



# HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

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## Welcome to our Spring 2022 Newsletter

Now that covid restrictions have been lifted, your Parish Council has returned to holding our meetings in the Community Centre. The year began with the first by-election - that anyone can remember - in our village and we welcome Mr. Gary Thompson to the Parish Council and hope he enjoys his time with us.

I would also like to congratulate Mr. Ian Smith who was nominated by several residents to receive the Norman Hughes Award. Ian is well known in the village for all the help, work and time he gives to our local community. The Award will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on March 21st.

Following the success of our Big T last year we are repeating with a similar event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. We are currently working with the Community Centre Association to organise a number of activities for everyone on Friday June 3rd. These will include entertainment between 2pm and 4pm on the village green. So, bring your picnic and join us - and fingers crossed the weather will be good!

In addition we are hoping to plant a celebration tree to mark this important event.

And finally....our Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday March 21st. All are welcome to come along and we look forward to seeing you.

Cllr. Diane Hughes (Chairman)



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You are invited to attend our  
Jubilee Celebrations

Friday 3rd June  
Village Green

Various activities are being  
organised - including  
entertainment on the Green  
2pm - 4pm.

Bring your own picnic!

### Annual Parish Meeting

Monday March 21st  
7pm

Community Centre

Your opportunity to hear what  
your Council is doing for you  
in Hawthorn.

### Annual Spring Clean

Sunday 3rd April :10.30 am at  
Community Centre

More details in next Round Up

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## We welcome Mr. Gary Thompson to the Parish Council.

Gary said "I moved into the village with my family & dogs in 2021, because Hawthorn and it's beautiful surroundings are fantastic for walks. I am keen to embrace village life, to contribute and support the parish council, other organisations and residents."

### DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Durham County

Election of a Parish Councillor for

Hawthorn  
on Thursday 13 January 2022

I, James Etherington, being the Deputy Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes
HUBBICK, Eric	Retired Investment Consultant Sixteen Years Resident	15
THOMPSON, Gary Neil		15

\*Elected the voter marked appears against the number of votes

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A. want of an official mark	0
B. voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C. writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D. being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	0
E. rejected in part	0
Total	0

Vacant Seats: 1 Electorate: 412 Ballot Papers Issued: 111 Turnout: 26.9%

And I do hereby declare that Gary Neil Thompson is duly elected.

## The Norman Hughes Award

Congratulations to Ian Smith who has been awarded the Norman Hughes Award for 2022. Ian was nominated by several local residents and as one said "Ian has assisted many residents in the village and is very diligent and helpful in all he does. He can always be relied on and his friendly nature is an asset."

The Award will be presented by the Chairman at the Annual Parish Meeting.

(The Norman Hughes Award is given annually and recognises those who have made a significant contribution to the village.)

## Jottings from the Parish Council

1. The precept for 2022 / 2023 is £8,516 and Council Tax for Band D will be £42.50 which represents a 3.6% increase on 2021 / 2022/ The increase is due primarily the cost of the recent by-election.
2. The Annual Report is presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on March 21st - it is also available on the website at [www.hawthornparish.co.uk](http://www.hawthornparish.co.uk). It includes the draft unaudited accounts for 2021/ 2022.
3. The new solar powered noticeboards have now been installed. These are courtesy of the successful £8,600 grant.
4. The Parish Council continue to work with DCC to look at the issues around the speed limit on Stockton Road.
5. Keep up to date with everything that is happening by registering for the monthly electronic newsletter, the Hawthorn Community Round Up by emailing [clerk@hawthornparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@hawthornparish.co.uk). All information is available on the council's website at [www.hawthornparish.co.uk](http://www.hawthornparish.co.uk)

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