

## Village Association News

### Macmillan Cancer Support AGM

Although the national coffee morning on 25th September was cancelled this year, donations to support this wonderful charity are still welcome. You can donate online at [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk) or if you prefer, deliver a cheque (made payable to Macmillan Cancer Support), in a sealed envelope to any of the following committee members:

June Little - Lenton, York Road

Margaret Leishman - Chapel Hayes, Main Street

Julie Freeland - 1, Main Street.

### Remembrance Sunday

On the 8th November this year the Association will be supporting the Royal British Legion poppy appeal again this year and remembering, with greatest respect, those servicemen from the village who fell during World Wars I & II. Due to current social restrictions we will not be holding a service at the War Memorial (bus shelter), but please look out for a new wreath which will be placed on the wall, on this day.

Our annual meeting is normally held in public during November when we invite any interested villagers along to offer ideas and support to the committee. (Membership of the Association includes everyone who is resident within the parish.)

This year, as restrictions prevail, we intend to conduct the necessary proceedings between the current committee members via email. However, we are also keen to welcome anyone who is not currently on the committee, to join us in supporting the role of the Association, which is to arrange social, fund-raising and other events for the benefit of the community.

If you are thinking of joining us, and would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Margaret, the Association's Chairman, using the contact details shown. The Chairman's annual report will be available to read on the village website shortly after the AGM.

[va@westhagbourne.org](mailto:va@westhagbourne.org)  
or telephone Margaret on  
01235 851707

### Tidy up

Many thanks to the 3 other people who helped with the litter-pick on Sat 12th September, two in the morning and one in the afternoon. Rather a disappointing turn-out but it is a peculiar year and so perhaps not so surprising. Two of the regulars had already given their apology because of quarantine restrictions, another family who usually help has left the village and two other regular helpers are leaving the village, so we will need some new people to come along next year. If the weather is good, it is good fun and doesn't take long if we have plenty of people.

As it was, the weather was

Val Brownsword



### Reminder

With Halloween and Bonfire Night coming please be considerate to local domestic and farm animals and beware of the dangers of fire-works.

## Parish Council

### Vacancy

There has still been no indication of anybody wishing to be a councillor to bring us up to the correct number of five. Will everybody please consider this matter and let us know if there is anybody suitable to become a councillor.

### Dog Waste

The Parish Council can only place waste bins at locations where they can be reached by the people who come round to empty the bins. Dog walkers whose dogs leave mess on paths, away from the roads,

must collect it and take it to the bins on the roads or take it to their own waste facilities at home.

### New Highways Works in the Village

I have written again to the contact at Highways who is dealing with these works but he is away for a few weeks so there is no progress report.

### Road Safety Issues for Drivers

I have asked to be placed in contact with someone else at Highways to discuss the various issues affecting drivers travelling south down Main Street towards the bend by the pond. There are

no clear white lines, the existence of the bend is not clearly marked, there is no indication that immediately after the bend the road narrows to single track use and there may be a queue of traffic waiting, and the existence of the new kerb projecting into the road is not clear. There are clear safety issues and they need to be dealt with.

### Pavement along Main Street

Following my submissions on Fix My Street about the general state of the pavement, I have been advised that this is with technicians for consideration for future programmed works. However there is no available

funding for this financial year although the worst section has been marked. Whether that will be repaired I do not know.

### Garden Waste

Please note that this must be disposed of at the council tip if it is too much for your brown bins. It must not be dumped on paths or in the countryside.



The next parish council meeting will be on 4th November on Zoom. Anybody wishing to raise a point should set it out fully to the Parish Clerk well in advance of the meeting.

Mike Butler, Chair

# other news

## Covid-19: Update



Increasingly people have been turning up at Oxfordshire hospitals, asking to be tested for Covid-19. This is possibly as a result of the national issue with testing capacity, where people have struggled to book a test online. OCC joins the NHS and Public Health colleagues to clarify that people with symptoms must NOT go to a hospital. Testing does not take place in hospital settings and by turning up people are putting extra strain on resources by having to turn people away and also potentially putting vulnerable people at risk.

If you are struggling to book a test online, the advice is to keep trying as it's only possible to book a slot when one becomes available. Slots become available throughout the day so it may take a few attempts at different times of

the day. Please only book a test if you're displaying symptoms.

You can book a test by calling 119 or by registering online via [gov.uk/getting-tested-for-coronavirus](http://gov.uk/getting-tested-for-coronavirus).

