

Hockley Parish Council News in Brief May 2020

Council Meetings: The Parish Council has recommenced its formal meetings using video conferencing. All agendas will be published as usual on our website. If you wish to join the public speaking time at these meetings, please contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@hockley-essex.gov.uk or 01702 207707 before the meeting.

Grants: We have recently approved a grant to Wyvern Community Transport who are helping the volunteer groups by delivering food parcels free of charge to residents in the Rochford & Castle Point Districts. If your charity or group would like to apply for a grant from the Parish Council, details on eligibility and application forms are available on our website. Rochford District Council are offering grants of £10,000 for revenue funding to local voluntary sector groups which benefit our community. To apply please go to: <https://www.rochford.gov.uk/vog>. We were pleased to hear that the Hockley & Hawkwell Day Centre have submitted an application and await receipt of the monies to help them through this difficult time. Many other Government grants are now available to support businesses and local charitable organisations.



VE Day 8th May 2020: The bunting is going up in Spa Road, Southend Road and Broad Parade and Dave our Parish Ranger has been filling the flower boxes in the village with red, white and blue plants. “Hockley Says Thank You” posters are available to download from our website and Colin Maclean of Amos Estates very kindly volunteered to print some for us which are starting to be seen around the parish. Many residents are holding social-distancing tea parties in their front gardens and the council wishes everyone a very happy Bank Holiday week-end. We look forward to seeing your photos. Stay safe.

Community Volunteers: The Rochford District Community Hub now have 264 volunteers in action and the Parish Council has been able to put some of our own vulnerable residents in touch with the hub. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help. More volunteers are always needed and if you would like to help please contact the hub on the number below.