

HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF OCTOBER



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Forget

Remembrance Day Many plans have had to be cancelled this year due to the Covid-19 Virus and the Remembrance Service is sadly one of them as the health and safety of residents has taken priority. It is important that we remember those who served and lost their lives for our country. The Council Chairman will lay a wreath at the Southend Road War Memorial and the gate will be left open from Sat. 7th to Thurs 12th November so anyone who wishes can lay a wreath or cross. The poppies knitted by the community for the 100th Anniversary will be on display again outside the Parish Hall. Amos Estates are arranging to display poppies around the village. You may wish to put some in your windows at home.

Litter Picking: Due to the increasing volume of rubbish being discarded in many of our areas, various community spirited residents have volunteered additional help. The Rochford District Litter Picks have been clearing sites around the District including Hockley and Hawkwell and have been joined by some of our youngsters; the Tidy Team have been litter picking at Marylands Nature Reserve, which they hope to make a regular occurrence. Rochford District Council are responsible for rubbish clearance and our Parish Council Rangers make additional litter pick rounds twice weekly at the Nature Reserve and in the Village. Please let us know then any rubbish bags need to be collected. Details of volunteer litter picks days are posted on facebook.



Discover 2020 : A team of 170 volunteers have created a stunning 30ft long 'Rochford District Heritage Tapestry', which depicts the history of our district over the past 1,000 years. The project, organised by the Rochford Town Team, has been a 20 month long 'labour of love' – with volunteers even working over the lockdown period using take-home kits - *including one of our Parish Councillors at 90 years young and several residents from Hockley*. They have painstakingly created 10 panels (each 65cm high by 90cm wide) which show a timeline of dramatic historic change, with the overall design based on research by local historians. Find out more, including the local history behind each panel, at: <http://orlo.uk/EBFYz>

Christmas is coming.....

The Parish Council will have all the lights and Christmas tree up in the village by the end of November. This year the children will find a Christmas Poster to colour and other activities on our website and facebook page during the weeks leading up to Christmas..

