



HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

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Welcome to the Winter 2022 Newsletter.



We are now approaching Christmas after what has been a strange year. The Queens Platinum Celebrations in June in the village were very successful and enjoyed by all, but then followed by the very sombre passing of the Queen and the very different actions to remember Her Majesty. Can I thank personally all who took part in both.

We now look forward to celebrating King Charles' Coronation next May.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas event on Saturday 3rd December. Santa will be attending in the afternoon, followed by switching on the Christmas tree lights and carols around the tree. We hope to see you there.

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and very best wishes for 2023.

Cllr. Diane Hughes (Chair)

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You are invited to attend our Christmas Celebrations

Saturday December 3rd
Community Centre

3.30 - 4.30 pm

Santa in the Community Centre

with a present for the children
(Coffee / tea and mince pies)

4.45 pm

Carols around the Tree
with Pittington Brass Band &
Switching On the Lights.

(This is a free event provided by HPC)

Walking the Parish Footpaths

This is a new event for 2023. Watch out for details!

(* No right of way can be lost / diverted without public consultation.)

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Jottings from the Parish Council

1. The Parish Council is currently :-

- Looking to provide new swings and netball post in the play area
- Arranging a community event to celebrate the Coronation in May 2023
- Starting the process for the 2023 / 2024 precept and council tax
- Continuing to press for progress with implementing the new signage on the B1432

2. The Parish Council is busy arranging community events for 2023. This will include Coronation celebrations in May. Watch out for details on the noticeboards or 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. All information is available on the council's website at www.hawthornparish.co.uk

*** In addition concerns are being expressed about young people continuing to climb over the fencing in the play area into the adjacent field. Horses are grazing in the field which also has an electric fence.*

Not only is the fence being damaged but horses can kick out and injure people whilst the electric fence can give a nasty shock. The Parish Council would ask that all residents make their children aware of these dangers.

It should be noted that the repairs to the fence can only be financed through an increase in the Council Tax.

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The Norman Hughes Award

The Parish Council would like to invite nominations for this Award.

The aim of the Award is to publicly recognise the work and commitment of local residents who have made a significant contribution to their local community.

If you know someone who has made a significant contribution to the village then why not nominate them using the nomination paper as included with this newsletter. the closing date is January 31st.

The Award will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in March.

Hawthorn Parish Council)

Norman Hughes Award

Nomination form

1. Nomination forms will be invited in December of each year and should be completed and either handed or emailed to a Councillor or the Parish Clerk.
2. Forms are available in hard copy in the newsletter, via email from the clerk and online from the Parish Council website.
3. Anyone resident in the Hawthorn and over the age of 18 is eligible for nomination.
4. Parish Councillors and Parish Council employees are not eligible for nomination.
5. The closing date for entries is January 31st each year.
6. The name of the winner will be decided by the Parish Council and the award presented by the Chairman of the Parish Council at the Annual Parish Meeting in March.
7. The name of the winner will be recorded on the 'Roll of Winners' as a permanent and public record of the award.
8. All the nominees will be presented with a Norman Hughes Award certificate.
9. Nomination forms can be downloaded and printed from www.hawthornparish.co.uk

Thank you for taking the time to make a nomination but before you begin, please fill in your details.

Your name:.....

Your address:.....

Your phone number:.....

Your email address:.....

Nominee details (the person nominated must be over 18yrs of age):

Name:.....

Address:.....

**Phone /
number:.....**

Email address:.....

How do you know of this person?

Please describe, in no more than 200 words, the contribution to the community made by this person, including the nature of their contribution, how long this has been for, and who has benefited.

Once complete please give this form to a Cllr or e mail to clerk@hawthornparish.co.uk or post to the Parish Clerk.

Closing date for nominations: 31st January