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Twinned with Merksplas, Belgium



TOWN COUNCIL PRECEPT 2012/13

The Town Council, at a recent meeting, agreed to levy a precept of £168800 for the financial year 2012/13. We have a modest increase on last year, which is equivalent to £1.53 per year for Band A council tax payers and 2.05p per year for Band D council tax payers. The Town Council has included, in its budget, provision for the appointment of a full-time Community Development Worker whose role will include assisting local community organisations with projects such as fund-raising. The Town Council has for some time been concerned about security at Station Road Recreation Ground, Dunscroft and a sum of money has now been included to improve the situation. The Town Council has supported the Hatfield Village Plan process and has taken account of some of the concerns raised by residents.

ABBEY PLAYING FIELD— ALLOTMENTS

The development of Abbey Playing Field is almost complete and the allotments should be ready to be occupied soon. Residents interested in going on to the waiting list for an allotment, should contact Mary Fagan, Chair of the Abbey Playing Field Allotment Association on 01302 843814 email sewfagan@googlemail.com



Councillor Mrs Pat Knight (centre) and members of the Abbey Field Allotment Committee "start digging".

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT JUBILEE PARK, HATFIELD, STATION ROAD REC GROUND AND YORK ROAD REC GROUND, DUNSCROFT

Work is almost complete on Station Road Recreation Ground and has started on York Road Recreation Ground to provide new play equipment. It is hoped that the work on Jubilee Park will follow shortly.

HATFIELD BAND VISIT MERKSPLAS

Hatfield Band recently visited Merksplas, our twin town in Belgium. They gave a series of concerts but the highlight was performing on Remembrance Sunday at the memorial to Corporal Harper VC, who died close to the spot whilst liberating the town during World War II. The visit was also attended by members of the Twinning Committee and they held a meeting with their counterparts 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 and the 'Special Olympics' to be held in Merksplas in August 2012, for young people with learning difficulties. Darren Burke, from Doncaster Free Press was in attendance and you may have read the two articles he wrote in that newspaper.

DOG FOULING

The Town Council takes the problem of dogs fouling pavements and recreation grounds very seriously. Responsible dog owners do not allow their dogs to foul public places. Ideally, dogs should be trained from an early age to "go at home" in their own garden before or after a walk, rather than during. Any suitable plastic bag can be used to "scoop your dogs poop" or special pool-scoop bags can be purchased from pet shops, veterinary surgeries or stores. Dispose of faeces in a poop-scoop bin or take the bag home. If this is not possible, as a last resort, double wrap the faeces in two plastic bags and dispose of in a litter bin.

Failing to remove dog fouling immediately is a **criminal offence**. Any person caught committing this offence in the Hatfield area will receive a **£50 Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)**, which could lead to a fine of up to £1000 in the Magistrates' Court, if the notice is unpaid. **Persistent offenders** will not be given the option of a £50 FPN as the Council will pursue a prosecution in court for such behaviour. *Please note, there are exemptions for guide dogs and those people with mobility problems that do not allow them to be able to remove their dog's faeces.* To report dog fouling please contact Doncaster MBC on 01302 736000

Doncaster MBC are offering training to deal with dog fouling. After training people should have a basic knowledge of the legislation and the points that would need to be proved to act as professional witnesses on behalf of Doncaster Council so that they can take action against offenders. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Town Council for further details.

OLYMPIC TORCH ROUTE

As you may already know by now, the Olympic Torch will be passing through Hatfield and Dunscroft on 26 June 2012 on its journey round Britain. A meeting was held on 29 February 2012 with local businesses/organisations to try to co-ordinate events. Look out for further details.

DIAL 101

On 4 November 2011 **101** became the new number to contact South Yorkshire Police for non-emergency incidents and general enquiries, replacing **0114 2202020**. Thousands of calls have been made to the new number since its introduction. Calls cost a flat rate of 15p whether from a landline or mobile phone.

APOLOGY

The Town Council would like to apologise for the non-delivery of the winter edition of the newsletter. This was due to problems with the company employed to deliver them.

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A FRIDGE OR FREEZER HOW TO DO IT THE 'CORRECT' WAY

Doncaster MBC will collect fridges and freezers **free of charge** and arrange for their safe disposal. Please make sure that they do not contain food or drink whilst they are awaiting collection. To arrange a collection contact **Customer Services on 01302 736000 or email customer.services@doncaster.gov.uk**. Alternatively residents can take fridges and freezers to any one of the six Household Recycling Centres throughout the borough.

Balby, Springwell Lane DN4 9AH) Open 7 days a week
Hatfield, Bootham Lane DN7 4JT) 1 April—30 Sep
Rossington, Bankwood Lane DN11 0PS) 9.30a.m.—7 p.m.
Carcroft, Bentley Moor Lane DN6 7BD) 1 Oct—31 March
Conisborough, Crookhill Road DN12 2AE) 9.30 a.m.—5 p.m.

Armthorpe, Armthorpe Road DN2 5QB—Open 8.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. all year round.

