

Hednesford Town Council Newsletter July 2009

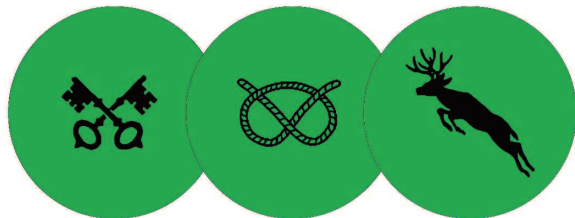
Hednesford Town Council is delighted to announce that a package of changes are to be delivered which are designed to benefit the local community and to promote Hednesford.

Councillor Derek Davies said "The Council is working hard to increase public pride in our town and the surrounding area which we see as the "Gateway to Cannock Chase" - an area of outstanding natural beauty. We want our residents to live in a town they are proud of and for visitors to want to come to Hednesford and increase the tourist and local trade" The Council will continue to work closely with the Police and the Street Warden service to reduce crime and fear of crime in the Town. The council is also working very closely with Chase 3 and the Southern Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry and local traders in the area, to ensure that we do all we can to help our businesses to thrive and prosper and continue with the economic regeneration of the town.

Website to Promote Hednesford

Kingsmead Technology College have designed a new Town logo and helped produce a website which, along with other initiatives, is helping to give Hednesford a fresh identity. The website address is www.hednesford-tc.gov.uk. We would like to encourage contributions to the "What's On" section of the website. Please forward any events to : peter.harrison@hednesford-tc.gov.uk or post into the address at the bottom of this article.

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Gateway to the Chase

Good Citizens Award

Hednesford Town Council would like to invite nominations for its new annual award scheme for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year (16 or below) and Community Group of the Year. Nomination forms are available on www.hednesford-tc.gov.uk or can be collected from Pye Green Community Centre and Hednesford Library. Vice-chair Doris Grice said "We have some fantastic people living in our area and we are delighted that we will be able to recognise these people officially through the Good Citizens Award Scheme".

Transport

The Council is committed to improving roads, highway safety and enhancing our transport links. A close working relationship has been established with London Midland Rail who have plans to improve the station and the surrounding area.

Spokesperson for Transport Bob Todd said "If you know of any roads in the town that are in need of repair, please report it to Clarence (the Customer Lighting and Roads Enquiry Centre)". Clarence covers road and pavement repairs, broken streetlights and road signs, faulty traffic lights and blocked road drains and gullies. Call on Freephone 0800 23 23 23 which operates from Mon - Fri 8am - 6pm and outside of these hours an answer phone is available. Complaints can be reported by e-mail to Clarence@staffordshire.gov.uk

Town Centre

The Town Council has supported a proposal to limit parking on the Co-op car park to a maximum of 3 hours with no charge - this is so that spaces are available for shoppers and not hogged by commuters. The Town Council wants the car parks at the rear of the Aquarius (Victoria Street) and the one off the Rugeley Road to remain free all day every day, thereby providing a boost to the Hednesford economy.



To provide funding for enforcement, the Town Council has reluctantly conceded that car parking charges should be introduced on the official railway station car park - in line with similar arrangements at Cannock and Rugeley railway stations. As a consequence, The Town Council has decided that it will continue to provide funding for CCTV security in the town centre - currently costing over £20,000 a year as this is an important deterrent to keep crime off our streets!



Pye Green Community Centre

Subject to funding being obtained, the target date for the start of improvements/extensions to Pye Green Community Centre will be August 2010. This will be the biggest project that Hednesford has ever seen. There will be a number of additional facilities to replace closures of other amenities in the area. Chairman Alan Pearson stated "I am looking forward to the development of a new, green, environmentally friendly centre for our local community to use which is well situated on a main bus route. When completed, this will be a fantastic Community Centre that the local residents will be extremely proud of".

Spokesperson for the Community Centre Zaphne Stretton said "We are all looking forward to the work which will take place to improve the Community Centre. In the meantime, the centre remains open and is available for hire with or without a fully licensed bar for private functions and parties" If you would like to enquire about bookings for the community centre, please contact : laurie.bowman@hednesford-tc.gov.uk or call 07974 849812.



Park Fun Sessions

Hednesford Town Council are pleased to be able to support Staffordshire Youth Service and will fund Park Fun Sessions at Hednesford Park on Mondays and Cotswold Park on Tuesdays during the school holidays for a 5 week period between 12:00 and 2:30 pm. Activities will include arts, sports and team games with the opportunity for young people to take home T Shirts, Dream Catchers etc

Town Conference

The Council are delighted to announce that there will be a town conference held at 7pm on Wednesday 23rd September. The subject of the conference will be transport and highways. We would like to invite members of the public to join us at Pye Green Community Centre for what we hope to be an interesting and informative meeting.

Santa's coming to town - Christmas Event - 4th December

We are delighted to tell you that Hednesford Town's Christmas event is to be held on Friday 4th December. Please put this date in your diary to make this an evening to remember! Spokesperson Diane Todd said "We are extremely keen for volunteers from the local community to be involved in this wonderful festive project and would invite anyone wishing to help in any way to contact peter.harrison@hednesford-tc.gov.uk"

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Pye Green Ward

Your Hednesford

We'd like to involve the local residents and to know your views on what you want to see in Hednesford. You are all welcome to join us at the local meetings which are held at Pye Green Community Centre and the dates of the meetings are to be found in the dates section of this newsletter. Please send any other suggestions for the local area to peter.harrison@hednesford-tc.gov.uk or post into the address at the bottom of this article.

Dates of future meetings

Finance & General Purposes Committee on 28th July starting at 11.30 am
Full Council Meeting on 11th of August at 7.30 pm
Members of the public are very welcome to attend these meetings which will be held at Pye Green Community Centre

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