

New Parish Boundaries

We are delighted to announce that the proposed change in the boundaries of Hunsbury Meadows Parish was approved at the Northampton Borough Council meeting on the 10th September 2018. The map shows the new Parish boundaries in red and we believe will take effect from April 2019.

We would like welcome all the residents of Pineham Village to Hunsbury Meadows Parish and hope that you will soon be contributing to Parish life and letting your Parish Council know if there are issues that we can get involved with to improve the quality of life in the new part of the Parish.

We expect that once Pineham Village is completed the population of the Parish will nearly double and we will be working hard to ensure that all areas of the Parish are looked after.



Looking to the Future

Apart from the boundary review, you will see later on in this newsletter, that the Parish Council has been working hard to maintain local services, working with other Parish Councils to fund the No 87 Bus route and extend its route so that it now goes into Pineham Village.

With the current financial problems of the County Council and the proposed formation of two Unitary Authorities in 2020 the role of the Parish Council will become even more important in future both in representing residents and in supporting services that the Unitary Authority won't or can't support.

As we enter this period of change it is more important than ever that the Parish Council understands what is important to the

residents of the Parish and we would encourage people to get in contact and engage with us.

Ultimately we can only deal with issues, problems or provide new services if matters are brought to our attention. So whether it is an issue with a Developer or Management Company, the Borough or County Council please let us know.

Come along to our monthly Parish meetings which are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, Parsons Meade Community Room West Hunsbury, NN4 9PS, visit the Parish website or contact us via social media.

www.hunsburymeadows.org.uk

[@HunsburyMeadows](https://www.facebook.com/Hunsbury-Meadows-Community)

Summer Party

On the 14th July the Parish Council organised the second biannual community event “**Party in the Park 2**” which was held in the play park off Banbury Lane.

Despite England playing in the World Cup that afternoon and it being an exceptionally hot day, there was a very good turn out of people who had a fun afternoon and certainly made use of the ice cream van and the bar reported that cold drinks did especially well.

The police attended with a patrol car and a couple of PCSO - the car and police siren were definitely popular with the children! Also popular were the old favourites, the children’s entertainer and the bouncy castle.

There were a number of craft stalls in the marquee along with the DJ and lots of inflatable fruit!

There was also a stand from the County Council on the Flood Risk in the Parish with maps that a lot of residents found very useful. There is a section later on in the newsletter about Flood Risk.

Special thanks go to Cllr. Sandy Hudson for her efforts in organising the event and dealing with a last minute cancellation by a caterer.



Any ideas on how we can improve on the day when we hold it again in two years would be gratefully received.

Suggestions so far include finishing slightly earlier in the evening, having live music, or a communal BBQ.

Contact details can be found at the back of the newsletter.

Litter Picks



Our last litter pick in April proved to be our most successful yet, with a record number of local residents taking part. Thank you all those who joined us and we greatly appreciated your efforts.

The long, hot summer, which although very enjoyable, has resulted in a large number of water bottles, juice and beers cans being discarded in the hedgerows. So we are planning our normal autumn litter pick for the Parish and hopefully we will have the same high turn-out.

Banbury Lane Litter Pick

We will be holding the normal litter pick for **Banbury Lane** and surrounding areas on **Saturday 13th October** and we hope to see even more people attending. Please come along and help keep our Parish tidy. Could all volunteers please meet up in the children's playground on **Banbury Lane at 10.30am**.

Pineham Village Litter Pick

With the news of the boundary change and the increasing complaints about litter in Pineham Village, the Parish Council are also planning a litter pick for **Pineham Village** on **Saturday 13th October**. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help tidy up where you live please meet at the entrance to **Pineham Barns School at 10.30am**.

Gloves and litter pickers will be provided for both litter picks and children are more than welcome to come along and help. The more people who come along the better and the greater the area we can cover.

One of the requirements for holding the litter pick is that we need a qualified First Aider. If anyone qualified can volunteer to help out on the 13th October please contact us.

