

# HERALD

Covering Hatfield, Hatfield Woodhouse, Dunsville,  
Dunscroft and Lindholme

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Welcome to our new style newsletter, we hope you like it. We are very interested in what is going on in your community so if you have anything you'd like to promote please get in touch with Anne Hammond on 01302 845413. Wow! Look what's been invested in your area in partnership with DMBC, Hatfield Town Council and Section 106 monies (funds provided by developers).

**£270,000**  
Invested In YOU



HATFIELD WATER PARK



JUBILEE PARK



GRANGE RECREATION



YORK ROAD



STATION ROAD

# A LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF HATFIELD WARD

## HATFIELD

The name Hatfield - or Hethefeld - means "a track of open cultivated land". The first documentary reference to settlement is that provided by the Domesday Survey of 1086. At the time of this great survey, Hatfield, together with the nearby places of

Stainforth, Bramwith, Fishlake, Thorne and Tudworth, formed part of the large estate of William de Warenne of Conisbrough Castle. Hatfield was described as follows - "in HEDFELD (there are) 12 sokemen with 6 ploughs. A church (is) there, and a priest. Pasturable woodland 6 furlongs in length and 6 in breadth." Tudworth had 7 sokemen (freemen), 7 villeins (service men) and 3 ploughs. It paid 20,000 eels to the lord annually.

From William the Conqueror's days onwards for at least 500 years, Hatfield was a forest of some 70,000 acres and a Royal forest in the 14th century. In 1607, there is a record that Hatfield was affected by the Plague and by huge floods.

In 1627 Thomas Wormeley left 40 acres of land in Kirkhouse Green. John Hatfield also gave land and raised money

to erect a "free Grammar School" in 1682. In the 17th century, the land around Hatfield was divided into three open fields. During the 18th century they were sub-divided and became five in number, known as West Field, Far of Firth Field, New Mill Field, Old Mill Field and Adam or Haddam Field. In 1794 Hatfield, Thorne and Fishlake petitioned Parliament for the fields to be enclosed. The Act was eventually passed in 1811

In 1837 Hatfield had an Independent Chapel and a Primitive Methodist Chapel, the latter newly built in 1835.



## LINDHOLME FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME

The Lindholme estate covers 120 acres which were previously an island in the middle of peat lands made up of a glacial moraine deposited at the end of the last ice age. On Lindholme Island two geological sections have been exposed, both of which provide rare evidence of the limits of the last glaciation in Eastern England. It is anticipated that the sections will be the basis for further discreet scientific research.

There is archaeological evidence of human presence on Lindholme Island dating back thousands of years. In the spring of 2010, a Geologist who was carrying out some research on the land, found a knapped flint which has been dated at approximately 1600 years old. In addition, a local amateur historian discovered a 5,000 year old wooden track way to the north of the island. One of only four such track ways have been found in Europe.



The Lindholme Hall Estate in the centre of the Hatfield Moor Nature Reserve is made up of grassland, heathland and woodland, including ancient oak and Scots pine believed to originate from colonies dating back to the ice age. The island is very beautiful, inspiring and peaceful, with a medieval character.

On the international scale, the moor habitat is as rare as the Amazonian rain forest and considered a very precious part of our national heritage. Hatfield Moor, previously milled for garden peat, is now the largest reclamation project in Europe.

There is evidence to suggest Lindholme Island was the location of a chapel in ancient times. Records also indicate that in the 15th century the island was used as a hermitage.

Lindholme was known during Saxon times, and was the centre of a religious community. A hermit, William de Lindholme, lived a lonely existence in a desolate region which took its name from this man. One local story is that when he knew his life was coming to an end, he dug his own grave and buried himself by knocking away a support from under a large stone which sealed his last resting place. His ghost is said to inhabit the moors!! His grave was discovered near the present Lindholme Hall in 1727. The quietness and solitude is certain proof that the area has altered little since the time of William de Lindholme. It is reputed that Billy de Lindholme's ghost has been seen by local residents.

## DUNSVILLE - THE BEGINNING

Probably the first mention of a dwelling in what we know today as Dunsville was Park Lane House or Park Lane Hall (now known as Wyndthorpe Hall) which was built in the eighteenth century. Also built in the eighteenth century was Park Lane Cottage (the whitewashed house), one of the first buildings on the left when entering Dunsville from Doncaster. This was built as accommodation for the servants from Park Lane Hall and was later occupied by agricultural workers from Park Lane Farm, located just behind it.

