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THE WOODLAND TRUST TREE PLANTING CHALLENGE

Hatfield Mayor, Councillor Terry Gibbs plants the first of 840 trees to be planted in the Hatfield Town Council area.



Also pictured are Anthony Briggs (Hatfield Town Council Grounds Assistant), Jenny Sadowski and Rob Green (DMBC East Area Officers. Officers).

The trees have been supplied free of charge by the Woodland Trust to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Jubilee Woods project aims to create hundreds of Jubilee Woods and 60 special Diamond Woods, transforming the landscape in a generation and providing a lasting, meaningful tribute for many years to come.

The plan is to plant an Oak Tree in each of the villages in the Hatfield Town Council area. As well as the Duncroft Miners Welfare, sites are earmarked on Abbey Fields and Hatfield Woodhouse Recreation Ground with a diamond shaped wood being planted on Jubilee Park.

170 trees have been planted in Hatfield Cemetery including an Oak, Beech and Hazel trees. A Hawthorne hedge has also been planted. Rowan trees have been planted in the Peace Garden with 40 trees being planted on Broadway Field and 31 on the boundary of Sheep Dip Lane field.



GREAT HONOUR FOR VICAR OF HATFIELD

The Vicar of Hatfield, Reverend Paul Wilson, has been asked by the Bishop of Sheffield, Steven Croft, to become an Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral. Reverend Paul has been Vicar of Hatfield for 11 years and is also the Area Dean of the Snaith and Hatfield Deanery.



The new roles will be many and varied. The Service of Installation took place at Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday 21st Oct at 6:30 pm. Reverend Paul said; "I was truly both shocked and humbled when I received the letter from Bishop Steven. It really is a wonderful honour."

HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL RESIGNATIONS

The Town Mayor, Councillor Ken Knight, Councillor Pat Knight and Councillor Rita Sheppard have resigned as members of Hatfield Town Council. Councillor Pat Knight continues to serve as a Hatfield Ward member on Doncaster MBC.

The Returning Officer has been informed and it is not yet known whether the vacancies will be filled by election or co-option.

The new Town Mayor to replace Councillor Knight is Councillor Terry Gibbs. He will hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in May 2013.

CELEBRATING YOUR COMMUNITY HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL'S FIRST INTERACTIVE HEALTH EVENT

On Friday 2 November 2012, Hatfield Town Council put on it's first Interactive Health Event.

The aim of the day was to give local residents in Dunscroft, Dunsville, Hatfield, Hatfield Woodhouse and Lindholme the chance to talk to local service providers in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

The event was a huge success with 25 agencies setting up interactive stands and over 80 local residents attending. All of whom enjoyed the day and wanted to know when the next event would be.

Local people aged between 40 and 74 had the opportunity to visit the Test Your Health stand to have a free cholesterol test, have their blood pressure taken and their BMI worked out. They were then advised on small lifestyle changes that could make all the difference to their health.

Other stands included Cancer Champions, Dental Hygienist, Doncaster Carers, Doncaster Link where you could have YOUR say on local health service

provision, DMBC Fuel Efficiency, East Area Officers and Well-being Officer, Age UK, More Life Eat Well, East Doncaster Development Trust, Doncaster 50+, Doncaster College, Safer Roads Partnership, Doncaster CVS, NHS Sexual Health Team and Remap.



To encourage people to get active or get involved local residents had the chance to chat with members of Doncaster Ramblers and Hatfield Camera Club.

There was also the chance to join in the demonstrations from the Spirit of Freedom Boxing Club, a local Qigong group and Seated and Standing aerobics.

There was hot home made soup prepared by volunteers from the Probation Service.

You could also indulge in the healthier option of low fat gourmet hot dog sausages and burgers with the Croft Children's Centre offering healthy fruit smoothies.

The event took place at Dunscroft OAP Centre where volunteers kindly provided teas and coffees throughout the day.

A great success was the chance to sit on a police motorcycle with simulator, climb into a Fire Engine and 'drive' a Subaru Car with simulator.

Pictured is Hatfield Town Council Mayor Terry Gibbs presenting Anna Kerrigan with £20 worth of vouchers donated by the Co-op on Station Road as the prize for filling a in wellbeing questionnaire. Well done Anna!

If you would like to attend another Interactive Health Event or if you have any ideas to improve local people's health, please contact Anne Hammond 01302 845413.

MEET THE FUNDER EVENT

**12 noon to 6 pm on Thursday 31 January 2013
Hatfield Town Council Offices, Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield**



Hatfield Town Council's first successful 'Dragon's Den' type Meet the Funder Event took place in June 2012. A representative from three local funders and four local support agencies sat round the table and listened avidly to each group who explained who they were and what help they needed to grow and flourish in the community.

Several groups went on to put in successful grant applications to a variety of funders. Other groups gained support with their policies and procedures, their financial structures, business plans, marketing strategies and the like.

So, if you are a not for profit voluntary group or if you are thinking of setting up a new group and you need support this is the event for you.

If you are interested in attending, you must book your half hour slot so please ring Anne Hammond on 01302 845413 to book your appointment. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

AN HONOUR FOR HATFIELD TOWN CLERK

The Town Council would like to offer its congratulations to its Town Clerk, Duncan Wright, who has been selected as the National President Elect to the Society of Local Council Clerks, the professional body which represents all the clerks in England and Wales. Duncan will take up his office in October 2013.

2 VACANT FOOTBALL PITCHES

Are you a football team that's looking for somewhere to play on a Sunday?

