



WIGGINTON & HOPWAS

PARISH COUNCIL

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Welcome to your 'new look' Parish Newsletter. After a difficult year the Parish Council wanted to offer our local community groups a place to celebrate their achievements, and reach out to all of our residents with an update on the Council's activities last year.

For the Council we have been busier than ever, getting to grips with digital meetings, changing legislation and guidance as well as maintaining our green spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Your Council are planning for the future with a new Parish Council Action Plan, we want to hear from you to learn more about understanding your priorities and concerns.

Please contact the Clerk using the contact information below for queries, comments & details of meeting dates and venues.

Councillor contact information is overleaf.

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Are you 18yrs+ and on the electoral register?

Did you know there are currently two vacant seats on the Parish Council?

There are no qualifications required and training will be provided.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a councillor contact clerk@wiggintonandhopwas.co.uk

For more information on the role of local councils and councillors visit www.nalc.gov.uk

What does a local councillor do?

Councillors don't just read paperwork, attend meetings and set policies. The day to day contact, listening to the views of local people is the most important part.

Councillors feedback these views to the Council for consideration and they work as a team (The Council) to make decisions on how to improve the area and tackle issues within our remit; whilst keeping an eye on finances and maintaining existing assets.

A clerk is employed to manage the accounts and administration and to advise councillors on legal matters.

Parish Councils play a huge role in ensuring that our communities are stronger, healthier and thriving places to live.

CALLING ALL COMMUNITY HEROES



**YOUR LOCAL
COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!**
MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A COUNCILLOR

To find out more contact: clerk@wiggintonandhopwas.co.uk

HOPWAS PLAYING FIELD



It has been wonderful to see the playing field so well used in this past year when our outdoor green spaces have become more valuable than ever before.

The Parish Council have made improvements to the site this year by replacing the wooden

fence with new play-safe steel fencing and gates; renewing and replacing the signage; re-painting benches and equipment; installing a new larger covered bin in the play area and replacing the basketball hoop backboard and football nets.

The playing field is inspected and maintained weekly; we are so grateful for the Community taking good care of this site and always appreciate residents using the bins



correctly or taking their litter home. Please continue to keep our playing field clean and welcoming for all to enjoy.



- **Maintain a 2m distance between yourself and others**



- **Sanitise your hands before, during and after using the play area**

(especially after touching play equipment and access gates)



- **Wash your hands thoroughly when you get home**



- **No food or drink to be consumed in the play area** (please dispose of any litter in the bins provided or take home with you)



- **If the play area is busy please wait or come back at another time**

Please be patient and kind.

We all deserve to play safely.



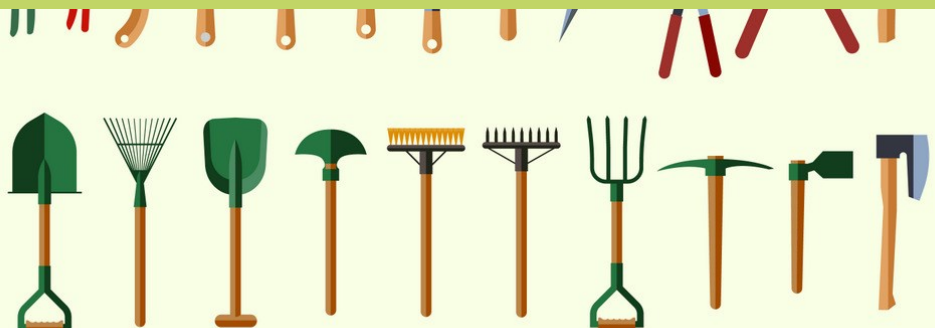
Hopwas Garden Club

The Garden Club has been running since June 2003 and until Covid arrived in this country, we met on the 4th Tuesday except August and December in the St Chad's Church Hall in Hints Road from 7.30.p.m. Each month we have a speaker and refreshments so everybody has a chance to socialise. Our membership fee is the same at the moment - £12 for 1 person and £20 for 2 living at the same address. All meetings are open to non members who pay a nominal guest fee.