Edward Cowhurst Dunn and his wife Emily Dunn were the driving force in the forming of Dunsville. The Dunn's took advantage of the government scheme known as "Homes for

Heroes" and began to turn their seventeen acres of farm land over to building houses under the scheme. (This scheme gave grants to build houses to let at cheap rents.) The Dunsville Estate continued to grow and by the 1930's, a total of 200 houses and 37 bungalows had been built on what became known as the Dunsville Estate. Over the last 80 years Dunsville has continued to grow with approximately 880 dwellings and a the population of 2,358.



## DUNSCROFT

Up to the 1920's Dunscroft was solely an agricultural area. The 1851 census showed only 11 households with a population of 42.

One of the farms was the Grange or Abbey Farm (120 acres) occupied by Francis Wharton. There was another small farm of 48 Acres tenanted by John Newsome and the remainder of the houses were occupied by farm labourers. Between Dunscroft and Park Lane was an area named The Parks consisting of four farms occupied by Samuel Martin (120Acres) Thomas Outwin (117 acres), Thomas Dawson (245 acres) and George Outwin (241 acres).

Most of this land was eventually owned by the Parks Estates Company from whom it was purchased in 1921/1924 by the Hatfield Main Coal Company (the colliery opened in 1916) in order to build houses for their expanding workforce. Building commenced in 1922 and was not completed until 1930.

Broadway is one mile and a third long and has 420 houses and was built to connect the colliery with the major A18 trunk road. Further housing was added in later years. Dunscroft now has a population of 6,541 in 3,027 homes.

The Welfare Ground was added in 1947 from donations of colliery workers and a new modern round Church of interesting design is at the junction of Abbey Road and Sheep Dip Lane. Dunscroft is now a vibrant community.



Broadway

## WATCH OUT FOR HATFIELD WOODHOUSE IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

## SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM (SNT)

SNTs were introduced in 2002 to provide a dedicated policing service in the heart of local communities. East Doncaster has 3 SNT teams that consist of a Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and Doncaster Council Community Safety Wardens (CSW). Your local SNT is based at Stainforth Police Station and covers Stainforth, Fishlake, Dunscroft, Dunsville, Hatfield, Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme.

Each team provides a visible, accessible and familiar service to your neighbourhood, working closely with partner agencies and the local community to tackle identified low level crime and disorder concerns.

Our aim is to make your neighbourhood a place where you feel safe. The Hatfield team consist of PC Barrowliffe, PCSO Hauton and PCSO Gilliland. You can contact us to discuss any issues you may have on the 101 number, or we invite you to come along to our monthly PACT meeting which is an open public forum to air your views on policing matters within your community.



Darren and Peter

# HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Report by Mayor John Brown on the Town Council's activities for year ended 31 March 2012

I am happy to report on a number of activities undertaken by the Town Council during my year of office. Firstly, the Town Council is happy to announce that it has appointed Anne Hammond as its Community Development Worker (see page 7).

## RECREATION

New equipment has been installed on Station Road Recreation Ground, Grange Avenue Recreation Ground, York Road Recreation Ground and on Jubilee Park and are already being very well used. Plans are also in progress to improve security at Station Road Recreation Ground where the problem of the illegal grazing of horses continues.



*Former Mayor John Brown welcomes the new Mayor, Councillor Ken Knight*

There is a continuing problem with vandalism, fly tipping and dog fouling on all recreation grounds but the Town Council together with Doncaster MBC are working hard to try and improve the situation.

Jubilee Park continues to be well used by the Football Teams and the Skate Park remains popular. A new roadway into Jubilee Park from Cuckoo Lane has been constructed which has improved the access.

The Abbey Field Allotment Association has been set up with the help of the Town Council and the allotments are all let.

## COMMUNITY ISSUES

After a lot of hard work by the Hatfield Parish Plan Group. The Parish Plan for Hatfield has now been completed with a copy circulated to all residents. The Town Council supported the Village Plan process and has taken account of the concerns raised by residents.

Grants totalling nearly £13,000 were approved and distributed to various organisations in the area. Many functions were attended where grants from the

Town Council were presented Hatfield Band continues to be sponsored by the Town Council.

## PRECEPT

The 2012/2013 precept has been set at £168,800. This will mean a modest increase on last year for Band A properties of only 1.53 per year and a Band D property of £2.05.

## OTHER NEWS

The Town Council, once again, agreed to the use of the Council Chambers as a Polling Station for the election in May.

