

## Village Association News

### Outdoor Games Afternoon

The first West Hagbourne Rounders Match was held on the 7th September 2025 and proved to be a "roaring success". Two Main Street/Foxglove Lane teams and two York Road/Manor Close teams were fielded which meant that about 50 people played during the afternoon.

We enjoyed a plentiful supply of beer and wine, sandwiches, crisps, chocolate biscuits and fruit. It was lovely to see so many younger residents get involved in a village event and, so obviously, have a great time.

The two teams from Main Street/Foxglove Lane proved to be the strongest and they opposed each other in the final. As a York Road resident, I am sure we will "up our game" next time. BE WARNED!

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### Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Macmillan coffee morning took place at York Farm on 27th September. The weather was kind to us and we had a very enjoyable morning eating cake and talking to our neighbours.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a successful event – cooking cakes, donating raffle prizes and putting up marquees. Thanks also to everyone who attended and gave so generously. The total amount raised will be announced in the December issue of the West Hagbourne Newsletter.

### Autumn Village Walk

The Autumn Village Walk is scheduled for the 2nd November this year. As always,

walkers should meet at the bus shelter for a 2.00pm start. The route has not been finalised, but, if the weather is seasonally wet, we will try to avoid all muddy tracks.

### Remembrance Sunday

There will be a short ceremony of remembrance at the village war memorial (located in the bus shelter) at 2pm on Sunday 9th November 2025. A 2-minute silence will be observed to honour the West Hagbourne residents who lost their lives during WWI and WWII. A new poppy wreath will also be laid in their memory.

### West Hagbourne Village Association AGM

Our annual general meeting will be held at Rowan, York Road on 19th November. The meeting will start at 7pm. We are hoping for a good turnout to discuss the Village Association events past, present and future. Please come along and get involved.

### Plants

Splitting your border perennials? Don't throw anything away – contact Rosey (07542 923328). I will collect and overwinter them to sell at next year's plant sale. All money raised will be used to support the village social events in 2026.

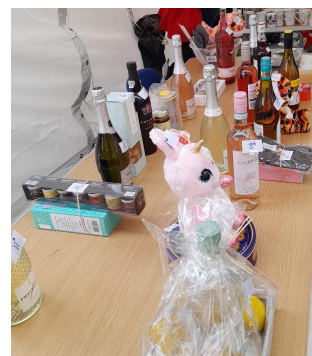
Rosey Gardiner (Chair)

## Arts & Crafts

Arts & Crafts Fair at St Andrew's Church on Saturday November 1st from 10h30-16h30. Come and meet local crafts people, artists and writers. Admission is free and there will be refreshments served all day. There is ample parking at Hagbourne Village Hall. Please bring cash or cheques due to limited internet signal in the church. Proceeds in support of the Friends of St Andrew's. For information call 01235 817891 or [linda.benton@live.co.uk](mailto:linda.benton@live.co.uk).



Rounders Match in glorious sunshine on the field behind Manor Farm, courtesy of Chris and Sue Lay



Coffee morning raffle prizes



Rounders: post match celebrations



Macmillan Coffee Morning: donations and plenty of cake



# other news

## Parish Council

### Meetings

We had our regular bi-monthly Parish Council meeting on 10 September. Our next regular PC meeting will be on Tuesday 18 November, 7.30pm at Hagbourne Village Hall. Please do contact the Clerk or any Parish Councillor if you have a matter which you would like the PC to consider at our next meeting. Agenda and minutes of all PC meetings can be found on the village website.

### Drainage

The Flood Group will be undertaking some ditch clearance work in the Moor Lane ditch in the coming weeks, alongside their regular drain-clearing activities. Please remember that we maintain a stock of sandbags in the village for emergencies, and we will be looking to add to the stock of emergency equipment available in the village.

### Noticeboards

We will be repairing and upgrading the village noticeboards. The Parish

Council will continue to use the one by the bus shelter on Main Street, and the Village Association will take over the one on York Road.

### Moor Lane byway

We continue our efforts to prevent recreational 4WD and motorbike usage on the byway. OCC will be undertaking some additional scrub clearance and levelling work in the coming weeks, following which they will have a legal duty to remove the concrete barriers and reopen the byway to all users. It will be very important for us to record any examples of inappropriate usage and the damage caused to the byway by vehicles. Please send any reports and photos to the Parish Clerk; this will help us to build the case for a permanent or seasonal traffic restriction order.

