

HUNCOTE VILLAGE NEWS

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Crime Prevention Advice from PCSO Mike Walker

Marking your property is a positive way to fight crime. It can act as a deterrent, allowing you to prove ownership and helping you to identify your property more easily if it is found. Marking your property also provides the police a way to identify stolen goods and return them to their owners. It also makes it less valuable to a criminal as it is more difficult to sell on or dispose of.

Various ways to mark your property

Invisible markers

- UV pens
- Specialised forensic kits such as SmartWater, SelectaDNA, Red Web etc.

Visible markers

- Permanent marker pens
- Waterproof paint
- Stencils
- Engraving
- Branding
- Specialised overt marking kits such as Cremark



You can put any kind of mark on your property to distinguish it as yours. It is recommended that your postcode is used, prefixed with the number of your address, i.e. 23 LE1 1QA. A postcode is unique to your property and allows the goods to be identified and returned to you. However, just putting a name or a symbol on the property makes it identifiable, but does not provide details of who the property belongs to. Keep hold of receipts and paperwork relating to serial numbers.

If you decide to sell on your item or dispose of it, remember to add two 'X' marks before and after your postcode e.g. X 23 LE1 1QA X. This indicates that the property is no longer yours. Advertising that your property has been security marked is a good way of deterring thieves. It is also a good idea keep photographs and descriptions of valuable items so that they can be positively identified should they get stolen. Photos that feature identification marks are particularly useful.

Huncote WI Seeking Additional Members

Huncote WI meetings take place at 7:30 pm on the second Friday in the month at St James' Church Rooms. We enjoy a varied range of guest speakers and from time to time we also meet for lunch or visit the theatre and other places of interest.

Visitors to our meetings would be warmly welcomed and anyone who is interested in joining us may attend for two free visits before payment of the annual subscription.

For more details see the list of upcoming events or please contact (President) Karen Smith - 0116 284 1185 or (Secretary) Kay Oliver - 0116 286 3007.

New Urgent Care Service Planned

Enderby Leisure Centre is to host a new urgent care service. The new centre will see services provided for patients at times when GP practices are closed - on weekday evenings from 6.30pm - 9.00pm and on Bank holidays from 9.00am to 7pm. Patients will be able to walk-in to access healthcare and appointments will be offered to those calling NHS 111, if their symptoms require it.

Calling all Young Carers aged 16-24 Join the NHS England Young Carer Health Champion programme in July 2019!



The Programme

The Young Carers Health Champion programme was established in 2015 to support improved health literacy, promote health and wellbeing and develop the capacity of young carers to participate in planning and development of young carer friendly services. It aims to support service change through young carer voices.

The 12-month programme is made up of young carers (aged between 16 – 24) from across the country. You will experience self-development, be part of healthcare initiatives that aim to improve young carer identification and support and develop an action plan with outcomes that further support young carer friendly services.

Why join the Programme?

If you are a young/young adult carer who wants to make a difference and contribute your experience and ideas, then this programme is for you. Health Champions that complete the programme can become a Mentor for the next cohort of Health Champions, your personal development and opportunity to be part of national work to improve the support and identification of young carers can continue.

How to join & what does the Programme involve?

We are recruiting now for the July 2019 programme. The 12-month programme consists of; three residential weekends which must be attended with a Support Worker from your Young Carer Organisation, regular virtual contact as a group through our closed Facebook group and opportunities to participate and contribute to healthcare events and workshops. If you are keen to be considered for this programme email Paula Cruise now with your name, age and Young Carer Organisation Support Worker contact details to Paula.Cruise@nhs.net or call Paula on 07800 171820 if you have any questions. Closing date for applications is 7th June 2019. Confirmation of acceptance on the programme will be sent the following week.

Dates you need to know:

During the 12 months programme we meet for three residential weekends. The dates are:
Friday 26th – Sunday 28th July 2019 Friday 25th – Sunday 27th October 2019
Friday 17th April – Sunday 19th April 2020

Notes for Young Carer Organisations

To support fair geographical representation, we can welcome a maximum of four young/young adult carers from the same Organisation at any one time.

The first and third weekends are held at activity centres, the second weekend is held in an hotel in a city centre. All venues will be confirmed asap.

A Support Worker(s) must accompany the young carers(s) that are taking part on the Programme residential weekends and where appropriate other opportunities that require travel for example; NHS England workshops and events.

We do require the support workers to be responsible for and available to their young carers throughout the weekends particularly between 10pm – 8am and we encourage them to get involved in all activities.

The programme is funded to support all necessary travel requirements to enable full participation on the programme for the young carers and support workers. The programme can also support a £150 contribution per support worker per residential.

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Upcoming Events/Activities in Huncote

Did you know about the below events? Why not give some of them a go if you've never been before.

