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Working hard to improve our Environment on your behalf.

Hunsbury Meadows Parish Council invites you to get involved with a number of important projects. Involvement is voluntary and rewarding so don't hesitate, contact us today on:

Email to: hmpc13@gmail.com

Dear Residents

Your Parish Council is once again extremely proud to use this newsletter to communicate the excellent progress that your Parish Councillors are making in so many ways to improve the environment in which we all live for the benefit of the majority of residents, residents who have decided to raise their children, retire and put down their roots here at Hunsbury Meadows.

To date your council has been and continues to be involved and influential in a good number of parish related projects and you will find more information on many of these listed within this newsletter.

The Parish Council is currently made up of just six hard working Councillors as we have regrettably lost two councillors due to a home relocation and another to work related issues. We are looking for two replacement volunteers who feel passionate about where we live, who can commit a little personal time and who want to help make a difference at Hunsbury Meadows. We also are looking for a volunteer with the right I.T skills to assist with website management and perhaps a dog walker interested in becoming our Highways Warden to report on issues with our roads, potholes, kerb issues etc. (training is provided). If you can help make Hunsbury Meadows a better place or would like to know more please do not hesitate to contact me or any one of your Parish Councillors. (See noticeboards for Councillor contact details).

Finally we hold Parish Meetings usually on the first Wednesday of each month at Parsons Meade Hall at Hunsbury Hill and all residents are invited to attend and have a say on issues important to you. Please make every effort to attend, as your contributions are vital if you would like your voice to be heard. Come on Residents of Hunsbury Meadows, you know it makes sense.

Make some noise.....Be heard.

We look forward to meeting more of you in the coming months

Steve Jelley: Chairman Hunsbury Meadows Parish Council



Send us your email address today

Parish Website.
Currently under development but
now available at [www.Hunsbury
Meadows.co.uk](http://www.HunsburyMeadows.co.uk)

**We are looking for computer literate residents
who can help to manage and update the
website.**

Can you help?

Your Parish Council Members

Steve Jelley: Chairman

Debbie Hammond: Vice Chair

David Hugheston-Roberts: Councillor

Rob Matthews: Councillor

Sandy Hudson: Councillor

Janice Peach: Councillor

Vacancy: Councillor

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Viv Hartley: Parish Clerk.





What's been happening since May 2013

- Borough Council funded improvements to the Children's play area. (Still more work to do)
- Installed memorial bench in Banbury Lane in memory of Geoff Wagg (BLRA)
- Improved the roadside mound by 1000+ daffodils planted and about to flower.
- Improved the frequency of grass cutting
- Installed a VAS electronic speed awareness device in Banbury Lane
- Installed an additional Parish Noticeboard at the entrance to the Pineham Lock, fully funded with thanks by David Wilson Homes.
- Neighbourhood Watch" road signs installed where Neighbourhood Watch schemes are in place.
- Start Up grant of £3000 secured from NCALC. (Society of Local Authority Clerks)
- Three year Parish Plan approved. (On our website soon)

Current Local Issues

- Vehicles parking at the Mound causing serious damage to the mound, planting and the verges
- Litter thrown from passing vehicles in Banbury Lane
- Vandalism, Broken Fencing, Vandalised Play area gate and Memorial Bench
- Resident's waste bins left out on pavements for days after the collection causing a hazard
- Dog walkers allowing fouling of pathways and disposing of dog poo plastic bags in our hedgerows. Please take it home, it's yours, or use the bins provided.

Projects currently under way

- Second VAS speed awareness camera device to be installed in Banbury Lane in late April. Following earlier installation of a temporary device by Road Safety Officer NCC.
- “Hunsbury Meadows. Please drive carefully” road signs to be installed at both ends of Banbury Lane in late April.
- Fencing and tree saplings to replace destroyed hedgerow to be installed at Pineham Lock by end of March. Fencing kindly funded by Cllr Alan Bottwood: NH Borough Council. Trees provided by the Woodland Trust.
- Three additional oak benches planned to be installed in Banbury Lane by end of April subject to planning permission.
- Two Oak planters with plants to be installed along side the Hunsbury Meadows road signs
- Gate and posts to be replaced at Banbury Land entrance to the children’s play area.
- NCC Highways Department have agreed to install a metal barrier to prevent children from running directly onto Banbury Lane through the play park entrance in late April.
- Flexible bollards to be permanently installed at the Mound to prevent parking allowing further planting.
- “Keep dogs on a leash” signs to be installed in the play park area.

Due to the growing problem of dog owners allowing fouling around Hunsbury Meadows we are forced to consider spending our Parish funding on the installation of more bins, their maintenance and regular emptying. Current quotations are circa £500 p.a.

We are facing a similar issue with littering on verges and hedgerows and there is a growing demand for organizing a village clean up day. We require volunteers to organize and help. Can you help?

Your views are welcomed please-