The Twinning Association has furthered links with Merksplas, our twin town in Belgium. Meetings have been held to discuss the forthcoming visit to Merksplas by students from Ash Hill Academy. The proposed 'Celebration of Youth' event, when young people from Merksplas will be visiting Hatfield in June 2012.

The Town Council congratulated Jamie McDonnell, a local resident, who this year out-pointed Stuart Hall to retain his Commonwealth and European Boxing titles and add Hall's Lonsdale belt to his collection. Well done Jamie!

An application has been made to the Woodland Trust for 420 commemorative trees, which will be planted in the Town Council area. It has been proposed that a community event is held to plant the trees.

Metal thefts have proved to be a huge problem in the last year. Most notably lead from St Lawrence Church roof. The Police inform us that steps have been taken to deal with the problem.

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## KEN KNIGHT, NEW HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MAYOR

It gave me great pleasure to be elected as the Mayor of Hatfield Town Council on Monday 14 May 2012. I will represent all the people of all our villages that make up the Town Council area of Duncroft, Dunsville, Hatfield, Hatfield Woodhouse & Lindholme.

My first engagement as Town Mayor was to present a cheque for £2,000.00 to Harry McLaughlin, Chair of Hatfield Band. The Band represents our Town and its residents in National competitions and Twinning events with Merksplas.

I was especially pleased that they played at my civic service at St Lawrence Church on 27 May 2012.



I will keep the people of all areas of our Town informed of all my engagements over the coming months. Thank you for your continued support. Watch out for my report in the Autumn Newsletter. Ken Knight.

HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012  
(Subject to Audit)

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
Precept	158,800
Grant re Play Equipment (Grange Recreation Ground)	10,940
Hatfield Cemetery (Burial fees)	28,021
Sports Pavilion (lettings)	1,453
Other Income	<u>1,594</u>
	<u>200,808</u>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Council Offices/Admin Expenses (including salaries)	68,360
Hatfield Cemetery/Cemetery House - running costs	33,818
Recreation Grounds/Sports Pavilion - running costs	45,424
Play Equipment - Grange Recreation Ground	20,000
Jubilee Park - roadway repairs	11,717
Vehicles and Equipment	4,415
Section 137 and miscellaneous grants	12,840
Other	<u>6,028</u>
	<u>202,602</u>

HATFIELD TOWN  
COUNCIL GRANTS

If you are a not for profit local organisation (not individuals) wishing to apply for a grant, forms are available from the Town Council Offices or by ringing **01302 840347**.

Please note – where applicable copies of paid invoices will be required to validate the expenditure.

Only one application per year per organisation will be paid and should be received at the Council Offices no later than Monday 24 September and will be considered at the Policy and Resources Committee on 1 October 2012.

HATFIELD CAMERA CLUB

7.00 pm to 9.00 pm every Wednesday

At Ash Hill Academy

If you are interested in learning to take spectacular pictures like this, why not come along to our friendly group, no experience required. You don't even have to own a camera! We have weekly themes, mini workshops, competitions and field trips all for £1 a week to cover your refreshments.

For more information contact Brian Jackson on **01302 841199**.



Red Headed Cardinal Beetle

HATFIELD AND MERKSPLAS TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Hatfield and Merksplas Twinning Association was set up by Hatfield Town Council through its links with Corporal Harper VC, a local Hatfield man, who was killed in Merksplas in the Second World War. There have been a number of exchange visits including students from Ash Hill Academy in April this year. Two fund-raising events are being planned to which you are all welcome. All proceeds to the Twinning Association.

RACE NIGHT AT HATFIELD WOODHOUSE  
VILLAGE HALL



**7.30 pm on Saturday 15 September 2012**

**£5.00 to include a Pea n Pie Supper**

For more information contact John Brown  
on 01302 840496

CAR BOOT SALE  
**Cherry Tree Farm, Hatfield Woodhouse**



**£5 Per Car**

Date in **AUGUST** to be confirmed

Date to be promoted on  
Trax FM, Thorne Radio  
and Doncaster Free Press

## HATFIELD MOORS: A JEWEL IN THE CROWN



The Moors are remnants of wetland that occupied the floodplain of the Humberhead Levels thousands of years ago and is one of the largest areas of raised bog wilderness in lowland Britain.

