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## Annual General Meeting - Chairman's Statement 2023,

Hunton Parish Council 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

The past year has seen the Council continue to support village life and enhance the community in which we all live. The reorganisation of the North Yorkshire and RDC administrative areas is now complete and **Hunton is now part of the Scotton and Lower Wensleydale Ward within the new Unitary Authority.** The new council came into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. We are pleased to welcome Tom Jones as our new councillor.

**We have continued with works around the village. These have included:**

**Cleaning and refurbishment of the lettering on the War Memorial.** Our thanks go to Cllr Tom Jones for funding this project from the NYCC Locality Budget.

**Replacement of footbridge across the beck in the Playpark.** Funding has been completed and the bridge purchased. Installation date is anticipated to be by the end of June 2023. Our thanks go to RDC, Steam Gathering Committee and the Pantomime group for their generous support of this project.

**A new bench has been purchased for the Pinfold** and our thanks go to RDC and the Hunton In Bloom Committee for their support to allow this to go ahead.

**Removal of overgrown Leylandii adjacent to the war memorial.**

**Paediatric defibrillator pads for the unit at the village hall.**

**One of the major areas of expenditure for the PC is for grass cutting.** Following another successful year, the Council has moved into the final year of a three year agreement with Gareth Hastie Landscapes. The results currently being achieved continue to be of a high standard.

Claire Seaborne has continued with the ongoing

maintenance to the Pinfold and we are grateful for her efforts. Claire has also been leading a group who are embarking on a **Hunton in Bloom Project** which will enhance the look of the village.

Wendy Knight and Jan Wylie continue to develop the wildflower areas and the results have been very pleasing.

**Remembrance Day.** Once again the service was well attended the memorial was looking well with the large display of poppies and the recently refurbished memorial

**As always, the PC is grateful to all those members of the community that have supported our efforts and undertaken voluntary work during the course of the year.**

Jan Wylie organised litter picks on the lanes coming into the village and a considerable amount of rubbish was collected. She was ably supported by a number of willing volunteers from the community.

Wendy Knight for producing the newsletter. The reintroduction of a paper copy of the village news has proved very popular and will continue.

Nigel Heath for repairs to the Cinder House door.

David and Janet Boakes for repainting the bus shelter.

Pete Latham for maintaining the area around the bench along the Hauxwell road.

Steve Tock for researching and finding a contractor to refurbish the war memorial.

**If you are interested in becoming involved with PC activities or serving on the Council, then please let any member of the Council know.** It is likely that not all the current members will seek re-election at the end of this period and is therefore important for other members of the community to consider supporting the PC in the future.

**Robert Wyatt**

## COUNTRYMAN'S COMMUNITY PUB SOCIETY LTD & AGM

Dear CCPS members,

First of all, we just wanted to say how fantastic it is to have the kitchen up and running - and being able to sample the gorgeous food Dan, Lisa and their team are producing. **Secondly, we can confirm that work has started, and continues, on renovating the second floor to convert into two letting rooms and it is anticipated that these works should be complete by the end of September.**

**We are also pleased to announce that our next Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in the village hall on Monday 31st July at 19.30.**

As we approach the next meeting, we'd love to hear from any members who would like to be on the committee for the coming year. If you'd like to know more about joining the committee, please drop us a message before Monday 19th June and we'll be in touch.

**To celebrate the first anniversary of the pub being back open for business,, there will be a celebration to mark the event at the Countrymans on Saturday 2nd September. Full details will be advertised nearer the time.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

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**Serving delicious pub food.:**

**Thursday 5pm to 8pm**

**Friday Saturday 4.30pm -8.00pm**

**Sunday Lunch 12 -4 00 pm**



## Hunton in Bloom Summer Update

June 2023

### PROJECT UPDATES

**Village centre:** The raised beds in front of the village hall have been constructed and filled with topsoil and well rotted horse manure. Tim Anderson and Claire Seaborne have planted these up with some of the plants that were removed a few weeks ago plus some more from our own gardens. Two water butts have been installed to allow easy watering. The beds to the side of the bus shelter have been sown with wildflower seeds which should make a colourful display in the summer as well as acting as a nectar café for bees and other pollinating insects.

**War Memorial:** One of the beds alongside the war memorial has been planted with sweet box by Gina Claydon. These should make lovely fragrant hedges when the flowers come out in Jan/Feb. Some hellebores have been planted in the shade of the yew tree and daffodils will be added in the autumn. GSC Grays have kindly agreed to sponsor a tree and plaque to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III, this will be planted in the autumn, once a site has been agreed. The sinks beside the quoits pitch have been planted and the area around the two benches tidied.

**Village entrances:** The Bedale entrance has been tidied and spring flowering bulbs have been added here and at the other entrances. Sedum roofs have been added to the Richmond and Wildhill entrances.

**The Pinfold:** The gate and the old wooden bench have been repainted. A new bench made out of recycled plastic has been added.

**FUNDRAISING:** Claire and Gareth Seaborne are hosting a Woodland Open Afternoon at "Crossways" (last house on Leyburn Rd) on Sunday 18th June from 2-5pm. Hunton Ladies Choir will be singing during the afternoon. Entrance is free, refreshments will be served and there will be a plant sale. Please bring cash. All proceeds to Hunton in Bloom and The Woodland Trust.

**YORKSHIRE IN BLOOM:** We have entered the category called "It's Your Neighbourhood" which is aimed at small groups and those just starting out. Judging will take place in July. It would be wonderful if as many of you as possible would help us show off our village in its best possible light.

**PLANT POT RECYCLING BANK:** Don't forget this useful resource which is located at the Eastern end of the Village Hall. It is filling up with pots of lots of different sizes so if you are short of any please go down and have a look. If you have a surplus of pots then please give them a quick rinse or brush out and add them to the collection. THANK YOU.

### **AGM Monday 10th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room**

Please come along if you can to show your support. We are keen to recruit new volunteers to the steering group, particularly if you have any expertise or enthusiasm for fundraising and/or publicity. Please speak to Claire Seaborne, Maria Ramskill, Jean Tock, Janet Boakes, Lynn Whitham or Linda Newsome or email [huntoninbloom@gmail.com](mailto:huntoninbloom@gmail.com) if you would like to find out more.

### **Playpark Bridge**

After a protracted manufacturing period, we would anticipate that the new bridge will be delivered in the next seven days. Works will then commence on the removal of the existing bridge, construction of foundations and the installation of the new bridge. We anticipate that these works will take approximately three weeks to complete and during this time access across the beck will have to be via the footbridge across the ford. **Once plans are finalised, we will be seeking some volunteers to assist with the removal and installation of the bridge and further details will be published via the village Facebook page.**

### **Wild Flowers and Orchard**

The wild areas on the playpark have many native plants that are good for pollinators & birds. The cover is a valuable resource for insect & grub eaters, such as blackbirds, wrens, thrushes, tits, dunnocks, starlings to find live food for young; even seed eaters feed live food to their nestlings. There are day flying moths, hoverflies, bumble bees, ladybirds, living and feeding in the vegetation. Later, small birds will feed on the seed heads. Plants to look out for: White & Red campion, Ragged Robin, Chicory, Foxgloves, Yellow Rattle, Love-in-a-mist, vetch, Herb Robert, Poppy, Teasel, Wild Geum, Forget-me-Not, Feverfew, Oxeye daisy, Purple Loosestrife, Common Mallow.

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