

Hockley Parish Council News in Brief August 2020



Play Spaces The school summer holidays have arrived and we are pleased to announce that the play spaces maintained by Hockley Parish Council are now open again. Signs are displayed regarding COVID-19 restrictions and you are advised to use hand wash and wipes before and after using the equipment to limit risk of cross-infection. Usage will be regularly reviewed and should the situation change we will keep you informed.

Old Fire Station. Maintenance and redecorating work will be carried out during the next few weeks whilst the hall remains closed to the public. The building has been deep cleaned and the meeting room has been painted ready for when Government restrictions on community gatherings are lifted sufficiently for our facility to safely re-open to the community. With air conditioning, a hearing loop and wall mounted projection screen this is an ideal room for seminars, training and meetings for smaller groups. New booking enquiries are always welcome.

Village Market & Councillors Surgery. Two of our regular stall holders will be outside the Old Fire Station on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Paul, our butcher will be there from 9am in the morning and Louise from Sharpening Solutions from 2pm in the afternoon – with social distancing measures in place. Residents were pleased to see them both back last month and Louise was delighted to be given a plant and a bottle of fizz from her grateful Hockley customers. Your councillors are available if you wish to comment or draw something to our attention. Please contact them or the Parish Clerk by e-mail or phone and we will do our best to assist.

Parish Office Staff: We are pleased to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Kathryn, who has joined the team this month. We wish her all the best in the post.

Southend Road Toilets: Rochford District Council has started the refurbishment of the toilets with completion due at the beginning of September. At a time when many public toilets are closing, we felt it important to recognise that visitors and local people alike need access to basic, everyday amenities and are pleased the Parish Council has been able to put something back into the community.

Keeping Hockley Clean The Parish Council would like to pass on thanks to the groups and residents for their community spirit with litter clearing which has been helping the authorities to keep the village clear of excessive rubbish. If you notice any rubbish which needs clearing then please let Rochford District Council or the Parish Office know and we will arrange for collection.

Spa Road Rochford District Council has implemented social distancing measures in Spa Road as part of the Reopening of the High Streets. Signage had been erected and sleeves are on bollards to encourage social distancing. We continue to encourage people to follow government guidance and that includes wearing face coverings in shops and on public transport.

Congratulations to Hockley Primary School Redwood Class who were winners in the Art & Photography Category of the Academies Enterprise Trust Festival of Remarkable Lives 2020 in July with their stunning portrait of Sir David Attenborough. Well done to you all.

