

# Hullavington Parish Council

## Connecting our community

Communication is the lifeblood of any thriving community. Ensuring as many of our neighbours feel informed and connected remains one of our key aims. With that in mind, we've been working hard with **Sarah Laskey** on the further development of the community website, **[www.hullavington.org](http://www.hullavington.org)**. In the future, you'll find our Parish Council meetings and other Hullavington events listed in the **What's On** section, complementing the notices already posted on our village notice boards and the Parish Council website, which is dedicated to council business. And of course, we will continue to include our Parish Council updates in this wonderful newsletter.

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## Marking Remembrance and Developing our Village Green

We were truly delighted and humbled to support the joint effort—involving the **Royal British Legion, the school, the church, and ourselves**—in marking Armistice Day this year. The sight of the children's handmade messages of thanks, honouring our fallen and hanging beautifully on the trees on our village green, was deeply touching. It was especially poignant to hear the names of the fallen read out during the service, and the Parish Council was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of the village.

The Parish Council is also steadily working on making the **Village Green a centrepiece** for our village. The new benches look inviting, and the replacement fencing has happily now been ordered. The funding for the new fencing, the additional bench and the improvements to the grass have been made possible by extra funding from the Wiltshire Council Area Board. The Hullavington Community Benefit Society made the application on behalf of the Parish. We are extremely grateful for their passionate advocacy at the meeting plus the support from our Unitary Councillor, Jon Atkey. We have ambitious ideas for the future of this green space and would like to invite any of our talented residents with a background in **planning municipal spaces** (such as landscape architects or planners) to reach out. We would greatly appreciate specialist input to help us make the most of this special community asset.

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## Traffic Calming and Financial Planning

Many of you will have contributed your valuable thoughts to the recent survey on **traffic calming opportunities**. We have collated those ideas and presented them to the Area Board responsible for Highways improvements. We are pleased to report that the Area Board has committed to a **site visit** to review the feasibility of the options presented. We will, of course, communicate the outcome as soon as we hear back.

This is the time of year when all Parish Councils review the **budgets** needed for the forthcoming financial year. Parish Council funds are often the ones that make the most obvious, tangible difference to a local area, whereas the council tax paid monthly is largely absorbed in wider county services like social care and major highways. Councillor **Jon Atkey** is working diligently with our **Clerk, Dannielle**, to navigate us through this necessary financial process.

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## Defibrillators: Know Where They Are

**Defibrillators** in our villages are a critical amenity for first responses to emergencies. With that in mind, the Parish Council is issuing updated notices on our notice boards and in this newsletter to remind residents of where they are and **how to use them**. We will be inserting a small summary of their locations in each newsletter, so please take the time to read and become acquainted with the correct steps.

Most of all, if you find yourself with someone who has collapsed, remember the most important first step: **CALL 999!**

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## Six Months of Feedback and Action

Our first six months have shown that active communication is so important! We've received excellent feedback and numerous requests for help, which we appreciate as it guides our work. While we addressed **thirteen specific Highways matters**—ranging from obscured sight lines to pavement blockages—we are pleased that most of our time is spent moving forward. We were especially pleased to receive **six notes of thanks** and congratulations, highlighting successful projects like the installation of the new picnic benches and the initiation of our forward-looking Neighbourhood Development Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan.

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## The Neighbourhood Development Process and Mobile Telephony Working Group

We have also this month had updates from the mobile telephony working group, led by Cllr Sarah Price-Tompkins. In summary, we have had a very positive response from our MP who is lobbying on our behalf. We also had a meeting with our Wiltshire Council Officer, Graham Huxster, and a representative from VodafoneThree who confirmed the positive plans for the coming period for our area – “It was great to catch up with Hullavington Parish Council to discuss VodafoneThree's exciting investment plans for the area. VodafoneThree's **£11 billion investment across the UK** will deliver **tangible connectivity benefits** to residents across Hullavington, with **5G coverage significantly improving**, and we will be sure to keep the Parish Council up to date with developments in the coming months.”

The Neighbourhood Development Team have had a further positive community meeting at the beginning of October. The Steering Group has also been formed and are making progress with volunteer leads on the workstreams. A full report is available in this newsletter. Keep an eye on [www.hullavington.org](http://www.hullavington.org) for more updates.

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## Donation from Ford Fuels

We are delighted to report on the success of the **Hullavington Oil Purchasing Scheme (HOPS)** with **Ford Fuels**! Following local village orders and their generous pledge of a halfpenny per litre, Ford Fuels has raised **£425.25** for our community. A big thank you is due to both Ford Fuels and **Harry Dicks** for managing this fantastic initiative. It has been agreed that this money will be allocated towards the costs associated with moving the **Village Hall defibrillator** from its current internal

location to a more accessible external position.

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### **Get Involved!**

We encourage you to come to our next council meeting to see the work we do firsthand. Our meetings plus those of the Neighbourhood Development Steering group are open to the public, and you are welcome to attend. You may raise any points you may have during the public session of the Parish Council meetings.

Please check the notice boards, What's On ([www.hullavington.org](http://www.hullavington.org)) or our website ([www.hullavington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.hullavington-pc.gov.uk)) for the date and time of the next meetings.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact Dannielle, [clerk@hullavington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hullavington-pc.gov.uk) with any topics that you would like to raise between meetings.

**Cllr Debbie Lawley, Chair of Hullavington Parish Council**

*Please note: the above highlights from Council meetings are subject to formal approval of the meeting minutes.*