All sites are closed 25th and 26th December and 1st January

WOULD YOUR ORGANISATION BENEFIT FROM A TOWN COUNCIL GRANT

Grants totalling £5400 were recently allocated to the following organisations: 46th Hatfield Guides, 1st Dunsville Girl's Brigade, Hatfield Woodhouse Mother & Toddler Group, Hatfield Local & Natural History Group, Broadwater Drive Community Club, Hatfield Woodhouse Amateur Gardening Society, Hatfield Woodhouse WMC Angling Section, North East Doncaster CAB, East Doncaster Development Trust, Hatfield Main FC, Hatfield & Merksplas Twinning Association, Dunscoft OAP & Community Centre, Hatfield Old People's Centre and Dunsville Community Centre. If your organisation would like to apply for a grant please contact the Town Council. (See below)

HATFIELD WARD—COUNCILLOR ADVICE SURGERIES

Councillor Mrs Pat Knight is holding advice surgeries on the first Wednesday of each month at Hatfield Town Council Offices, Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please ring for an appointment prior to the surgery on 01302 840810 or mobile 07810 636361.

HATFIELD & STAINFORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

PACT meetings are held once a month, giving the public a chance to attend and help set the priorities. They are held alternately at Polton Toft Community Centre, Stainforth and the EDDT Offices in Dunscoft. Members of the public can give their views on what the Police priorities should be. The next meeting is on Wednesday 4 April 2012, commencing at 6 p.m. at Polton Toft Community Centre, Stainforth. For further information click on to the SY Police website and use the link for the Neighbourhood Teams or ring 0 1 3 0 2 3 8 5 1 5 3 or email donstainfsnt@southyorks.pnn.police.uk

DROP IN SESSIONS

Drop In Sessions are held in the Town Council Offices, Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield, with East Area Officers, Doncaster MBC Neighbourhoods on the first Wednesday of every month, between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. If you have any issues you wish to discuss with them they will be happy to see you.

YOUR COUNCIL

J Bloor, 29 High Street, Dunsville, Doncaster DN7 4BS—883410
J Brown, Cherry Tree Farm, Stonehill, Hatfield Woodhouse, Doncaster DN7 6NJ—840496
E Durdy, South View Stud, New Millfield Road, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6LR - 844085
D Fiennes-Gregory, Savile House, Westfield Road, Hatfield DN7 6PZ—07843 725608
T Gibbs, The Rustics, Cemetery Road, Hatfield DN7 6LX— 849809
M D Glynn, 78 Doncaster Road Hatfield DN7 6AT—884565
Mrs I Harrison, 11 Norman Road, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6AF— 845530
J Hart, 40 Amanda Drive, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6SQ—845910
B Jackson, 6 Kings Close, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6QY—841199
K Knight, 238 Broadway, Dunscoft DN7 4HT—840810
Mrs P Knight, 238 Broadway, Dunscoft DN7 4HT—840810
Mrs P Panks, 127 High Street, Dunsville, Doncaster DN7 4BT—890081
Mrs R Sheppard, 25 Norman Drive, Hatfield DN7 6AQ—842793
W Temperton-Ball, 18 Wellington Road, Lindholme, Doncaster DN7 6DD—07521 774618

COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

2012
10 a.m.—11 a.m.

Saturday 14 January
Saturday 11 February
Saturday 10 March
Saturday 14 April
Saturday 12 May
Saturday 9 June
Saturday 7 July
August—no surgery
Saturday 8 September
Saturday 6 October
Saturday 10 November
Saturday 8 December

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2012

Town Council meetings normally start at 7 p.m.

Policy & Resources Committee	Monday 9 January 2012	Town Council	Monday 9 July 2012
Town Council	Monday 16 January 2012	August Recess	
Town Council	Monday 12 March 2012	Town Council	Monday 10 September 2012
Policy & Resources Committee	Monday 2 April 2012	Burial & Recreation Committee	Monday 17 September 2012
Town Council	Monday 16 April 2012	Policy & Resources Committee	Monday 1 October 2012
Annual Towns Meeting (Ash Hill Academy)	Monday 23 April 2012	Town Council	Monday 8 October 2012
Annual Meeting of the Town Council	Monday 14 May 2012	Remembrance Committee	Tuesday 16 October 2012
Burial & Recreation Committee (site visits)	Monday 21 May 2012	Town Council	Monday 12 November 2012
Burial & Recreation Committee	Tuesday 22 May 2012	Town Council	Monday 10 December 2012
Town Council	Monday 11 June 2012		

GRANT APPLICATIONS—ANY NON-PROFIT MAKING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS (not individuals) WISHING TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT MAY DO SO. GRANT APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNCIL OFFICES OR BY TELEPHONING 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 19 March 2012 and will be considered at the Policy & Resources Committee on 2 April 2012).

Hatfield Town Council hope you find this edition of its newsletter useful. If you have any comments on the newsletter, please send them to the Council Offices, Cuckoo Lane, Hatfield tel. 01302 840347. Email: duncan@hatfieldtc.wanadoo.co.uk. The Council Offices are only open Tuesdays/Wednesdays. LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT EDITION.