



HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Hockley Parish Council looks forward to seeing you all again at the 2022 Christmas Lights Event....

Hockley Christmas Lights Event

Saturday 26th November 2022

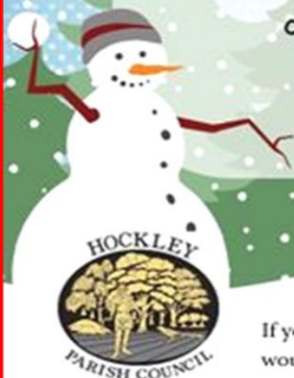
3pm -6pm

Visit Father Christmas and his live reindeer
at the Parish Hall 'Old Fire Station'
58 Southend Road
SS5 4QH

No tickets required FREE entry

Market Stalls and Stage in Spa Road with
performances from local schools and
community groups, Presentation for
Children's Colouring
competition, best festive jumper and
much more

Local Business festive activities
and extended opening



If you are a local business and would be interested in sponsoring the event or
would like a stall please contact clerk@hockley-essex.gov.uk

NEW CLERK FOR HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

meet our
NEW

staff

In September the parish council appointed Mrs Karen Hawkes as its Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer. Karen has previous Local Authority experience and will be a valuable asset to the council. In addition, a new Admin Assistant has also joined us and a warm welcome and lots of good wishes are extended to both Karen and Owen on becoming part of the team.

Christmas Colouring Competition

Entry forms are available from the parish office, Hockley Library and are with our Primary Academies. Please bring your entries to the Old Fire Station Southend Road on Saturday 19th November 2022 between 10am and 12pm for your chance to win a prize and switch on the Christmas lights.



NEW DEFIBRILLATORS

We are pleased to announce that two new external defibrillators are being installed in Hockley thanks to the generosity of local sponsors. These will be located at Apex Corner in Plumberow Avenue and the Esso Garage in Greensward Lane. Details of training sessions will be available shortly.



Community Special Constables

Essex Police are currently recruiting volunteers for the Hockley area. To apply please follow the link below:
www.essex.police.uk/communityspecials

DO YOU NEED A WHEELCHAIR?



Hockley Parish Council have wheelchairs which are available on short term loan to our residents free of charge.

If you would like to make a booking, please contact our Clerk on 01702 207707.

PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The Old Fire Station, Southend Road will be acting as a collection point for donations in Hockley. A separate wheelie bin will be available outside to enable donations to be dropped off at any time.

Please note donations will be regularly collected by the organisers and cannot be accepted inside the premises or left on the forecourt. Thank you for your co-operation.

All enquiries to:
Rochford District Councillor
Adrian Eves on 07802 151 459
or email: cllradrian.eves.@rochford.gov.uk



Annual Service of Remembrance and Wreath Laying

Hockley War Memorial, Southend Road

Sunday 13th November 2022
2pm

Following the service the Royal British Legion will muster a parade in Southend Road Car Park (rear of the library) march will proceed to Hockley and District Royal British Legion, where residents can join their service should they wish.

Everyone welcome to attend

News from the Parish Council Chair

Dear Residents

When I took office in May we had turned our back on Covid restrictions and were looking to the future, and the first bright spark on the horizon was the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. A plethora of varied events took place in communities across the UK to show their love and respect for the Queen and Hockley was no exception. The Parish Council started the celebrations with the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon at the church of St Peter and Paul followed by a Jubilee Fair. and I was lucky enough to attend many of the events and developed quite an appetite for Coronation Chicken and Jubilee Trifle. Sadly, just three months later the UK was mourning the death of the Queen and I represented Hockley Parish at commemorative services and later at the Proclamation ceremony in Rochford.

Now, looking forward, Hockley will be marking Remembrance Day in the Village with a service at the War Memorial and holding a Christmas Lights Event for the first time in two years. We hope we can count on your support.

The councillors and staff of Hockley Parish Council would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Regards and warm wishes.

Cllr Barbara Thorogood



Ambassadors from our local primary academies together with members of the parish council and Rev Stephanie Stroebel laid floral tributes to the late Queen at the War Memorial in Hockley.

New £50m support for Essex residents to help with the cost of living A new raft of measures and money to help families battle against increasing cost of living pressures has been announced by Essex County Council (ECC). The plans include £17 million of government cash to help households pay for insulation and other energy saving improvements at home, a community led 'winter warmth and welcome' campaign to provide local places for winter warmth over the coming months, including a grant scheme to help groups fund activities, and additional funding to help vulnerable people with essential costs.

The full range of the £50m support is outlined in the Council's [Cost of Living Support for Households and Communities Plan](#) (PDF, 2.95MB), which aims to help those needing immediate support.

Through the plan, ECC brings together partners, charities and organisations to tackle the issues residents are facing. It also maps the wider support being delivered across the county. The Council's approach is based on three pillars – Response, Resilience and Root causes, along with a six-point plan to support residents.

A number of support initiatives are already underway with others due to launch in mid-October onwards. This plan will continue to evolve and will respond to the changing needs of people and communities in Essex. While these measures will offer immediate relief to residents in difficulty, ECC is also looking at the medium and long term, building resilience and looking at the root causes of cost-of-living pressures, such as access to skills and good jobs. ECC remains committed to the goals of its Levelling Up strategy, a longer-term programme looking beyond the immediate impacts of inflation and the rising prices of essentials.



HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCILLORS

Council meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Parish Hall starting at 7.30 pm. (except August)

HOCKLEY WEST WARD

Cllr Adrian EVES (Co-opted 2021)
Cllr Brian HAZELWOOD
Cllr James HEDGES (Co-opted 2022)
Cllr Andy MACPHERSON (Co-opted 2022)
Cllr Sue MARTIN (Vice Chair)
Cllr Phil MEACHAM
Cllr Barbara THOROGOOD (Chair)

HOCKLEY EAST WARD

Cllr Nick BOXALL
Cllr Mike CARTER
Cllr Toni CARTER
Cllr Lesley VINGOE

Please address all correspondence to:

Hockley Parish Council, The Old Fire Station, 58 Southend Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4QH
Clerk to the Council 01702 207707 e-mail: enquiries@hockley-essex.gov.uk

Are you thinking of starting a new community group or moving location? Hockley Parish Council are providing **4 weeks free hall hire** to encourage community groups and residents to meet at 'The Old Fire Station' 58 Southend Road Hockley. For more information, please contact the parish clerk on clerk@hockley-essex.gov.uk



PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies on the council. If you are interested in local issues and would like to become a parish councillor please contact our clerk, Karen Hawkes, or come along to one of our meetings. We also hold regular parish council surgeries and would be pleased to see you for a chat; details are published on our website and facebook pages. www.hockley-essex.gov.uk

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