# HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

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# Welcome to our Autumn 2017 Newsletter

First of all thank you to all who took part in / helped with the Big Lunch, Open Garden Walk, Flowerpot Festival and Photographic Exhibition in June. All proved to be very successful and photographs are now on our website at www.hawthornparish.co.uk.



Our next event is the sunflower competition and judging will be Saturday 2nd September. It's not too late to enter by e mailing (<a href="lessley.swinbank@hawthornparish.co.uk">lesley.swinbank@hawthornparish.co.uk</a>) or contacting a Councillor. In addition we have arranged a second opportunity for training on how to use the defibrillator which is on the outside wall of the Community Centre. This is on Monday 25th September and everyone is invited to come along and find out how to use this valuable piece of equipment - it can save lives.

Remember you can receive all our news from Hawthorn and the local community on a monthly basis by registering for our Hawthorn Round—UP electronic newsletter by e mailing the Parish Clerk.

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman of the Parish Council)

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Sunflower Competition

Judging is Saturday ( morning) 2nd September It's not too late to enter -

contact Lesley Swinbank

or a Councillor. (Details as over)

Community Bulb Planting

Saturday 14th Oct 10 am

Community Centre

Come and help!



### Community Events

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Sunday	Save the Parkit
Saturday 2nd Dec	Visit Santa: Switch on Christmas Lights	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Judging Snowmen	

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Defibrillator Training Monday
25th Sept

6.30 pm - 8pm

**Community Centre** 

All welcome

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#### **Jottings from the Council**

#### 1. Dog Poo Bags

The Parish Council has agreed to provide free Dog Poo Bags for the next year. These are available from the Community Centre when the centre is open.

#### 2. Litter-pick

The Parish Council would like to thank all who took part in the recent Hawthorn Litterpick. We hope to repeat this again in 2018.

#### 3. Hawthorn Dene Open Walk

Following the success of the walk earlier in the year and led by Chris Jones of the Durham Wildlife Trust, the parish council is organising a similar walk in 2018

# Trail Run: Sunday 20th August

The first run was so well received in 2016 that it is now back; bigger and better in 2017!

This year 300 runners are taking part and the organisers have been working with the Community Centre, parish council, the landowners of National Trust, Durham Wildlife Trust and local residents to bring the event to the calendar and to ensure it runs smoothly and is successful once again.

Full details can be found at <a href="http://www.trailoutlaws.com/branches-and-bays-schedule.php">http://www.trailoutlaws.com/branches-and-bays-schedule.php</a>

#### Overhanging bushes & trees

Concerns have been expressed about bushes and shrubs overhanging the public footpaths. Some have caused some minor injuries to small children and others scratched and damaged cars. Please make sure your bushes and shrubs are cut back and not causing any obstructions.

#### 'Community Plant' Project

The Council is looking to apply for a grant from Awards For All to provide a community greenhouse, self watering tubs together with shrubs / plants and mixed bulbs and also new seats and benches. For the application to be successful we need to know your thoughts and ideas on the overall project and where you would like to see new planting and benches. Please e mail Lesley Swinbank (as below), visit the website at <a href="https://www.hawthornparish.co.uk">www.hawthornparish.co.uk</a> or drop a note to one of the Councillors.

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