

Chairman's News: The Parish Council continues to work for its residents, and we would urge you to become involved with the Rochford District Local Plan, which will have a major impact on our area. Your councillors have submitted their concerns and will keep regularly in touch with the District Council to ensure Hockley's voice is heard. Local Authority Council Tax notices will soon be received and the Parish Council is pleased to report that once again, Hockley Parish's proportion of the Band D Rate for 2018/19 has remained at its current level. With some careful planning we have been able to maintain local services and introduce new projects which will benefit our local community. The Parish Council currently has a vacancy in Hockley West Ward; if you have an interest in local issues and would like to join the council we would be pleased to hear from you. *Cllr Roy Martin*

If you have any comments or enquiries, please contact Kate Smiles, Clerk to the Parish Council
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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Please note Full Council Meetings for 2017/18 are bi monthly. All meetings are held at the Old Fire Station and you will find the calendar on the website and notice boards.

19 th March 2018	7.30pm FULL COUNCIL MEETING
21 st May 2018	 <p><i>The Annual Parish Assembly is an opportunity for Hockley's electorate to come along and hear the Annual Report of the Parish Council.</i></p> <p>7pm ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 7.30pm ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING</p>

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NEWSFLASH

Hockley Parish Council's Newsletter is updating this year. Hockley News is produced and published by Councillors to keep you informed of local issues and the work of your Parish Council. As Hockley has grown in size and most people now look at information online, copies will no longer be delivered to every household. However you will be able to read or download the Newsletter from our website and paper copies will be available from the Parish Office, Hockley Library and local Shops for those who still like to receive their news by this means. **Website: hockley-essex.gov.uk**

Issues & Options Document

Rochford District Council is currently reviewing their **NEW LOCAL PLAN**. Hockley Parish Council would encourage all residents to make themselves aware of the Issues and Options Document and respond to the District Consultation which is now open to the public until **7th March 2018** as it will have a major impact on development in our area.

You may express your concerns and respond in any of the following ways:

- Online: www.rochford.gov.uk/iao
- Email: issuesandoptions@rochford.gov.uk
- Post: Planning Policy, Council Offices, South Street, Rochford, SS4 1BW
Fax: 01702 318181



ENVIRONMENT ROUND UP WINTER 2017/18

December saw the start of the five year regeneration plan for the Marylands Nature Reserve. Scrub has been cleared from below selected trees in the meadow in order to offer them more growing space and light and scrub encroachment cut back. In the woodland area a number of tall trees with interlocking canopies which restricted light to the woodland floor were coppiced and weak trees, excessive seedlings and sapling growth weeded out. 'Scalloping' of the heavy hawthorn growth along the main ride will assist in encouraging diverse flora and insect population. A new ranch board fence has been placed at the end of the main ride in order to restrict access to footpath 13. It is sad to report that no sooner had the fence been installed than it was removed by persons unknown. It has, however, been reinstated by the Council. Stakes have been planted along the northern boundary of the reserve to delineate the extent of the Parish Council's land and area of responsibility.

On Broad Parade a dangerous tree has been removed with other necessary tree work planned for the winter of 2018/19. Last year Laburnum Grove Play Space had a new play surface; this year it is the turn of the Plumberow Play Space thereby ensuring a safer and more attractive area for our children to play in. **The Parish Council is grateful to the Community Initiative Fund for funding the project.**

General maintenance work continues at the Council's other open spaces and if you think the council should be aware of any problems around the village please let the Clerk or one of our councillors know and we will do our best to solve the matter or may know somebody who can!



We have a new Parish Ranger who joined us in February. "Big Dave" will be working alongside Grant around the village during the summer. Please say hello!



ART EXHIBITION BY HOCKLEY AND HAWKWELL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

17th MARCH 2018 (10:00 am to 3:00 pm)

THE OLD FIRE STATION, SOUTHEND ROAD, HOCKLEY

Following the success of the 2016 and 2017 Schools' Art Exhibitions, where residents, local artists and art teachers were amazed at the quality and variety of artwork, Hockley Parish Council has organised another Exhibition for 2018 with exhibits provided by Hockley Primary School, Plumberow Primary Academy and Westerings Primary Academy. The Exhibition will include a selection of artwork by all age groups from Reception to Year 6. The Exhibition is open to the public and admission is free. The children and their teachers are hoping for a high attendance of parents, grandparents and local artists to support the event. *Further details can be obtained from Hockley Parish Councillors:*

Veronica Randall (01702 202142), Tim Gleadall (01702 201688) or Sue Martin (01702 202750)

Please note this event was postponed from 3rd March 2018 due to severe weather conditions.