Hatfield Town Council have 2 vacant pitches available on Jubilee Park off Cuckoo Lane in Hatfield. The cost is £27 per match which includes the use of the pavilion changing rooms and shower facility.

If you are interested in renting a pitch please contact Duncan Wright on 01302 840347.



HATFIELD VILLAGE WATCH

Be aware for only a tenner!

Hatfield Village Watch has set up a unique system for the whole of Hatfield Village and nearby villages. By signing up for just **£10** per year, that's less than 20p per week, you can get an alert to your phone or mobile phone about issues that affect the safety of your community.

For example when two children went missing an alert was sent out and a search was instigated within minutes. If the police are aware of, for example, a burglary or a stolen car the information is disseminated directly to your phone. Access to a computer is helpful but not necessary.

If you are interested in joining the Village Watch Scheme you can join online through www.hatfieldvillagewatch.org.uk or contact Dafydd Jones on **01302 841527** or leave your address at Hatfield Library for collection by a Watch Member.



THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE NEW LOCALISM ACT

The new Localism Act contains a number of features which may impact upon the work of the Town Council. These include the following:

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS. The Town Council is considering preparing a Neighbourhood Plan once the Village Plans for Dunscroft and Hatfield Woodhouse/Lindholme have been completed. The Neighbourhood Plan would then have to be adopted by local residents by means of a Referendum. The Neighbourhood Plan would have to be taken seriously by Doncaster MBC when they consider future proposals for the area.

COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID. This requires Doncaster Council to maintain a list of assets of community value so that if they come up for sale, community groups must be given time to develop a bid if they wish to purchase a building.

COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUILD. This allows the local community to bring forward development proposals with support from a local Referendum which would go ahead without requiring a traditional Planning Application.

COMMUNITY RIGHT TO CHALLENGE. This gives local councils and community groups the right to express an interest in taking over the running of a Local Authority service. The Town Council is considering this at the present time.

GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE. The Town Council meets the criteria for the Power and it will significantly extend its powers. This perhaps is the most important part of the new Act.

Whilst the new Localism Act abolished the Standards Board, a new Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Town Council.

CROFT CHILDREN'S CENTRE OPEN DAY

Monday 18 February 2013 10 am to 12 noon

Croft Children's Centre offers free groups and activities for children aged 0 to 5 years of age all year round. In the school holidays even brothers and sisters are welcome. If you'd like to find out more about the Children's Centre, have a look round, have a chat with the staff and enjoy lots of fun activities such as face painting, arts and crafts and mask making, then please pop in to see us on Sheep Dip Lane, Dunscroft DN7 4AU. We are looking forward to meeting you.



FUNDING SUCCESS FOR SPIRIT OF FREEDOM PROJECT

If you thought the Spirit of Freedom Project was just about boxing then you would be wrong. The project also has a fantastic pitch at the back of the building that is currently used by Doncaster Rugby League for their practice sessions.

The Spirit of Freedom Project were keen to set up a Junior Rugby Football Team for young people aged 7 and under. The problem was there were no rugby posts and equipment to enable this to happen.



They put in a successful funding application to **Coalfields Regeneration Trust** and have been granted the full **£4,995**. The funding will also enable them to offer Rugby Coaching training to three volunteers to ensure the project is run to the highest of standards. So, if you are a boy

or a girl aged 7 and under and want to join the new Junior Rugby Club please get in touch. You don't need to have had any previous experience, it is open to all irrespective of your ability. For more information contact Martin Rowlands, the Community Rugby League Coach for Doncaster RLFC on **07506 647 573** or email: community@doncasterrlfc.co.uk.

WARRENNE (Dunscroft Youth Project)

Since the Autumn edition of the Herald there has been great news for the youth in Dunscroft. 10 local people have put themselves forward to be on the Management Committee of the Warrenne Youth Project.

They have adopted a constitution, are opening a bank account and have voted in the officers. This is where they need **YOUR** help. To support funding applications they need your input. If you are aged between 8 and 16 years of age they need your views on what activities you would like the committee to organise for you.

If you go to Dunsville, Crookesbroom or Sheep Dip Lane Primary Schools watch out for the questionnaire. If you don't but would like to have your say please contact Yvonne Roulston on warrenneyc@gmail.com

DEBT CAN CAUSE MISERY AND HARDSHIP



The lead up to Christmas can be very stressful, particularly if your household budget cannot cope with all the extra expenditure needs that the festive season can bring. Individuals and families can be tempted by offers of taking out loans and additional credit from so called 'payday loan' companies and home lenders or using credit and store cards to make purchases without having to pay straightaway. Spending too much

over Christmas seems pretty normal, but for some families excess spending results in debts that can quickly spiral out of control. Beware the offers from payday loan companies – their interest charges and fees for missed payments can quickly turn a loan of hundreds into a debt of thousands. In January when the bills start coming in, the harsh reality of spending too much hits home. If you have problem with debts, contact Doncaster CAB's advice helpline on **01302-735225/6**, Tuesday and Friday mornings or drop into our premises at **The Guildhall Advice Centre** on Monday and Thursday mornings. You can also contact the Thorne Office's Debt Line on 01405 741457 or email: advicecabthorne@fsmail.net.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS 2013

Town Council meetings normally start at 7.00 pm.

Monday 14 January 2013
Monday 11 February 2013
Monday 11 March 2013

COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY 2013

10 am to 11 am
Saturday 12 January 2013
Saturday 9 February 2013
Saturday 9 March 2013

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