

HUNCOTE VILLAGE NEWS

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New speed camera trails begin in the county

Speeding is a concern regularly raised by communities. In order to tackle this issue Leicestershire County Council are introducing a £500,000 pilot average speed camera programme in seven locations across the county.

These sites include four villages and three key main and rural routes for which concerns around speeding and safety have been raised.

The chosen areas are:

- ◆ The villages of Sharnford, Woodhouse Eaves, Measham and Walcote, which have long-standing community concerns over speeding.
- ◆ The B676 Melton to its county boundary with Lincolnshire, which has a higher accident rate than the national average for the type of road.
- ◆ The A6 Harborough Road at Oadby.
- ◆ The A50 Field Head to its boundary with the City of Leicester.

The scheme will use average speed enforcement cameras, which will detect vehicles and calculate their average speed by measuring the time taken to travel between fixed points.

The aims of the introducing these new cameras are to:

- ◆ Improve road safety and reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road collisions
- ◆ Positively influence driver behaviour and improve compliance with speed limits
- ◆ Provide a safer environment for everyone who uses the roads and improving the health and wellbeing of communities

The pilot scheme will start in autumn 2017. After 12 months of trialling the use of this new digital technology within Leicestershire it will be decided if the initiative will be rolled out to more communities.

Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland) communication - Tackling Fraud

Banks and other financial service providers work hard to protect their customers – in the UK in 2015, their advanced systems stopped 70% of attempted fraud from actually happening. However, for the 30% of cases that did happen, it cost the nation £755 million.

Many people may already know the dos and don'ts of financial fraud - that no-one should ever ask them for their PIN or full password, or ever make them feel pressured into making a decision. The trouble is, in the heat of the moment, it's easy to forget this. After all, trusting people on their word is something everyone tends to do instinctively. If someone says they're from your bank or from the police, why wouldn't you believe them?

If you would like to know more about how to spot fraudulent activity and how to prevent yourself from being scammed, the Rural Community Council are planning a variety of talks and events which you could attend in the next 6 months. For more details contact Sue Renton, Rural Community Council (Leics & Rutland) – 0116 266 2905

Emergency flood advice

Unfortunately during the summer of 2016 the county experienced a number of severe flooding events. The county council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for the area has a role in providing information and advice on what residents should do and who to contact if faced with a potential flood incident.

In a life threatening emergency situation, dial 999, otherwise call 101.

It is vital to put people before property, and to co-operate with the emergency services if they tell you to evacuate your home and be prepared to act quickly to get yourself to safety.

It is important to remember flood water is dangerous and you should avoid walking or driving through it and you should wash your hands thoroughly if you touch it. Do not try to unblock drains yourself.

The police co-ordinate the emergency services during a major flood and help with evacuation of people from their homes where necessary.

During a flood, or for advice about flooding, who do I contact?

There is a shared responsibility between agencies for managing flood risks.

District councils – May provide sandbags and assistance with housing or emergency rest centre, and are also key partners in planning local flood risk management.

Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland Prepared (LLR Prepared) (llrprepared@leics.gov.uk Tel: 0116 305 6101) – Provide advice on planning for floods, and can provide advice to anyone affected by flooding.

The Environment Agency (Floodline: 0845 988 1188) - Manages flooding risk from main rivers, reservoirs, estuaries and the sea, as well as being a coastal erosion risk management authority.

Water and Sewerage Companies (Severn Trent Water tel: 0800 783 4444 / Anglian Water tel: 0800 771 881) - are responsible for managing the risks of flooding from water and foul or combined sewer systems.

Highway authorities (within the geographic area of Leicestershire, Tel: 0116 305 0001 email: highwayscustomerservices@leics.gov.uk) - are responsible for providing and managing highway drainage.

Who resolves known flooding problems?

Depending on what has caused the flood one or a number of the above agencies may be involved. However, the county council, in its role as lead local flood authority can provide advice. If you are unsure about any matters relating to flooding, then please contact the LLFA on 0116 305 0001 or by email at flooding@leics.gov.uk.

Depending on the scale and impact of the flooding, the LLFA may investigate the cause and recommend possible solutions. The county council, as LLFA, welcomes any information that might assist investigations into the cause of flooding incidents.

Upcoming Parish Council Meetings

Following the usual summer break for August, the next meetings of Huncote Parish Council are due to be held on Thursday 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December and 4th January beginning at 7.00 pm in St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road. Any additional meetings which are called will be advertised in the usual way—via the parish council's website and on the parish notice boards.

All residents are invited to attend Parish Council meetings, with up to 15 minutes set aside at the beginning of each meeting for you to air your views about local issues/services and meet with the District and County Councillors for the area.

It's a good time to check your heating oil tank before winter sets in....



Drinking water supply Well full
of heating oil

...as the consequences of leaks can be costly to you and devastating to groundwater...

For further information and advice please contact the Midlands Geoscience team at the Environment Agency on:
GWCLwest@environment-agency.gov.uk

Annual Canvass underway

Residents are being asked to check that details on the *Household Enquiry Form* soon to be delivered across the District of Blaby are correct.

The Electoral Registration Officer is required to carry out an annual check of who should be registered to vote. Every home will be receiving a form asking residents to ensure that the information on the electoral register for the address is up to date.

Forms will be delivered to homes from Friday 11 August. Residents who have recently changed address are urged to look out for the form to check whether they are registered. Being on the Electoral Register is important not just for voting and keeping the register up to date, but may also affect a person's ability to access credit facilities.

The quickest and easiest way to confirm details are correct or to make changes is to visit www.householdresponse.com/blaby, using the security codes printed on the letter. If all details are correct residents can also call **0800 197 9871** or text **80212** to confirm.

Anyone who is new to the property or who has turned 16 should also register to vote at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

For more information contact the Electoral Services Team at electoral@blaby.gov.uk or 0116 272 7560 during office hours.

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. We're here to represent you.

Cllr ALEC KNIGHT (Chairman) - (0116) 284 1285 or alecjanet@aol.com;

Cllr STEVE CRANE (Vice Chair) - (0116) 286 4525 or stevecrane93@hotmail.com;

Cllr CHRISTINE MEADOWS - (0116) 286 4718 or christinemeadows@intamail.com;

Cllr CLIFF BROWN - (0116) 286 5052 or brown.cliff@sky.com;

Cllr JILL CHEESMAN - (0116) 319 3991 or jccheesman@gmail.com;

Cllr FAY PITTAM - (0116) 286 4186 or f.pittam@btinternet.com

Cllr ROY BAILEY - (0116) 286 6773

1x PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY - HAVE YOU LIVED WITHIN 3 MILES OF THE CENTRE OF HUNCOTE FOR OVER 12 MONTHS? ARE YOU AGED OVER 18 AND WANT TO HELP BETTER YOUR COMMUNITY? WHY NOT BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR? PLEASE CONTACT EXISTING PARISH COUNCILLORS OR VISIT THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF WHAT'S INVOLVED AND HOW TO APPLY —

www.huncote-pc.gov.uk/become-a-councillor.html

Cllr MAGGIE WRIGHT (District Councillor) - (01455) 888 306 or cllr.m.wright@blaby.gov.uk

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

Contact the CLERK (STUART BACON) on (01455) 844 539, 07875 291 366 or clerk@huncote-pc.gov.uk. Find us on the web at www.huncote-pc.gov.uk.

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 Twitter or Facebook? Why not look us up and 'Like' / 'Follow' us to be kept up to date with the latest news and info from the Parish Council and links to other helpful, informative and important news from our partners.



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