### Village litter pick

Please do come to join the village litter pick to keep our village clean; meeting at 10.30am Saturday 25 October.

### Village website

Work continues on our new, upgraded village website; we

hope to be able to launch this before Christmas.

### Tyrell Trust

We have ratified the appointment of the group of four trustees on this charitable trust which provides grants to those in need in the village (for details, see the village website).

### Hagbourne school pool

We have made a donation in the name of the village to their fundraising activities.

### SODC grants available

Our SODC Councillors have grants available for community projects. See the poster on the PC noticeboard by the bus shelter and please do consider a submission. If you need any help, contact the Parish Clerk.

### Can you help?

Volunteers are always very welcome, particularly in the following areas: (1) Emergency Plan team; (2) Speedwatch and Flood Group teams; (3) future Parish Councillors. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help.

Dan Tozer (Chair)

## Local activities

### Football

Hagbourne United FC plays regularly in East Hagbourne and welcomes men and youth players. Contact John Symonds at [jesymonds29@gmail.com](mailto:jesymonds29@gmail.com)

### Table Tennis

Tuesdays 10.00-12.00 at the Hagbourne Pavilion £3 per session, all welcome. Contact Julian at [jgallop@freeuk.com](mailto:jgallop@freeuk.com)

Wednesday evenings 7.30 - 9.30. Contact Adrian Coles at [adrian.coles@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.coles@gmail.com)

### Bowls club

Whatever your level, if you are interested in joining please contact Sandy Budd at [sandy.budd@sky.com](mailto:sandy.budd@sky.com)



### Hagbourne Barn Dance Club

Every third Friday at Hagbourne Village Hall 20h00-23h00. Please bring your own plate and mug.

### Scottish Country Dance

Tuesday evenings 19.45 at Chilton Village Hall. Beginners welcome. See <https://harwellscdc.mno.org.uk> for details.



### Is it really your bank calling?

Sadly we know that one of the most common crimes that we can all be vulnerable to is fraud. It can take many forms but impersonation of your bank, a government agency or even the police is a tactic that many criminals will use.

If you receive a suspicious call, independently contact your bank or the relevant agency using an

official telephone number – do not use numbers given to you by the cold caller. But who has the time to dig out and verify a number for your bank?

That's why the 159 service was created. If you get a call from someone claiming to be your bank you can simply call 159 and you'll be put through to an automated service which can put you through directly. The system is supported by most of the major banks.

The idea is to give one trusted number that the public know they can call safely in order to be put through directly to their bank. In some cases however, fraudsters will try to keep the line open, so that when you call back, you're actually talking to the fraudsters again.

The best way to avoid that is to wait for 15 minutes, to ensure the line is clear, or call from another phone if you have one. Then simply call 159 to be put through directly to your bank.

NEVER disclose any personal or sensitive information over the telephone.

Whilst fraud is one of the biggest risks to us all from

criminals it is also one of the most easily prevented crimes. A dose of healthy scepticism goes a long way, and always be cautious with unsolicited calls, emails and texts.

- If in doubt, take a moment
- do not be pressured into sharing information or handing over money
- check with someone else if you're suspicious.

In an emergency or if something is happening now, always call 999. To report something that has already happened call 101 or report online at [thamesvalley.police.uk](https://thamesvalley.police.uk).

Matthew Barber, PCC



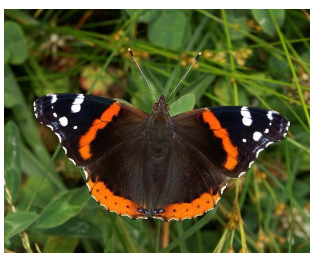
## HUGS Update

### Changing world

*The truth is: the natural world is changing. And we are totally dependent on that world. It provides our food, water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it.*

These are the words of Sir David Attenborough, our well-loved broadcaster, conservationist and climate activist. Over his lifetime of filming around the world he's seen, and shared, much loss of animal life, diversity and habitat. He's returned to places he filmed earlier in his career, standing on dry land where once was a glacier. His latest film, *Ocean* looks at the role of the seas in our fight against the climate crisis. He has long championed the richness of natural life within the British Isles, as well as warning us all of its demise. We are one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world.