### Covid19 support group

I have been asked by several recipients of help during the COVID lockdown to pass on their thanks to all the volunteers.

We were hoping that the group might stand down soon but with the recent increases in case numbers and the possibility of more restrictions and shielding over the winter, it will continue to operate as required.

[covid@westhagbourne.org](mailto:covid@westhagbourne.org) or call Lillie (07894 343281) or Sue (850080).

## HUGS

Hello! We'd like to tell you about a new sustainability group – called HUGS, the Hagbournes and Upton Group for Sustainability. We formed in lockdown having had the time to appreciate nature more as well as to think about the future. We took part in the Climate Coalition's 'The Time is Now Campaign' to ask MPs for a greener recovery from Covid-19 – an economic recovery that tackles both the climate crisis and the dramatic decline in UK wildlife.

### HUGS main aims

- To work with other groups in the area to ensure plans and policies for our communities are compatible with achieving a healthy, nature-rich, low-carbon future.

- To help nature through supporting existing conservation work around our 3 villages, and also starting new projects that promote greater biodiversity.

- To share information about how we can all live more sustainably - whether in our homes, our gardens or our lifestyles. And to develop projects that help us live more sustainably together (e.g. a local pop-up refill station to reduce plastic use).

We've been busy at HUGS. Canvassing local opinion at the Hagbourne Produce Show identified tree planting, a repair cafe, a pop-up refill station and wilding of verges and other areas as future projects for HUGS and our growing band of volunteers.

First, try our 3 Village Wild Walk!, a 2 mile circular route connecting the 3 villages along footpaths and the cycle track (<https://www.hugsustainability.org/walk> for a printable map and directions) mainly on metalled paths. Great for autumnal and wintery walks as well as spring

and summer. The route offers expansive views and the chance to look for wildlife across the seasons. As well as the cemetery wildflower meadow and Mowbray Fields Nature Reserve, there's a top 10 wildlife spotting list for kids too, making it a great family activity! Do have a look and we'd be delighted to see any pictures you take and to hear about wildlife you find along the way. See our juvenile wheatear photograph.

To find out more do read our first blog on our HUG Sustainabilitywebsite!

<http://www.hugsustainability.org> or email [hugsustainability@gmail.com](mailto:hugsustainability@gmail.com)

The HUGS team



## Road Signs

A big thank you to Graham Osborne King for his work on the village road signs (see photos). The one at the junction of York Road was particularly obscured by the hedge. He has also recently repainted the three milestones along the A 417.



## Lunch Club

With the recent changes to advice on socialising, and most of our members falling into the older age group, it would seem that it would be a bad idea to restart the monthly lunches at the Horse and Harrow for the time being. It is clear that this continues to be a difficult time for everyone in the hospitality business. Please support the village pub if you feel able.



**Thanks to everyone who put their excess garden produce out to share with their neighbours. It seems to have been a particularly good year for courgettes and apples.**

## WhatsApp Group

Following from the WhatsApp Volunteer group, it was suggested that there should be a similar group for general information sharing within the village. This group complements the Clerks mailing list as it means that each member can post information/queries to the whole group.



So far it has proved useful to identify stray animals, share excess garden produce and share information about local services. If you would like to be added to WH Community Chat please contact Lillie (07894 343281) or Sue (850080).



## Christmas Trees

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival. Due to restrictions, we can't host the event in the Church this year but, with your help, we can take the festival *outside*, raise a bit of money for worthy causes whilst also trying to put a smile on faces over Christmas.

So, here's the plan: The "**Alternative**" TreeFest 2020

The Idea: To Make the Hagbournes Shine Bright

Light is a symbol of hope, of brighter days to come! And we quite like the idea of providing some hope in these strange times – so let's make the Hagbournes sparkle!

Either

1. For £25 you can sponsor a live **4ft** Norwegian Spruce to go in your front garden to decorate and 'light up'. If you are a business or if you belong to a group or club, you could nominate someone from your group to 'host' the tree in their garden. Or maybe you could club together with neighbours and buy one for your street? And don't worry - if you'd like to be involved but don't know anyone to host your tree, just let us know and we'll find a garden for you.

As the festival isn't taking place in the church we're not limited by space so the more trees the merrier across *both* villages!

Or

2. For £35 you can 'go BIG' and sponsor one of 10 x **6ft** Norwegian Spruces which will be placed in the churchyard of St Andrew's, each one representing a year of the festival. Each one of these will have the sponsor's name next to it.

