

Ravenshead Parish Council

Armistice Day information and an appeal to assist.

Plans are in place for two of the biggest annual events organised by the Parish Council in conjunction with the Village Hall Management Committee. Further details will be provided in future editions of this newsletter.

The Armistice Day Service, held outside the Village Hall, will be on **Wednesday 11th November**, starting at 10.55 am. Musical entertainment will be provided by children from our two primary schools, inside the hall after the event. As usual, Parish Councillors will begin placing poppies on the lamp posts around the village towards the end of October.

Due to the closure of the local Royal British Legion branch, we do not currently have any support available from the armed services veterans. We would be delighted to hear from any retired or serving members of the armed forces who would like to be involved in this service. A retired officer, to lead the service along with the church and myself would be ideal, but also a bugler and a standard bearer. Please contact the Parish Council if you are able to help.

As mentioned in my article in September 2025, do look out for the knitted poppies that will be displayed on the flag pole this year. Further details next month.

The Christmas lights switch on will be held at the Village Hall on **Saturday 28th November** at 5.00pm.

Litter Force

The Ravenshead Litter Force will be out again collecting litter from the roadside on Saturdays 19th September, 17th October and 21st November. Regulars will be contacted, but if there any additional volunteers who would like to give up two hours, starting at 9.30am from the Hutt car park, you would be most welcome. Please contact the Parish Clerks at office@ravensheadpc.org.uk or on 01623 490035.

Obstruction of pavements

Following the plea from the Parish Council to cut back overgrown hedges and branches which were obstructing pavements, a big thank you goes to all those who have done this and therefore helped make the passage of pedestrians, mobility scooter and pushchair users so much easier.

As always, the Parish Council will politely write to any householder who is obstructing the pavement. If this does not resolve the issue, the County Council highways team will do the work themselves and invoice the householder.

Community Speed Watch

Residents will recall that a similar scheme was in operation a number of years ago, which highlighted to many motorists that they were placing lives in danger on village roads, due to the high speeds they were travelling at. Nottinghamshire Police would like to resurrect a group again in Ravenshead and they have provided the following statement to the Parish Council.

"Nottinghamshire police are looking to set up Community Speed Watch (CSW) in your area and asking you to get in touch if you are interested in volunteering and being trained to conduct speed checks on streets in your area. Volunteers must be 18 years or over, and be able to contribute a minimum of one hour per week.

The scheme aims to raise awareness of speeding within communities and the effects it has on the people who live there by providing education to drivers.

Community Speed Watch will not be considered as enforcement but will be supported and governed by Nottinghamshire Police.

Police will train volunteers to operate a speed gun and note down the details of speeding motorists. The follow up will be letters sent to the registered keepers of offending vehicles asking for their assistance in keeping speeds down in the local community. Repeat offenders could face targeted speed enforcement action by Nottinghamshire Police.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to find out more, please contact your local Beat Manager PC1541 BRENNAN on nicholas.brennan@notts.police.uk.

The Parish Council is keen to support this initiative and will host a training session once the Police have provided a date and time.

Play Parks

The Parish Council would like to apologise to users about the recent closure of the Abbey Gates Play Park. As highlighted last month, various health and safety concerns needed to be addressed before reopening. We are pleased that the work has been completed and the park reopened on 13th August.

At long last, work has been scheduled at the Haddon Road park to install the two new pieces of equipment to replace the old train and Wendy house. We expect contractors to be on site towards the end of September with the park being closed for a few days. During the installation of the new bus and climbing structure, the existing equipment will be repainted.

The coloured fencing surrounding the park at the Leisure Centre has recently been pressure washed, it looks so much cleaner.

New Leisure Centre Kitchen

We are very pleased to have worked with Ravenshead Football Club and the Football Foundation to secure funding for a new kitchen at the Leisure Centre. Howdens have provided the units and appliances free of charge and we give them our thanks. We have employed the services of local handyman, Peter Johnson to install the kitchen, it looks so much better and more modern. A new floor was also fitted and we are just waiting on the installation of two new internal fire doors. If you have a booking at the Leisure Centre, particularly for a party, do take advantage of the new facility.

Leisure Centre

Other recent tasks undertaken at the Leisure Centre include the marking of a Pickleball Court on one of the tennis courts, an application to provide funding for the refurbishment of another tennis court and the repainting inside of the Pétanque pavilion. A bid is being prepared for funding towards the installation of new play equipment at the Abbey Gates park.

Gedling Local Housing Plan

Finally, as reported last month, the letters of objection to the Gedling housing plan were handed in recently to Gedling Borough Council. We wait to see if the local planners change their submission to the government on the basis of your objections. Thank you to all of you who supported the Parish Council and your Gedling Councillors, in opposing this. We also appreciate the prominence given to articles about this plan in previous editions of the Ravenshead newsletter. Any updates will be included in future editions of the newsletter.

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