

# HUNCOTE VILLAGE NEWS

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### New Play Equipment for Huncote

After four years of design and consultation with residents at various events and at parish council meetings, the new play equipment which the Parish Council has installed on the park is a great success, getting lots of use by the young people of the village.

The Parish Council has invested over £100,000 in the new equipment to bring in the pieces such as the 6.0m climbing net, the multi-station activity unit, as well as disabled accessible pieces such as the basket swing, seesaw, elephant rocker, nattertube, surf rider, climbing frames and roundabouts.

We are now looking at installing fencing along the edge of Critchlow Road beside the play area to improve children's safety and we would hope this will protect the planting of new trees and hedge plants, as the 200 hedge plants which were planted after the play area was finished were all trampled and pulled out.

### Elections 2015 — The Results

Following the Elections on Thursday 7th May 2015, we know the Prime Minister, as David Cameron, surprised many with a Conservative majority Government. While in our area, Alberto Castrenze Costa MP (CON) has been newly elected as our representative in Parliament.

At District Council level, Cllr Maggie Wright (CON) has been re-elected in the only seat for Normanton ward of Blaby District Council.

The Parish Council itself was uncontested with 7 out of 8 existing Councillors re-standing; Cllr Alec Knight, Cllr Barbara Kilby, Cllr Anne Grundy, Cllr Christine Meadows, Cllr Steve Crane, Cllr Cliff Brown and Cllr Jill Cheesman will continue to represent the people of Huncote, leaving one vacancy to be co-opted.

If you require more information about the Parish Council visit the '[About Your Council](#)' page of our website, if you would like to know more about being co-opted to fill our vacancy for Councillor view our '[Become a Councillor](#)' pages, which contain lots of information about what is involved and the 'Powers' we have.

To read all the latest details regarding the local election position, please visit [www.blaby.gov.uk/about-the-council/voting-elections/elections-may-2015/](http://www.blaby.gov.uk/about-the-council/voting-elections/elections-may-2015/) for all the latest details and the results.

### Lion Roars for Rainbows 2015

Live Music and Family Fun Day on 30th August 2015, 1pm onwards. Under 11's Fancy Dress Competition, Stalls, BBQ and more. All in aid of Rainbows and in memory of Stephen McMullan. Please come along to The Red Lion in Huncote and give your support for these worthwhile causes.

### How to Contact Your Local Councillors

Should you have an issue to raise or a question about something going on in your community that you would like answers to, please don't hesitate to contact the Clerk or one of your local Councillors for help, support and advice.

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Cllr BARBARA KILBY - (0116) 286 5214;

Cllr ANNE GRUNDY - (0116) 284 8054 or [grundys1@sky.com](mailto:grundys1@sky.com);

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Cllr MAGGIE WRIGHT (District Councillor) - (01455) 888 306 or [cldr.m.wright@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.m.wright@blaby.gov.uk)

Cllr ERNIE WHITE (County Councillor) - (01455) 272 136 or [ewhite@leics.gov.uk](mailto:ewhite@leics.gov.uk)

Contact the CLERK (STUART BACON) on (01455) 844 539, 07875 291 366 or [huncotepc@hotmail.com](mailto:huncotepc@hotmail.com)

Find us on the web at <http://huncote.leicestershireparishcouncils.org>

Would you like to know more about what is happening locally?

Have you been keeping up to date with the Parish Council and what's happening in the village on Facebook/ Twitter? Why not look us up and 'Like' or 'Follow' us to be kept up to date with the latest news and information from the Parish Council and links to other helpful, informative and important information from our partners.



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## Chairman's Report for Huncote Parish Council — May 2014 - April 2015

This year seems to have passed extremely quickly although I am sure it must be the same length of time!

All the Parish Councillors as always have my thanks for all for their continued support and expertise. I would like to give a big thank you to our Parish Council Clerk, Stuart Bacon for his continuing proactive commitment in helping the Council to achieve its goals, especially with regard to the recreation ground re-development. Bruce Smith, Dave Strange with the assistance from Keith Baum are the parish council handyman and do a great job between them.

I would like to welcome all new residents to the village and hope they will soon feel part of the community.

We have again managed to be successful in persuading Blaby District Council planning committee to reject the development of 60 houses at the top of Denman Lane. This was mainly due to the pressure applied by the Parish Council and residents of the village expressing their views against this development although it must be said it could still go to a further appeal.

You will have seen that the Jelson development on Narborough Road is progressing and that some properties have already been occupied. You may have noticed that the streets are all named after people who have greatly contributed to our village. There are a total of 75 houses planned for this development. It will be interesting to see whether this development has any effect on improving our bus services and health services for the area.

The Fosse Village Development Plan is still progressing. Elmesthorpe Parish Council has withdrawn its support therefore the group has to re-evaluate the plan with the remaining 10 parish councils / meetings. This has required a monumental effort for the remaining group to achieve and realise its aims.

The Parish Council has received the results of the village housing needs survey that took place earlier this year. This has raised some points that the new Parish Council will be considering and looking for comments from parishioners and all concerned.

The success this year has been the re-development of our recreation ground which has been in the planning stages for a long while. It was enabled by grants from various organisations, money that the Parish Council had saved towards the park development and use of the s.106 funds which developers have to contribute to the community as part of their planning agreements. I am sure you will all agree that the park is now an exciting and interesting feature for the village. A great deal of work and community consultation went into making it successful. The Parish Council with the help of Stuart Bacon spent many hours looking at the consultation and deciding on the best equipment that was preferred by the children. An official opening is planned to celebrate the completion of the park.

We again this year we were very successful in our Christmas lights around the village. The Christmas tree on The Green, the trees on The Green and the Christmas tree on the commemorative area opposite St James Church looked very festive. Thanks also go to Leicestershire County Council for enabling us to connect the lights to their electricity supply.

I am pleased to say that Huncote remains a safe and relatively crime free village with only minor incidents occurring. Our young people should be congratulated for their behaviour around the village. The ongoing problem remains to be dog fouling; despite there being numerous dog bins placed around the village dog owners are still failing to clear up after their dogs. Please clean up after your dog as the faeces are a health hazard to our children.

You cannot fail to have noticed that the traffic through the village has increased which I am sure is linked to the increasing housing developments in the Stoney Stanton area. At peak times the traffic along both Narborough Road and Forest Road seems endless. The parish Council has asked for a Pedestrian Crossing but we do not meet the criteria required: I believe there has to be a fatality before it is considered dangerous which is extremely frustrating to myself and villagers alike. We have asked the Police to monitor the traffic throughout the whole village with regard to speed, weight restriction and access. They have to witness a road traffic offence to prosecute.

The various liaison groups are still working hard to represent the village interests regarding the quarry works. This year it is hoped that the nature walk around the new embankment will have bridges installed over the brooks enabling a circular walk to Croft to be completed. I am sure those of you familiar with this will be very pleased as this has been a long time in the planning. It helps having patience as a councillor!

Again, I would like to thank District Councillor, Maggie Wright for her stalwart work in keeping us up to date on Blaby District Council decisions and County Councillor Mr Ernie White for his input from Leicestershire County Council. I would also like to congratulate Maggie on her re-election as our District Councillor.

This year has sadly been one of which we have lost several well known characters from the village. Their contribution to village life will be missed and our thoughts go out to their friends and family.

I have enjoyed the last year and feel that we are all working together in making Huncote a great place to live. It has been a honour to serve as Chairman and I hope we can all continue to enhance village life to the full.

Alec Knight  
Chair to Huncote Parish Council