Emergency Planning

The Parish Council is working with the Emergency Planning department of the County Council to develop an Emergency Plan for the Parish. We are at an early stage, but it has become clear that flooding is the primary risk and so the Parish has joined the Pathfinder II project which aims to facilitate community-led improvements in resilience and preparedness amongst communities who are at risk of surface water flooding in Northamptonshire



Following a Parish walk with the Civil Engineer from David Smith Associates, a Flood Risk and Mitigation Investigation has been undertaken and will be presented to the Parish at the December Parish meeting on Wednesday 5th December 2018. The presentation will be 30-40 minutes with time for questions and all residents are welcome. The full report, detailing the findings of the investigation and any recommendations to reduce the risk of flooding will then be published on the County Council website for all to view.

We will then need volunteers to assist with routine monitoring of the danger points for our area, so if you are happy to assist, perhaps as part of your normal walking activities in the Parish, please do let us know.

Canal Towpath

During last winter, the canal towpath, where it crossed Wootton Brook, was very cut up and muddy.



The Parish Council raised the situation with the Canal and River Trust and the Inland Water Association and as a result over the summer teams of volunteers worked hard in very hot weather to extend the hard surface of the towpath.

Cummins Engineering generously paid for the majority of materials with the Parish Council contributing funds to complete the project when it proved a larger task than planned.

Thanks to the volunteers from Network Rail,



Cummins and staff of from the Canal and River Trust and the volunteers from the IWA.



Planning

There is planning permission for 34 houses on the land by the roundabout coming into the Parish with 'For Sale' notice boards there. The Parish Council has no further information on the progress on the development. However, over the summer, there has been deliberate damage to the fencing on the site resulting in emergency fencing being installed, which prevented an almost certain incursion by Travellers on to the site. If you see any suspicious behaviour there or anywhere else in the Parish, please let us know. Preventing issues, is better than needing to get an eviction notice.

DogWatch



Dogwatch is operated in association with Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch and it has full support and an effective relationship with Northamptonshire Police.

It is open to all walkers and runners with or without a dog, just anyone who likes getting out and about and relies on its members to report anything they find that doesn't seem not right. It may be a dumped vehicle, graffiti, drug needles, dumped waste etc. You become the eyes and ears of the towns and countryside and can report to the relevant authority what you find with the contact numbers provided.

You do not have to have a dog to join Dog Watch, just enjoy getting out and about but it is dogs that might stray into places off the beaten track and may find an item that could link with a crime and help the police in their investigations.

For more information go to:
www.northamptonshiredogwatch.co.uk

Unitary Authorities

The financial problems of the County Council led to the Secretary of State appointing Independent Commissioners to take over strategic financial planning, governance and scrutiny functions at NCC with all but the legal minimum expenditure stopped. This resulted ultimately in the proposal that the County, Borough and District Councils will be abolished and two Unitary Authorities, North and West Northamptonshire created, with Hunsbury Meadows being part of the West Authority.



The next couple of years will be challenging for Parish Councils as the substantially reduced spending from the County Council will have an impact on services and facilities across the county. Here in Hunsbury Meadows we rely on the County Council for a lot of the maintenance services performed within our Parish; highways maintenance, winter gritting etc.

We hope that we won't experience any difficulties, but if residents become aware of any issues, please let us know. We may not be able to do anything about it, but we can try.

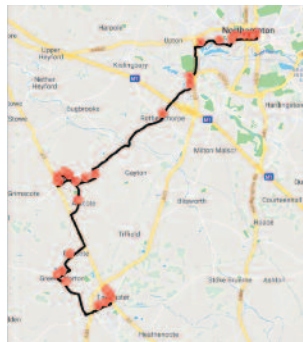
87 Bus Route

As part of the budget cuts by the County Council, it was announced in April that the subsidy for the No. 87 bus route was going to be withdrawn from the 23rd July and the service faced closure.

Pattishall Parish Council led a group of Parish and Town Councils affected, including HMPC, to investigate whether the service could be funded by the Parishes. Working with Northamptonshire Highways a plan was put in place to provide funding for a slightly reduced service for the rest of the financial year.

This plan was put in place in time to keep the 87 bus service running with no days lost.

In fact we managed to get the No. 87 route extended into Pineham Village in the peak morning period so that along with the No. 50 service there is a regular morning service into the center of Northampton.