If you are interested, email [editors@westhagbourne.org](mailto:editors@westhagbourne.org) who will pass on your details.

## Haunted Hagbournes

### *The East and West Hagbourne Halloween Trail*



**24<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

**A spooktastic stroll through the villages**

Decorate your house, carve your pumpkins and join the half-term fun! Who will have the creepiest creations??

To include your house on the trail map (it's free!) please email your name and address to:

Laura Lloyd at [lauralloyd07@gmail.com](mailto:lauralloyd07@gmail.com)

or

Michelle Bowden at [michellem1303@gmail.com](mailto:michellem1303@gmail.com)

Closing Date for Trail Entries: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Maps will be made available on the village websites and Facebook groups from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Please enjoy the trail and remember that social distancing rules must be followed at all times!**



## New Homes

There are several new homes under construction in the village as well as a number which have been sold since the end of restrictions. We look forward to welcoming the new residents to West Hagbourne and hope that we will soon be able to hold village events where we can all meet safely. If you have new neighbours, perhaps you could let them know about the village mailing list and encourage them to sign up?

# Parish Council

## Clerk

Andrew Wise  
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## Councillors

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## County Councillor

Simon Clarke  
[simon.clarke@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:simon.clarke@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

## Council Meetings

These are held in Hagbourne Village Hall - see website for future dates Minutes of meetings of the Parish Council are available online. If you cannot find them, contact the clerk. If you do not have access to the internet, call the clerk and a printed copy will be sent to you.

[www.westhagbourne.org/pc\\_minutes.htm](http://www.westhagbourne.org/pc_minutes.htm)

From now on, shortly before the meeting of the Parish Council, the agenda will be circulated to all those on the list. To comply with legal requirements, a copy of the agenda will also be posted on the PC noticeboard.

## Planning updates

If you wish to be notified about planning applications that affect West Hagbourne you can sign up for email alerts.

Contact Andrew Wise:  
[parishclerk@westhagbourne.org](mailto:parishclerk@westhagbourne.org)

## Parish email list

If you wish to be placed on this list, or wish to check that your entry is correct, please send an email to the Clerk at [parishclerk@westhagbourne.org](mailto:parishclerk@westhagbourne.org)

## HGVs and Potholes

HGVs and potholes are a persistent issue on the roads in the village and beyond. If you can supply a photograph that gives some idea of the extent of a pothole this will help assess the urgency if its repair.

You can do this online at:  
[fixmystreet.com](http://fixmystreet.com)

Or:  
[highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:highwaysenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Telephone: 08453101111

Web site:  
[www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm](http://www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm)  
[#potholes](https://www.westhagbourne.org/noticeboard.htm#potholes)

HGVs not delivering to an address in the village should be reported to Trading Standards. If possible, you should take a photograph but definitely write down a description and registration number as soon as possible. Reports can be made to:  
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/trading-standards/weight-restriction-enforcement>

Keep up to date

[www.westhagbourne.org](http://www.westhagbourne.org)

The website carries information, news and contact details as well as copies of the minutes of all village organisations



## other news



All U3A face to face meetings have been cancelled until further notice. However, many interest groups are now using platforms for virtual meetings as group members get to grips with the necessary technology.

If you are interested in joining one of the groups, go to the Didcot U3A website for details of the group leader and find out what they are offering:

[www.u3asites.org.uk/didcot](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/didcot)

## other news

### Garden Furniture

A wooden garden table and five chairs (light coloured wood) are being offered free to a resident who can make use of them. Please contact Paul Ryman (850092).

## other news

### Bicycles

Two children's bicycles to give away - they suit ages 5 and 7/8.  
Contact Bridget Pickup (850392)

Use this space to recycle your unwanted items. For more information please contact [editors@westhagbourne.org](mailto:editors@westhagbourne.org)



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### AED Emergency defibrillator

The West Hagbourne Emergency Defibrillator is located in the Telephone Box in the Square  
**In the event of an emergency call 999**

### Marquees

The Village Association has two Marquees available for hire:  
**12 x 5 metres & 11 x 4 metres**  
at a cost of £50 each plus a returnable deposit of £75  
Tables and/or chairs are also available at £50 plus a returnable deposit of £75  
*Please note that the Association will not be responsible for any claims for accidents that may occur during the rental.*  
For advance booking and details please contact **Robert Griffiths** (Woodleys)-  
[rob.griff@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rob.griff@yahoo.co.uk)  
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