The site is a Special Area of Conservation for its habitat and is an internationally important breeding site for the nocturnal, insect-feeding nightjar, known locally as the gabbler. Watch out for the Raft Spider! There is a sizable population of adders on the Moors, best sighted at the start of the warmer Spring weather which tempts them out from their winter slumber. There are also grass snakes and common lizards.



*Gabbler*

The site is at its very best in early Summer when the cotton grasses are in flower and again in late Summer when the heath land is ablaze with stunning pink heathers.

There is a Wellington bomber crash site not far from the car park, which crashed coming home to Lindholme airfield after a sortie by the Polish crew in 1942. A wreath is laid every year on Remembrance Day.



*Raft Spider*

Hatfield Moors offers excellent visiting opportunities with a large free car park, picnic areas viewing platforms and bird hides. Leaflets are usually available on site at main access points along with interpretation and maps of the extensive way-marked walks available for new visitors. There is a easy access trail and toilet facilities.

The Reserve holds a number of guided walks and family events throughout the year and details can be found on the Natural England website under *Getting Involved* [www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk). There is an **FREE OPEN DAY AND SPONSORED WALK EVENT** for the CLIC Sargent Charity on **1 July 2012** from 10 am to 4 pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Boston Park car park on the Lindholme Blaxton Road, indicated by the brown information sign. The guided walks set off at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm. For more information contact Janet Canning on 07766 420290 or e-mail [janet.canning@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:janet.canning@naturalengland.org.uk)

### OLYMPIC TORCH IN HATFIELD

**Tuesday 26 June 2012**

The torch will enter Dunstable at **1.20 pm** on foot at the 40 mph sign on Thorne Road just before Westminster Drive.



It will leave Hatfield at the junction of old Thorne Road at **1.56 pm** going back into the torch vehicles to continue its journey.

You can follow the route on the Internet and find out who the Torch Bearer in our area will be.

#### **FAMILY PICNIC**

Everyone is welcome to come together on Jubilee Fields for a family picnic. Bring your own food and join together as a community.

### ABBEY FIELD ALLOTMENTS



The Allotments are in full use with lots of plants and vegetables growing. All the allotment holders are very enthusiastic and industrious and are hoping for a bumper crop.

Watch our for more information in the next edition.



### GOMDE, LINDHOLME HALL - for Peats Sake!

Karma, the law of cause and effect, teaches us all that our actions will have a corresponding result now and in the future. Caring for and protecting the environment is therefore wholly in tune with Buddha's teaching.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join our sponsored walk to save 30 acres of 'England's rainforest' for future generations. Our goal is for someone to be walking around the grounds of Gomde, Lindholme Hall at all times from 6pm on Friday 6 July to 6 pm on Saturday 7 July 2012.

If you'd like to get involved then please ring 01302 842503 or go to our website at [www.gomde.org.uk](http://www.gomde.org.uk)

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA?

## NEW DEVELOPMENT WORKER FOR HATFIELD



*Hi, my name is Anne Hammond and I'm the new Community Development Worker for Hatfield. I am employed by Hatfield Town Council and based at the Council Offices on Cuckoo Lane. My role is to support groups in Hatfield, Hatfield Woodhouse, Duncroft, Dunsville and Lindholme to reach their potential. If you'd like to discuss your project then give me a ring on 01302 845413 or email [annehammondhtc@gmail.com](mailto:annehammondhtc@gmail.com) and I will try my best to help you. If funding is an issue to your group, or if you need help with your policies and procedures, then look at the Meet the Funder Event below and book a place. There are limited slots but don't worry if you can't make it on the day as all the visiting organisations are happy for you to contact them directly at a time that is more convenient to you. I look forward to meeting you.*

## Meet the Funder Event

*Are you a not-for-profit Voluntary/Community Group?*

*Do you need a grant to support your activities?*

*Do you need help with any of your documents?*

*Are you thinking of setting up a new group?*

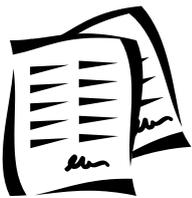
If you answered **YES** to any these questions, pick up the phone and book a slot with

ANNE HAMMOND on 01302 845413

12 noon to 6 pm on THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2012

HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE , CUCKOO LANE

*Come along and meet:*



FUNDERS: Ben from WREN,  
Karen from South Yorkshire Community Foundation  
Paul from Sported plus CRT



SUPPORT AGENCIES: Peter and Nila from South Yorkshire  
Funding Advice Bureau, Shahida from Together for Regeneration  
and Tom from Doncaster CVS

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA?