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| Greens Norton Buschairs Arms | 0713 1016 1304 |
| Duncoate Main Street | 0716 1019 1307 |
| Aisicote Main Street | 0721 1024 1312 |
| Pattishall Church Street | 0723 1026 1314 |
| Robbenhedge Buschairs Lane | 0725 1028 1316 |
| Eastcote Greenway | 0729 1032 1320 |
| Robbenhedge Barbary Lane | 0734 0851 1037 1325 |
| Hunsbury Meadows Barbary Lane | 0738 0855 1041 1329 |
| Pineham Village | 0740 0857 |
| Sixfields Football Ground | 0745 0902 1047 1335 |
| Northampton Rail Station | 0750 0907 1052 1339 |
| Northampton The Drapery | 0755 0912 1056 1344 |

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| Northampton The Drapery bay 10 | 0915 1350 1750 |
| Northampton Rail Station | 0922 1357 1757 |
| Sixfields Football Ground | 0927 1402 1802 |
| Hunsbury Meadows Barbary Lane | 0933 1408 1808 |
| Robbenhedge Barbary Lane | 0937 1412 1812 |
| Eastcote Greenway | 0942 1417 1817 |
| Pattishall Church Street | 0946 1421 1821 |
| Foster Booth Buschairs Lane | 0948 1423 1823 |
| Aisicote Main Street | 0950 1425 1825 |
| Duncoate Main Street | 0953 1430 1830 |
| Greens Norton Buschairs Arms | 0958 1433 1833 |
| Towcester BusCoS | 1004 1439 |
| Towcester Brickley Road | 1010 1440 |

The passenger numbers of the service will be monitored over the coming months and the various Councils will be meeting later in the year to decide if it is feasible for the service to be funded by the Parishes on an ongoing basis.

3284 Banbury Lane Bridge, Rothersthorpe

Banbury Lane Bridge is a 6.75m single span masonry structure carrying the C86 Banbury Lane between Rothersthorpe and Hunsbury Meadows.

On the 1st December 2017 the bridge was struck by an errant vehicle causing significant damage to the north parapet. The structure has sustained significant damage and loss of stonework as a result of the impact.

We are pursuing a claim for the costs of the damage through our insurance team.

Immediate Action

Following notification of the incident Northamptonshire Highways assessed the viable options in relation to traffic management moving forward.

In order to protect the damaged area on the north parapet, temporary traffic signals and concrete barriers were implemented to reduce the likelihood of another bridge strike during the organisation of the repairs.

This has created a single lane of traffic which will remain in place until the repairs are undertaken and the bridge reopened.

Scheme Preparation

Work has commenced to address all issues caused by the impact damage

The physical site work items are as follows;

- Retrieval of stonework from the watercourse and adjacent embankment.
- Repair/replacement of the damaged stonework section on the north parapet.

As part of the scheme preparation works there are a number of consents / surveys / approvals that are required;

- An environmental assessment and subsequent consent application to the Environment Agency is required. The structure is located over a main river and in a Flood Zone 3, with a high probability for flooding. This informs access and construction arrangements. The EA have 2 months from receipt of our application to approve our proposals.
- Temporary works design and approval.
- Temporary traffic regulation order to close the road.

Subject to the consents/approvals process going smoothly the estimated start on site date is November 2018, with completion within the same month.

Traffic Management

The traffic management currently in place is temporary traffic signals and concrete barriers. This was assessed to be the most viable option to secure the safety of the public and the structure from further damage. The length of the closure incorporates the canal bridge towards the east approach, because there is insufficient spacing for traffic lights between the bridges.

The traffic management is being inspected daily by our specialist traffic management consultant. They inspect the traffic management in place and replace any cones, lights, batteries that require regular maintenance.

The current traffic management will remain in place until the scheme has been completed.



3284 Banbury Lane Bridge, Rothersthorpe

General

Damage caused by poor/careless driving is having a significant impact on bridges within Northamptonshire.

At present we have 12 major vehicular impact damage schemes, plus numerous minor guardrail repairs, damage again caused by vehicular impact.

Added to which we have the ongoing bridge maintenance programme to help to prevent the bridges deteriorating further.

