see their patch!

The eagle eyed among you will also have seen that Stone Pit Hollow, and an area of Blacky More have both been reseeded with wildflower mixes. A fabulous display is expected – and it's all part of our Bee Friendly campaign, to help to save the bees. East Hunsbury Primary School have been invited to keep an eye on the area, and report back. Our Bee detectives!



The Bee Bombs were very popular and we look forward to seeing the spectacular results of your sowing efforts this summer!

COMMUNITY GRANT FOR NEW LIBRARY GARDEN FRIENDS

Hunsbury Library is looking lovely at the moment, thanks to a new gardening project. With finances from our Community Grants Fund, the Library have really worked to improve the area, including restoring and planting the raised flower bed. A new group of volunteers now take over this patch.

Many thanks to Tesco Mereway, who funded the clearing of undergrowth, opening up the whole place.



Focus on Youth - Street Sports

Don't forget – we are partnering Trilogy Leisure, with a weekly programme of sports sessions at Blacky More Community Centre on Tuesdays. You can just turn up, but its best to book to avoid disappointment.

There are two sessions:
5.30pm – 6.30pm 8–12-year-olds
6.30pm- 7.30pm 13 – 18-year-olds

See their website for more details:
www.trilogyleisure.co.uk

BLACKY MORE COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENING UP

From 21st June Blacky More Community Centre opens for hire of private party bookings, community group sessions and events.

Blacky More has a main hall, which hosts up to 70 people standing, plus a small, grassed area.

There are also kitchen and toilet facilities on site, a multi-use games area (MUGA) at the side of the building and a small car park area at the front.

During the week, the venue hosts a pre-school, and a variety of evening classes, from dance schools to yoga and small community meetings.

On Tuesdays, the centre and sports area hosts Street Sports which are free sessions for children aged 8-18 years of age.

A full list of current classes can be found on our website.

For availability and to arrange a viewing, please contact admin@easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Or telephone the office 01604 708429 See our website for more information and booking forms.

AND FINALLY...

Summer Celebrations – in the July edition of NN Pulse, we will bring you news of summer pop-up activities for East Hunsbury. Look out for more details!



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East Hunsbury Litter Pickers

In our last article in NN Pulse, we talked about litter, and issues around fly-tipping and refuse in general. So many of you got in touch, to respond to our offer of having litter picking kit, and to join our community of East Hunsbury Litter Pickers.

We now have over 90 families who have joined the EH Litter Pickers. These wonderful volunteers are out and about, keeping the area clean for us all! The difference has been noted by so many of you who have been in touch to tell us.

We wanted to celebrate their work, with photos of just a few of our wonderful volunteers!

If you feel passionate about the area, why not join the Facebook group, which was started by local resident, Richard Mallinson:

"I started East Hunsbury Litter Pickers Facebook group because I want to live in a litter free environment - and to achieve this we need to take action ourselves. Litter looks awful, is harmful, expensive to clear up, and can lead to other problems (broken windows theory). I enjoy picking up litter and find it rewarding. Everyone is welcome to post about litter related matters in the Facebook group and we work closely with the Parish Council to make East Hunsbury a better place to be".

If you want to learn more, please see the Facebook Page. If you want equipment, please email community@easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk



Within your NN Pulse this month, you will find a flyer, which we have produced so that you have emails and phone numbers to report local issues. Please report anything that you see, from overflowing bins to fly-tipping, abandoned trolleys, to graffiti – if you see it, please report it. Many thanks to Tesco, who are displaying this information at their Mereway Store, and to Tesco manager Graham Barnes, for sponsoring of litter picking equipment for our volunteers!



The Great British Spring Clean – East Hunsbury signs up!

Put the dates in your diary! We have signed up to the national Keep Britain Tidy campaign. If you want to join in, and need to borrow equipment, please contact community@easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk you will get a briefing email to tell you how to take part and where to put your bags of rubbish:

- Sat 29th and Sun 30th May - Danes Camp area – underpasses and undergrowth Tesco (n.b. Tesco staff are also focussing on this area) plus Grange Wood
- Sat 5th and Sun 6th June - Blacky More area – open space, shops carpark, and surrounding area
- Sat 12th and Sun 13th June - Penvale Park and surrounding area

East Hunsbury Seniors news

We continue to support our older community with newsletters, and the Phone Buddy Project. For Easter, our friends at Tesco Mereway donated Easter eggs for all the members, and volunteers distributed packs to over 250 members.

We aim to restart Senior's coffee mornings in July – and will be writing to all members in the coming week with more details.

The Seniors Get Active Scheme has restarted outdoors - many of you have seen the Tai Chi Crew on a Thursday morning in Grange Wood Park!



East Hunsbury Senior Strollers – a brand new walking group has been set up by the seniors – who will be having a monthly walk. Participants must be members of the Seniors Group. If you are interested in knowing more, please email: admin@easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk and ask about joining!