In December we joined with other Garden Clubs for Zoom Meetings, run by Barlaston Garden Club Chairman, with a new name Tender Shoots Garden Club. The Zoom Meetings are regular and sponsored by all Clubs, so not only are we having more meetings a month, but also speakers from Staffordshire and beyond.

If you are interested in joining our group, we can also give you the Tender Shoots programme and any other details of the Zoom Meetings. Anyone in the area is very welcome. We hope to return to the Church Hall as soon as we are allowed and would love to see you there.

Enquiries -: susan.weatherill@btinternet.com



Comberford Millennium Green Renovation Survey

Comberford Millennium Green Trust (CMG Trust) are consulting with residents and visitors to discover which improvements would have the greatest impact on our community.

You can take part in this survey by scanning the QR code to the right or alternatively you can find a link to this survey by visiting the Parish Council website:

[www.wiggintonandhopwas.co.uk/
comberford](http://www.wiggintonandhopwas.co.uk/comberford)



If you would prefer a paper copy of this survey please contact the Chair to the trust Cllr Moore at 6 Manor Lane, Comberford or call: 07837235751

If you would like to make a donation to CMG Trust or if you have any further queries, suggestions or comments about this project please contact:

clerk@wiggintonandhopwas.co.uk or call 07540991343



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Easter 2020



HOPWAS METHODIST CHURCH FLORAL DISPLAYS

Throughout lockdown the church has been closed for worship however the many floral displays have continued to brighten the village.

The Church hopes to re-open for Sunday worship from the 16th May 2021.

For more information contact:

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Harvest Festival 2020



Remembrance 2020



Christmas 2020



Mothering Sunday 2021



St Leonard's Church, Wigginton



Spring at St Leonard's

Our usual Sunday Services at 10:30am & 5pm are up and running again in Church, as is the 10:30am Diddy Disciples group accompanied by their families. We will still be distancing for a while and have had to divide people up a little, but hopefully not for too long. We shall also be continuing with our online worship so do look at our website: www.wigginton-stleonard-stjames.org.uk or follow our Facebook page: [Wigginton Parish, St Leonard's and Spital Chapel](#)

We have been fortunate in keeping in contact with people both online and by phone and working closely with our Church school throughout this last difficult year.

It was lovely, back last year, to see people at our 'pop up sales' even though we were unable to hold our usual Summer and Christmas Fayres.

So many people have done so many caring, creative and faithful things and I think we are all appreciating each other even more nowadays.

St Leonard's church remains open during the day, a quiet and private place for you to sit in peace, and the churchyard is looking beautiful so come and have a walk round!

Do look out for more 'pop up sales' over the next few months, taking place in the churchyard.

It has been great that Young at Heart have been able to remain in the Centre through most of the last year, and we are looking forward to the return of the Dance Group.



Items from the 'pop-up' sales



2 of the 1,500 snowmen put out in the parish the week before Christmas (the 3rd year of putting out knitted items and messages and the 4th year ones are currently being produced!)



Display in the bus shelter for Holy Week

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Lichfield
district council



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There are 3 tiers of local government in this area and 3 local councils with separate responsibilities, Councillors, and budgets. The main services for each authority are:



- Bus Shelters
- Grass Cutting (Comberford Millennium Green, Hopwas Playing Field, Sill Green, War Memorial)
- Litter/Dog Bins (some)
- Hopwas Playing Field
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Noticeboards
- Planning (statutory consultee)
- War Memorial, Wiggington Trustee for Wiggington Village Hall & Comberford Millennium Green Trusts



- Planning Applications & Advice
- Recycling, bins and waste
- Council Tax & Benefits
- Car Parking
- Road Closures, Abandoned Vehicles
- Street cleansing, litter & graffiti
- Parks, sport & fitness
- Housing & Neighbourhood complaints
- Business Rates, Licensing, permits & advice
- Environmental Health
- Community Safety
- Voting & Elections



- Births, deaths, marriages & civil partnerships
- Business
- Advice, support and care for adults
- Care for children and families
- Children and early years
- Community
- Education and learning
- Environment
- Health, wellbeing and leisure
- Heritage and archives
- Libraries and arts
- Roads & highways (inc Grass Cutting & Weeds)
- Transport

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