Whilst the impact damage is prioritised over the bridge maintenance programme it is still important to carry on with maintenance work.

All of which is being undertaken with very limited resources.

We are aware that the bridge provides an important access between Rothersthorpe and Hunsbury Meadows, we are expediting the works as much as is possible.

We will keep all affected parties informed as the scheme progresses.

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Parking Issues

We know that this is a regular item in the newsletter, but it continues to be a serious problem on some of our roads, particularly Riverstone Way, Lockgate Road and Damselfly Road with the Parish Council receiving numerous complaints on this matter.

Can residents please take care and be sensible about where and how they park their cars.

If you have to park your car with two wheels on the pavement, please be sure that you leave sufficient room for a person with a push-chair to get through. Completely blocking the footpath is an offence.



Please park sensibly and if possible, park commercial vehicles away from the estates. Use any garages, driveways and parking spaces provided. This isn't just to make life easier for residents, emergency vehicles must be able to get through. It is not acceptable just to leave a gap that a even private car struggles to get by.

The police have been requested to assess the situation and they will act in any instance where inappropriate parking cause a blockage. It is essential to leave enough space at all times for emergency vehicles, if people are having problems driving down roads imagine how much of an issue it would be for a fire engine!

The police will take action against offenders.

Recycling and Refuse Collection

Veolia started a new environmental services contract with the Borough Council in June. All the dry recycling is now collected as an "all-in-one" service with new recycling wheelie bins delivered to all residents and the new collection timetable started on the 17th September.

Residents can keep the old recycling crates or put them out for collection in the week commencing 1st October.

Pineham Lock

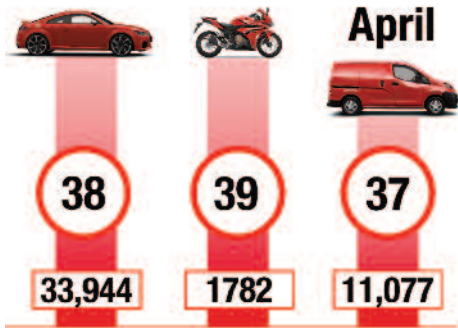
There are issues with Chamonix Ltd and David Wilson Homes regarding who is responsible for the grounds maintenance at Pineham Lock. As the roads on the estate have not been adopted by the Borough Council, the Parish Council is currently trying to establish who is responsible for road maintenance, highway drain clearing, street and footpath lighting, etc. We raised concerns about a number of blocked drains on the estate with DWH and are happy to report that contractors have now been round and emptied and cleaned the drains.



SpeedWatch

In May & June the Parish Council carried out a SpeedWatch programme. As in previous years there were significant numbers of cars exceeding 35 mph in the 30 mph limit with one vehicle recorded at 57 mph!

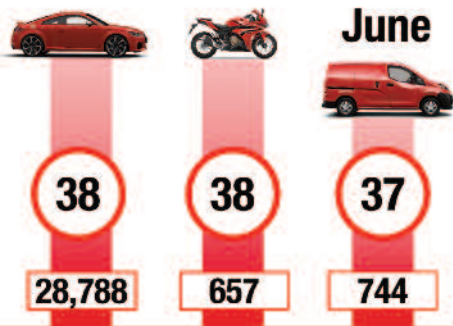
The remotely recorded police data for the last week in April recorded 46,803 vehicles travelling along Banbury Lane with 59% of vehicles speeding and that 26% exceeded 35 mph.



Vehicle Type & Speed

The graphics show number of the types of vehicles and the speed that 85% of them were doing.

For the last week in June 30,189 vehicles travelling along Banbury Lane with 62% of vehicles speeding and that 33% exceeded 35 mph.



Vehicle Type & Speed

Dogs

Many households have dogs and they are very popular pets. However occasionally dogs and their owners can cause friction in the community.

Dog Mess

Can we please ask that dog owners clear up after their dogs, the Parish Council have provided seven dog bins so far in the Parish and we will always look at requests for more bins provided that the Borough Council can access the area to empty the bin. There is nothing worse than piles of dog mess on the ground or even worse dog mess bagged and then thrown in the hedge where they will hang for years looking unpleasant and adding to plastic pollution.



