

# HUNTLEY HEADLINES

## **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Following a positive referendum result, the Forest of Dean District Council “made” (i.e. formally accepted) the Huntley Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. This means that the Huntley NDP is now a legal document and forms part of the Development Plan for the Forest of Dean. The NDP will be used to assess and determine all planning applications affecting properties, businesses or land within the Parish. This is therefore an important tool, giving Huntley residents a voice in shaping the future of development in our village. It will be reviewed if and when the district Local Plan and national planning regulations change.

The NDP Steering Group and Parish council thank everyone who contributed to the NDP, attended the consultation events, completed surveys, reviewed the draft NDPs and voted.

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

The area AGM will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at The Main Place, Coleford from 7.00pm. The main speaker this year will be the Head Verderer of the Forest who will talk about the history and work of his organisation, focusing on modern day issues that they have to tackle.

The Community Ranger for our area from Forestry England will also be present with information on the areas of crime and antisocial behaviour they deal with.

There is ample parking, refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome to attend. Do come along to find out what Neighbourhood Watch is doing in our area.

## **Call for Volunteers**

Our village is a very pleasant place to reside and the Parish council is committed to maintain and improve its attractiveness. This is to notify you of some of the activities that are in progress to keep everyone informed and involved.

Speedwatch- I think that everyone is concerned at the speed of traffic passing through the village. A group was formed in 2019 to monitor this, sending reports to the Police. This has not been active for a couple of years. The Police have been supportive, but the Council has hit a brick wall (at 30mph, no more!) in its efforts to get flashing signs showing car speeds as they pass; this is because the road is the responsibility of National Highways, not the County Council. We are taking up the offer of monitoring cameras from the Police to record vehicle speeds and hopefully will have some progress to report soon.

Telephone Kiosk-the kiosk in north Road was bought for £1 by the Council with an obligation to refurbish it. Work has started and we have a small group of volunteers to scrape, prepare and paint the exterior. It then needs to be reglazed and painted inside. If anyone else has some time to devote, it would be warmly welcomed. We can then consider the future use of the kiosk. Contact Jenny Green at [jennifer298green@btinternet.com](mailto:jennifer298green@btinternet.com).

## **Meeting Venue for Council Meetings**

We are very pleased to announce that future council meetings will be held in the village Hall. Many thanks to the short mat bowls club for allowing this by agreeing not to meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

## **Upcoming Events**

28<sup>th</sup> October – Hallowe'en Party at The Red Lion. Fancy Dress and sculpted pumpkin competitions, family event. £2 entry for adults, children free.

17 November – Christmas Market in the Village Hall; Father Christmas and alpacas, hog roast, mince pies, mulled wine, games and stalls. Huntley School Choir will be singing carols and there will be an Angel colouring competition. The entries will be taken to the church to decorate it for Christmas after the event, available for all to see and enjoy.

19 November – Christmas Craft Fayre in The Red Lion, 12-5pm. Craft stalls, knitted goods, stained glass, crystals and personalised gifts.

2 December – Christmas Tea Party in the Village Hall from 2pm

Looking ahead.....

9 March 2024 – Evening of entertainment in the Village Hall provided through Air in G (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire). Make a note in your diary to keep the date free. More information in later newsletters.

This newsletter is available on the Parish council's website. Hard copies are distributed via the Village Hall, Margaret's Hairdressers, the Red Lion, Woods Butchers, Gardners Garage, Morrisons Store (A40/A4136 junction) and the bus stop shelter at the bottom of Hinders Lane on the A4136.

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