And after our hottest UK summer on record, we have to ask if it's just nice to have heat and sunshine over a long summer, or if we're now all starting to notice the significant change in our weather. And that it's not a change for the good. We know that 1 in 6 of UK species are at risk of extinction. Our area is rich in butterfly species, but citizen science tells us that nationally butterfly numbers have not recovered this year (despite the warm, dry weather).



Red admiral butterfly

Leaving space for nature, on our land, in our gardens, in our hearts is the start to making a more positive change.

Meanwhile, enjoy the sounds and sights of your beautiful and healthy garden!

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

Caroline Hunt



Whether you are looking for stunning views from the iconic Wittenham Clumps, strolling through a wildflower meadow, watching red kites soaring over Little Wittenham Wood or enjoying a picnic by the River Thames, there are many reasons why Earth Trust is such a wonderful place to visit.

Over half term a range of activities are planned including, for families, Autumn Adventures: Tales and Trails (October 18/19 and 25-31) and, for 7-13 year-olds, Outdoor Explorer Camp (October 27/28/29). For details go to [earthtrust.org.uk](http://earthtrust.org.uk).

## Didcot Cafe Scientifique

This month's talk will take place on Tuesday 21st October from 7.30-9.00pm at the Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot when Rob Marsden will be giving a talk on mining. For further information please contact: [cafesci@didcotfirst.org](mailto:cafesci@didcotfirst.org)

## Planning

Current planning application P25/S2558/FUL - 7 Manor Close

Self-build house in former garden at 7 Manor Close

# Parish Council

## Clerk

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



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

## Councillors

Chair:  
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## County Councillor

Jane Murphy  
[jane.murphy@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:jane.murphy@southoxon.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. Shortly before the

## 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 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#potholes](http://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>

## other news

### Lunch Club

The next village lunch will be on the last Friday in October (Friday 31st) at the George in Upton from 12.30.

Anyone can join the group - get in touch with Sue for more details:

[editor@westhagbourne.org](mailto:editor@westhagbourne.org).

*Sue Totterdell,  
Meadow's Edge*



Monthly meetings: Didcot Civic Hall on the 3rd Tuesday in the month starting at 2:30 pm.

### Future Meetings

Oct 21st. All about swans from author Dan Keel.

November 18th. Good Hare Days from photographer David Bailey

December 16th. Christmas lunch & entertainment (members only)

If you have a query please email [bulletin@didcotu3a.org](mailto:bulletin@didcotu3a.org)

*Marian Nicholls  
Bulletin Coordinator*

### Didcot Farmers' Market

This is held in the Market Place on the second Saturday of each month from 8.30am - 1.30pm.

### Advertising

This newsletter is entirely funded by income from the advertisements in it. It is edited by Sue Totterdell, with contributions from a number of villagers, designed by Mary Ann Le May, printed by Hugh Lewis and distributed by a group of volunteers. To ensure that it will be able to continue in its present form we would welcome new advertisers. If you have a business you would like to advertise to residents, please get in touch:

[editors@westhagbourne.org](mailto:editors@westhagbourne.org)

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### WhatsApp Group

The village group goes from strength to strength, facilitating communication between residents. Notably in the past month it has helped people pass on items they no longer want to neighbours who can make use of them - local recycling has to be the green option! Please also share any excess garden produce.

If you want to be added, contact Lillie Jamieson (07712 429811).

To be added to the Village email list, contact the Clerk.

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### Village Shop & PO

Shop:

Mon: 9.00 - 4.30  
Tues/Wed: 9.00 - 4.00  
Thurs: 9.00 - 4.30  
Fri: 9.00 - 4.00  
Sat: 9.00 - 12.30

PO:

Mon: 9.00-12.30; 1.15-4.30  
Tues: CLOSED  
Wed: 9.00 - 12.30  
Thurs: 9.00 - 12.30; 1.15 - 4.30  
Fri: 9.00 - 12.30  
Sat: 9.00 - 12.30

## other news

### Newsletter delivery

Thank you to volunteers who responded to my request for people to deliver newsletters. Maybe you too could deliver between 10 and 20 newsletters, every two months. New volunteers are always welcome so that some of the current team can 'retire'. Please get in touch with me via

[editors@westhagbourne.org](mailto:editors@westhagbourne.org)

If you have any news or photos or know of events you think might interest other residents, please contact the editor.

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at a cost of £50 each or £75 for two plus a returnable deposit of £75  
Tables and/or chairs are included in the price

*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 **Robin Wilkes** at [va@westhagbourne.org](mailto:va@westhagbourne.org)

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