Noisy Dogs

All dogs bark; some more than others and it is a perfectly natural activity. However, a dog barking incessantly or in the late evening and night can cause disruption and annoyance to neighbours. Can please dog owners be responsible about the noise their dog makes. If you are having a problem with a noisy dog there are a number of steps you can take.

The first and most effective is to just have a polite word with your neighbour that the dog is making a lot of noise.

However there are occasions where this doesn't work and then the next action would be to contact the Borough Council Environmental Health department.

www.northampton.gov.uk/info/200075/pollution/1097/noise_pollution

Council Vacancies and Elections

A warm welcome to Steve Norton who has been co-opted on to the Council. Steve is a resident of Pineham Village and, we're sure, will be a valuable addition to the Council.

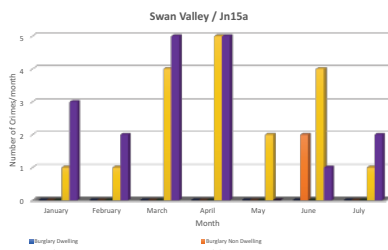
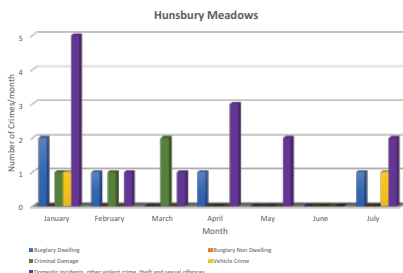
We still have a vacancy so if anyone has an interest in local matters please contact the Council. It is not an arduous task and only requires a couple of hours a month spent on Council business. With few exceptions, anyone over the age of 18 can apply; you have to live within the Parish or within 3 miles of its boundary, or work within the Parish. Contact the Clerk or Chairman for further details.

The next Parish Council Elections were due to be held in May 1919 with the Borough elections. However, due to the reorganisation of Local Government in the County, elections in 2019 have been cancelled

Parish elections will be deferred for a year and will be held in May 2020. All existing Councillors, including those co-opted, will, consequently, have their term of office extended by one year.

Crime Figures

As a Parish overall we have a low crime rate and if you consider just the residential areas a very low crime rate. The police provide the Council with monthly crime reports which can be found on the Parish website in the Police & Crime section. The figures cover Hunsbury Meadows residential areas, the Swan Valley Industrial estate and the south bound motorway service area at Jct 15a.



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Pathfinder II Flood Resilience Project in Hunsbury Meadows

A Flood Risk and Mitigation Investigation has been undertaken for Hunsbury Meadows.

Please join us to hear the results of this survey, including:

- Findings of a visual survey of the surface water catchment
 - A review of existing flood mapping and datasets
- Identification of areas for further investigation, maintenance or improvement works to reduce flood risk

at

Parsons Meade Community Hall

Wednesday 5th December, 7.15 pm onwards

Hunsbury Meadows Parish Council is participating in the Pathfinder II Flood Resilience Project run by Northamptonshire County Council. The project aims to facilitate community-led improvements in resilience and preparedness.

Come along to find out what this means for you and how you can get involved.

For further information visit
www.floodtoolkit.com/pathfinder2



HOME, SWEET HOME?



USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergency Numbers

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| Police, fire or ambulance | 999 |
| Electricity | 0800 028 0247 |
| Gas (24 hr) | 0800 111 999 |
| Water (24 hr) | 08457 145145 |
| The Samaritans | 08457 90 90 90 |
| Social Services (out of hours) | 01604 626938 |

Advice & Information

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| Age UK | 01604 611200 |
| Alcoholics Anonymous | 0845 7697555 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | 0844 4111 4444 |
| Crime Stoppers | 0800 555 111 |
| National Drugs Helpline | 0800 776600 |
| NHS 111 | 111 |
| General Hospital | 01604 634700 |
| Sleeping Rough | 01604 629804 |
| Community Law Service | 01604 621038 |

USEFUL WEBSITES

Non-Urgent Crime

<https://www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting>

Report Rubbish & Graffiti online

<http://selfserve.northampton.gov.uk/mycouncil>

Report problems with Potholes

Street signs etc. online

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/contactusstreetdoctor

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