

HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Resident,

I am delighted to announce that Hawthorn Parish Council has been awarded the Foundation Award in the new Quality Council Scheme. We are the first council in the county to be accredited by the new County Panel. This new Scheme has been designed to celebrate the successes of the very best local councils and to provide a framework to support all local councils to improve and develop to meet their full potential. The scheme offers councils the opportunity to show that they meet the standards set by the sector and demonstrates the council's commitment to the residents of Hawthorn.

In March we held our Annual Parish Meeting which gave all our residents the opportunity to come along and give their views on what we are doing. More recently we held our AGM and my thanks to my fellow councillors who re-elected me as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

It's not too late to register for the Open Garden Walk. If you have a lovely garden and are willing to allow others to visit it on 7th June then fill in the form as over and either post to our Parish Clerk or drop through a Councillor's letter box. This is not a competition, but an opportunity to take part in one of our community events. Also on Sunday 7th from lunchtime is our 'Big Lunch'. Come and join us and bring your picnic; either to the Belmont Play Area or the Community Centre. There will be entertainment for the children and we have asked the Police to come along 1pm—2pm for bike marking.

And finally, Hawthorn will soon be blooming with sunflowers. If you would like to take part in this competition to grow the tallest then complete the form as over. Judges will visit at the end of August.

Kind regards

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Jottings from the Parish Council

1. The Parish Council continues to develop its web-site. This includes information on all activities and events as well as minutes of council meetings, full financial details etc. This is also available for local groups and organisations to post their details and is accessible at www.hawthornparish.co.uk
2. The Council continues to receive complaints about the parking on the footpath on the corner and road towards Stockton Road from the Stapylton Arms. This often causes buggies and wheelchairs to have to use the road. Residents are asked to be aware of these problems and park with due consideration.
3. There have been problems with wheelie bin lids being blown open by the wind. Residents are asked to ensure their bins are not overfilled and lids closed.
4. The Council has been approached about cutting back the hedging at High West Lane. Before taking any further action on this the council would welcome the views of the local residents. Let us know by e mail / letter.
5. The Council has now purchased dog poo bags following the request made at the Annual Parish Meeting.. They are available , free of charge, from the community centre—on a trial period of three months.
6. The play area has now been strimmed and tidied up and is looking great! It is the venue, together with the Community Centre, for our Big Lunch on June 7th.

BIG LUNCH : Sunday 7th June : Midday

Bring your picnic to the Play Area or Community Centre We'll have a Bouncy Castle, 'Crazy Kev' , refreshements available in the Community Centre and the Open Garden Walk during the afternoon.

If you would like to take part in any of the planned events or have suggestions future community events and or activities in the community centre then please fill in the form and either post / e mail the Parish Clerk, drop through one of the Cllrs doors or drop in- to the box provided in the Community Centre by Sunday 31st May.

Name	Tel.
Address	E mail address
I wish to open my garden 1pm—3pm : Sunday 7th June	Yes / No
Take part in the Sunflower competition	Yes / No
Register to receive information from the Hawthorn Round Up (an e mail address is essential)	Yes / No
Suggestions of future community events	
Suggestions of activities eg Indoor Bowling, table tennis in the Community Centre	