## QUEEN'S JUBILEE MEDAL AWARDED TO LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

Two of Hatfield and Dunscroft's Volunteer Community First Responders have been awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for their services to the community.

The medals will be presented to them by the Vice Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire on Saturday 23 June 2012 at Doncaster Racecourse.



Roger (on the left) and Terry volunteered almost 9 years ago to be trained in life saving defibrillation and are qualified to insert

airways to assist breathing. They receive regular training twice a year.

If you think you could train as a First Responder please contact Terry Gibbs on 01302 849809 or Roger Lowrey on 01302 843145.

## DOG FOULING IN HATFIELD

Residents in Hatfield are being encouraged to take personal responsibility for their dogs by picking up after their dogs. Dog fouling on footpaths, grass verges and in parks has been highlighted as an issue by the local community.

Doncaster Council's Enforcement Officers and the East Area Officers are patrolling seven days a week from early in the morning into the evening and through the night. The authority takes strong action against all forms of environmental crime and issues fixed penalty notices to owners who fail to pick up after their faithful friends.

Local residents are being asked to contact Doncaster Council's centre on **01302 736000** to report all types of environmental crime including dog fouling, litter, fly tipping and graffiti.



Picture of Aimee Langdon blinded by dog mess. Courtesy of Wigan Today.

## YOUR COUNCIL

J Bloor, 29 High Street, Dunsville, Doncaster DN7 4BS Tel: 883410  
J Brown, Cherry Tree Farm, Stonehill, Hatfield Woodhouse, DN7 6NJ Tel: 840496  
E Durdy, South View Stud, New Millfield Road, Hatfield, DN7 6LR Tel: 844085  
D Fiennes-Gregory, Savile House, Westfield Road, Hatfield, DN7 6PZ Tel: 07843 725608  
T Gibbs, The Rustics, Cemetery Road, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6LX Tel: 849809  
M D Glynn, 78 Doncaster Road, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6AT Tel: 884565  
Mrs I Harrison, 1 Norman Road, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6AF Tel: 845530  
J Hart, 40 Amanda Drive, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6SQ Tel: 845910  
B Jackson, 6 Kings Close, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6QY Tel: 841199  
K Knight, 238 Broadway, Dunscroft, Doncaster DN7 4HT Tel: 840810  
Mrs P Knight, 238 Broadway, Dunscroft, Doncaster DN7 4HT Tel: 840810  
Mrs P Panks, 127 High Street, Dunsville, Doncaster DN7 4BT Tel: 890081  
Mrs R Sheppard, 25 Norman Drive, Hadfield, Doncaster DN7 6AQ Tel: 842793  
W Temperton-Ball, 18 Wellington Road, Lindholme, DN7 6DD Tel: 07521 774618

## HMP HATFIELD

HMP Hatfield is an open prison where prisoners are supporting a number of local charitable and community organisations. Volunteering helps prisoners work towards their release by gaining real life experiences that will help them gain employment on release.

If you are a not for profit organisation and would like to discuss volunteering opportunities contact Philippa Harding on 01302 523007 or email [Philippa.harding@hmpr.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Philippa.harding@hmpr.gsi.gov.uk)

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2012

Town Council meetings normally start at 7.00 pm  
Town Council Monday 11 June 2012  
Town Council Monday 9 July 2012  
August Recess  
Town Council Monday 10 September 2012  
Burial & Recreation Committee Monday 17 September 2012  
Policy & Resources Committee Monday 1 October 2012  
Town Council Monday 8 October 2012  
Remembrance Committee Tuesday 16 October 2012  
Town Council Monday 10 December 2012

## COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES 2012

10 am to 11 am on the:

Saturday 9 June  
Saturday 7 July  
August – no surgery  
Saturday 8 September  
Saturday 6 October  
Saturday 10 November  
Saturday 8 December

## QUARRY PARK

Hatfield Town Council would like to reassure concerned residents that Doncaster MBC have stated that there will be no housing development on Quarry Park and there has never been any such plans to do so.

Hatfield Town Council hope you find this edition of our newsletter useful. If you have any comments on the newsletter, please send them to the Council Offices, Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield or Tel: 01302 840347 or 01302 845413 or email [annehammondhtc@gmail.com](mailto:annehammondhtc@gmail.com). The Council Offices are open Tuesdays and Wednesday.

LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT EDITION IN THE AUTUMN