

THE WALCOTE WORD

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WE HAPPY FEW...

Walcote Clean-up

A big thank you to the band of residents who turned out on 8 May to litter-pick, clear pavements and clean signs. We have a smarter village thanks



to you. We hope to repeat the event in the Autumn. Please come along.

2018 WIND FARM GRANTS

Successful applicants

The Parish Council received six applications for grants and on 26 April approved three completely, and one in part. The other two were refused as it was felt that they didn't quite meet the aims of the scheme. Grants were approved to cover the cost of improving the footpath from Chapel Lane into the Redmayne field which becomes muddy during the Winter and is part of a popular local "round" and a contribution towards the cost of replacing the skateboard ramp.

The existing ramp was installed about 10 years ago and is becoming increasingly expensive to maintain. Further fund raising is in hand to cover the likely cost, which will be considerably more. A grant was approved to buy shares in The Black Horse Community Benefit Society. It was felt that the pub is a major asset to the parish and its future needs to be secure. Lastly a contribution was approved towards the cost of upgrading the lighting at the Memorial Hall.

WELCOME

Welcome to this 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:

clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk

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.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – get involved

Do you have views about speeding traffic and HGVs? Would you like to explore ways of improving the enjoyment of living or working in the community? If so, there is a group of people who would welcome your thoughts and your help. It doesn't matter if you only have the odd hour available or if you can offer more. Just contact Cathy, the parish clerk, and she'll put you in touch with the right people.

Other groups are also beavering away. You may have seen people from Walcote or Misterton striding along footpaths or staring over gates, clutching clip boards and scribbling notes. This is the Environment group assessing each field for its historical, environmental and landscape value. If you have seen any unusual wildlife around the parish, let us know, what, where and when.

The Housing group are taking a careful look at what housing the parish needs, where it should be sited and also where it should not be sited. It is considering design, size and tenure and priority for those with local connections.

It may be more fun than you've had in ages. Go on, give it a try.

HAVE YOUR SAY

On crime, contaminated land and public transport

Three new surveys are seeking your views. <http://www.rsonline.org.uk/major-survey-seeks-views-on-rural-crime> is a major new survey seeking views on rural crime. Next up is Harborough District Council which is consulting on its draft contaminated land strategy: <https://www.harborough.gov.uk/consultation/info/79> and finally Leicestershire County Council is consulting on a passenger transport strategy: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-consultations/consultation-on-passenger-transport-policy-strategy>

FOOTPATHS

Having at last got through what must have been one of the wettest Springs on record, the footpaths are finally drying out. Did you know that the details of local walks are now incorporated in the artwork on the new notice board? Why not give them a try? On Saturday afternoons you can combine a walk with tea and cake at the Church. Sadly, the permissive path through the woods is still a bit of a mess, although it is now passable. We are assured by the County Council that over the Summer further improvements will be made, including drainage works, preparation for replanting and the reinstatement of the boardwalk at the West end of the woods. The actual replanting won't happen until the Winter season.

STOP PRESS: The County Council has awarded the contract for the speed cameras. Work is starting immediately although it is likely to be some weeks before they are operational. Full-night lighting will be reinstated on the relevant section for the purpose of enforcement.

NEXT TIME...CAN YOU HELP?

We hope to write about those from the Parish who fell in the 1914-18 war, or indeed those who survived. If you know of any one, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org