Council launch 'Safe at Home' grant for residents living with dementia in the district As a member of the new Rochford Dementia Action Alliance, **Rochford District Council** are pleased to announce that access to a new grant is being made available to support local residents living in their home with a dementia diagnosis. Those affected by dementia can apply for the 'Safe at Home' grant, which can be up to £1000, to make improvements to their homes. The grant, which is funded through Public Health, is designed to help residents and their carers, cope with the challenges of living with the condition.

The grant can cover adaptations within the home such as:

- Replacing floor coverings that cause confusion or safety issues
- Replacing tiling or bathroom fittings (such as toilet seats and rails) to improve visual perception.
- Changing cupboards to glass fronted doors, to enable recognition of where items are in the kitchen
- Changing lighting schemes to improve visibility around the home
- Installing noise reduction measures
- Ensuring gardens and paths are level and free from hazards

Residents who would like to apply for the grant will need to complete a simple application form accompanied with a letter from their GP or Health Specialist confirming a diagnosis. For more information and to apply, please contact 01702 318061 or email communityplanning@rochford.gov.uk

Hockley Christmas Lights



The Parish Council appreciated all the help it received from the volunteers, performers, traders, emergency services and the community of Hockley who supported the Hockley Christmas Lights Event in November. We had around 3000 people turn up and although it was a very chilly afternoon the good humour of the community and the antics of our 'Reel' characters from UK Garrison helped keep out the cold. Thanks to everyone's generosity the event raised over £3,000 for local charities. 243 entries were received for the Children's Colouring Competition and Hockley Chamber of Trade donated £1 for each entry received to Little Havens Hospice. *More photos on our website.*

Knitted Poppy Project November 2018

A big thank you from the Parish Council to our volunteer knitters who have made a wonderful start on the poppies for the cascade to go on Hockley's War Memorial in November. **Keep them coming as more poppies are needed.** If you would like to take part you can collect wool and patterns from the Parish Office. Please bring your finished poppies to the parish office as soon as possible now so we can begin work on assembling the structure. *Your contacts for the project are Councillor Veronica Randall on 01702 202142 or the office on 01702 207707*



Hockley Art Trail 2018

Hockley Parish Council are organising their 5th Art Trail between 30th June and 7th July 2018, where up to 30 shops and businesses in Hockley town centre will be exhibiting various forms of art.

The Trail provides local artists with the opportunity to display a variety of artwork, including visual art, photography, ceramics, decorative glass, and jewellery. At some venues, exhibits will be solely for display, but at many venues, exhibits will also be available for purchase.

Hockley Art Trail is featured in the Essex Summer of Arts booklet which highlights all of the art trails and exhibitions in Essex. An event programme and trail map, providing details of artists and venues, will be available prior to the event.

This year we will be holding art workshops on 30th June and 7th July, primarily for children, in morning and afternoon sessions at the Old Fire Station. Entry to the workshops is free.

If you or anyone you know would like the opportunity to exhibit any form of artwork, attend the workshops, or require further details, please contact:

Councillors Tim Gleadall (01702 201688), Veronica Randall (01702 202142), Sue Martin (01702 202750) or Hockley Parish Council Office (01702 207707).

Defibrillator. The new defibrillator unit has been installed in Spa Road outside Sainsburys. When it is registered with the Emergency Services this will become active. A Training Session will be arranged shortly at the Old Fire Station and if you would like to be involved please let the parish office have your details. The date will be published on our website when known.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Big Lottery Fund; The Community Heartbeat Trust and Sainsburys for their support with this project.



Village Market and Parish Councillor Surgery at the Old Fire Station, Southend Road, Hockley on the second Saturday of each month from 9.30am to 12.30pm (excluding January)

Meet your local Parish Councillors who are available at the Village Market during the morning.

We enable local people to sell their produce and crafts to the community with an opportunity for everyone to enjoy a cup of tea, coffee and cakes provided by local charities. We look forward to seeing you there.



Are you looking for an outlet to sell your local produce or craft? Hockley Parish Council has some tables available at their Village Market. If you would like further information please contact: Cllr. Mark Anderson on 01702 204879