

# THE WALCOTE WORD

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## SPEED CAMERA TRIAL ANNOUNCED

### Persistence pays

Thanks in no small part to concerns expressed by residents and the Parish Council, Walcote has been chosen by the County Council as one of seven sites to trial average speed cameras. Walcote has been identified as a problem area with existing monitoring indicating mean traffic speeds in excess of 35 mph, and

of course many vehicles travelling substantially faster. There is no decision yet on the



exact design as the procurement process is ongoing but initial proposals are to place a camera at each end of the village,

approximately where the existing flashing signs are installed. It is hoped the installation will take place in September this year but at present this is only a one year trial. Currently most of the fines collected go direct to central government and the County Council is lobbying the Department for Transport for a

change so that the fines can be used to cover the costs involved.

Without such a change, they say that the scheme is unlikely to be viable in the long term. We will keep you informed of progress.

## 2017 WIND FARM GRANTS

### Successful applicants

At the meeting on 11 May the Council unanimously agreed to award £4000 to St Leonard's Church Misterton towards the cost of a new boiler and £5901 + the cost of the Vat to the Misterton with Walcote Community Trust

towards the cost of a fixed polycarbonate canopy over the blacked paved area at the Memorial Hall. The Council noted the efforts of both applicants to cover part of their costs from other sources.

## WELCOME

Welcome to the Summer Edition of The Walcote Word, a quarterly newsletter sent out electronically by the Misterton with Walcote Parish Council. If you have any news or photos that would be of interest to others, want to help or just unsubscribe, please contact:

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Hard copies will be placed on the Parish notice board and in the pub but if you know someone who can't access these or a computer, please let us know.

## COMMUNITY FLOOD WARDENS

### Could you help?

Harborough District Council is looking for volunteers to act as flood wardens to help raise awareness of flood risks in the community, pass on flood warnings when issued and help vulnerable people during and after flooding has occurred. They will play a key role in assisting the Environment Agency, water authority and local councils. Many residents will remember the floods in 1992 and recognise the importance of monitoring local



conditions and reporting blockages. The role is primarily one of communication but a Warden could also assist with the creation and maintenance of a Community Flood Plan along with the local authority and the environment agency, encourage others to sign up to the free flood warning scheme, call for assistance if necessary and reinforce flood warnings when issued. If you think you could help, please contact

[clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk](mailto:clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk)

## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### Update

In the Spring edition of The Walcote Word we told you about the meeting proposed for 8 April to discuss the preparation of a neighbourhood plan for the Parish. Almost 30 residents gave up their time to attend and the feeling was that a plan could be a useful tool to protect important spaces, pinpoint sites for potential development and say what type of development would work best in the Parish. Two residents offered to help the Parish Council and since then another resident has offered his services but two or three more are needed. Without this help we will not be able to go forward with the project. Professional guidance will be available. If you think you could help or just want to know more, please contact [clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk](mailto:clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk)

## THE WALCOTE BOOK EXCHANGE

### Coming to a pub near you

Within the next few weeks a book exchange will be set up in The Black Horse. What's that you cry? Well it's a simple idea really. You donate a book and you take a book. A supply of books will be provided at The Black Horse and all you need to do is leave one of your own and take one of the others. Recycle them as often as you wish. There is no charge and the more we all use it the greater the variety will be. So, keep your eyes peeled and see if there's anything that takes your fancy.

By the way, shareholder investment in the pub is still being sought from within our community. Hopefully this will enable repayment of the majority of the remaining loan used to purchase it. The pub is an important asset for the village and we were too long without one. For details, including information about possible tax advantages for tax payers, please contact: [patrick@walcote.plus.com](mailto:patrick@walcote.plus.com)