March

Sat 30th - Coffee morning, St James Church rooms, 10:00am-12noon (proceeds to Church Funds and The Children's Society)

April

Mon 1st - Lunch Club, Huncote Methodist Church, Lunch from 12:30pm, £4 each

Sat 6th - Breakfast Club, Huncote Methodist Church, 9:00-11:00am, £4 each, no need to book

Fri 12th - "Life in the swinging sixties", Huncote WI, St James Church rooms, 7:30pm

Mon 15th - Lunch Club, Huncote Methodist Church, Lunch from 12:30pm, £4 each

May

Sat 4th - Breakfast Club, Huncote Methodist Church, 9:00-11:00am, £4 each, no need to book

Fri 10th - "Reflections in Rhyme", Huncote WI, St James Church rooms, 7:30pm

Mon 13th - Lunch Club, Huncote Methodist Church, Lunch from 12:30pm, £4 each

Thurs 16th - Plant Sale & Coffee Evening, St James Church rooms, 6:00-8:00pm

Sat 20th - Easter Coffee & Hot Cross Buns, St James Church rooms, 10:00am-12:00 noon

June

Sat 1st - Breakfast Club, Huncote Methodist Church, 9:00-11:00am, £4 each, no need to book

Mon 3rd - Lunch Club, Huncote Methodist Church, Lunch from 12:30pm, £4 each

Fri 14th - "A portrait of Mrs Gaskell", Huncote WI, St James Church rooms, 7:30pm

Mon 17th - Lunch Club, Huncote Methodist Church, Lunch from 12:30pm, £4 each

Saturday 22nd - Strawberry Teas, St James Church rooms, 3:00-5:00pm

July

Fri 12th - "Gorillas and tree climbing lions", Huncote WI, St James Church rooms, 7:30pm

Huncote Community Library

Have you visited Huncote Library recently? As well as the mobile library the library service at the rear of the Methodist Church Hall is open, so why don't you pop in on:

Monday 2-5pm, Wednesday 4-6pm, Friday 2-5pm and Saturday 10am-1pm



Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

As the amount of plastic waste being sent to landfill continues to grow and have a devastating impact on wildlife, both on land and at sea, we would like to challenge as many people in Huncote as possible to cut down on the amount of plastic they use, looking instead for loose, not packaged vegetables at the supermarket, using a reusable drinks bottle rather than buying a plastic bottle from the shop each time, taking extra bags with you to use again, and trying to separate as much of



your rubbish as possible to ensure that as much as possible can go to be recycled rather than going to landfill.

Upcoming Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting of Huncote Parish Council is due to be held on Thursday 5th April, beginning at 7.00 pm in St James the Greater Church Hall, Narborough Road. For future meeting details please see parish council notice boards or our website calendar for details.

All residents are invited to attend Parish Council meetings and listen to what is being discussed, with a period of 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. Should you not be able to attend a meeting, please contact a councillor (details on next page) and discuss your issue directly with them.

Parish/District Council Elections - Thursday 2nd May 2019

Every four years you as the local electorate are asked to vote for who will represent you at the Parish and District Council levels.

The last such election was held in May 2015 when only the District Councillor seat was contested representing Huncote in the Normanton ward, and was retained by Cllr Mrs Maggie Wright. As there were only seven candidates for the eight parish council seats, all candidates were elected uncontested.

Parish Councillors in Huncote are elected/co-opted to the council to represent the interests and expectations of all parishioners who live and work within the Huncote parish boundary.

Parish Councillors have three main components to their role:

- ♦ **Decision Making** – Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
- ♦ **Monitoring** – Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
- ♦ **Getting involved locally** - as local representatives, Councillors have responsibilities towards their parishioners and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the Councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:
 - Going to meetings of local organisations
 - Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community
 - Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public
 - Running a surgery for residents to bring up issues



If you would like to learn more about Parish Council's, what is involved as a parish councillor or if you wish to become a parish councillor and help support Huncote and drive the community forward, then please speak to any of the existing Councillors or contact the Clerk and they will be happy to speak with you and give you more information.

Alternatively, more information can be found in the [About Your Council](#) section of our website.

More information is available on the 2nd May 2019 elections by visiting www.blaby.gov.uk/about-the-council/voting-elections/elections-may-2019/.

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.

Cllr ALEC KNIGHT (Chairman) - (0116) 284 1285 or a.knight.hpc@gmail.com;

Cllr CLIFF BROWN - (0116) 286 5052 or cbrown.hpc@gmail.com;

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

Cllr FAY PITTAM - (0116) 286 4186 or fpittam.hpc@gmail.com;

Cllr ROY BAILEY - (0116) 286 6773 or rbailey.hpc@gmail.com.

8x PARISH COUNCILLOR SEATS TOTAL - See existing Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk or the '[Become a Councillor](#)' page on our website for details of what's involved and how to apply.

Anyone interested can stand at the election, you just need to be eligible and apply between 22nd March and 4pm on 3rd April 2019. For more information see article above on elections.

Cllr MAGGIE WRIGHT (County Councillor) - 07815 450 031 or maggie.wright@leics.gov.uk;

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

Contact the PARISH 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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