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Village News



Local Government elections

Elections for all tiers of local government take place on Thursday 5th May. This includes Parish Councils.

Hunton has five parish council positions, which are up for election. If you wish to stand as a candidate for parish councillor, visit Richmondshire District Council website, 'Council and democracy' 'Voting and elections', Elections 2022, and download the 'parish/town council (warded) nomination pack'.

The window for nominations opens on 28th March 2022, when a formal notice is displayed on the PC noticeboard, and which is the first day that completed nominations will be accepted.

Completed nomination papers must be delivered by hand to the Returning Officer (address on the form) no later than 4pm on Tuesday 5th April 2022. You must make an appointment to deliver these papers. It may take 30-45 minutes to process the nomination paper. (All this information, and more is on the RDC website.)

Litter pick SUNDAY 3rd APRIL

The last litter pick yielded 22 bags of litter plus small items of 'flytipping' - a magnificent effort and result, so we are planning another, before the verges grow this season.

If you can give an hour or so of your time to help, please let us know and we'll add you to one of the routes. This time we have arranged to transport any volunteers who do not wish to do a 'there & back' walk to the start of each route. Bags can be left along the road, if too heavy or full, for pick up. We plan to start at 10.30am in the village hall car park. The PC has added litter bag rings to the equipment already available (hi viz gilets, gloves, picker sticks, bags). If you have your own hi viz or gardening gloves, please bring those in case we run out.

Free tea, coffee and scones will be available at the pub, from 12.00 noon. Thank you!

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20 mph initiative

There is a county wide initiative to introduce 20mph limits in residential areas, which have schools. In Hunton, as well as the primary school, we have a large area for children to play and use, and the school uses the village hall and green spaces as part of its curriculum. At present, over 100 parish councils have signed up to the initiative 'Twenty is Plenty'. Though 20mph zones are not enforced by the police, current research indicates that these initiatives are effective in creating a safer environment for pedestrians, particularly children, cyclists and animals. For information and links to research, go to huntonpc.org and find the Twenty is Plenty, Questions Answered on the homepage.

The PC would welcome residents' views on the principle of introducing a 20mph zone, and how extensive that should be. Please email Hunton PC Clerk at: huntonpc@outlook.com with comments.

Wildflowers, bees and birds

The three areas on the play areas have started to flower, with primroses, crocus and daffodils. Bluebells are coming through and reseeding of annuals has taken place. At least one of the ten bird boxes put up a year ago is occupied by nesting blue tits, who were scolding as the willow den was being worked on.

Early queen bumblebees, emerging on warm days from hibernation need to build their energy to start new colonies, and are foraging anytime from mid Feb. With changes due to climate change it is likely that pollinating plants and their pollinators may fall out of sync, so the PC has agreed to leave the verge from Captain's Bridge to the pinfold for the first mows of the year to allow dandelions to flower. The verge will then be cut as usual as spring progresses.

If you would like to get involved in this we would love to see you.

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No dogs on grass of village amenity area

Recently, there have been a number of dogs taken onto the grass. The whole area has been designated 'dog-free' for more than 30 years. The prime reasons - health and amenity: to keep it free from a rare but potentially devastating disease, toxicariasis, passed to humans from faeces of dogs with roundworm (children are more susceptible). Additionally, once dogs are routinely brought on the green space, there will be faeces, which may end up trodden in and taken into homes. To alert visitors, new residents and anyone else who may not realise, three additional black and white 'no dogs' signs have been put up at the entrance to the large play park, at the cut through from the car park, and a third will be erected on the path from Ratten Row, along Greenacres, when a post is delivered.

There is also numerous evidence of: dog faeces left along footpaths and in stock fields, including hay meadows; bagged dog faeces chucked into hedgerows, on the bag fields (pale blue bags mostly). Leaving aside the revolting nature of this practice, these are particularly dangerous to grazing animals, who actually find the bags attractive!

School Governor vacancies

Hunton & Arrathorne CP School 01677 450342
admin@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr. S Donaldson

We are at a natural point in the cycle of a governing board where we are looking to fill two vacancies.

You will be joining a Good school. Our last Ofsted report stated: 'Governors provide [the school] with effective support and challenge ... They are sharp in their analysis of what needs to be done to move the school forward.'

We are looking for individuals who can commit to eight meetings per year and undertake some additional duties to offer support and challenge to school leaders. All backgrounds welcome. If, however, you possess any of the following skills we would particularly like to hear from you:

Business Management Skills
Property Management
Community Interests

For an informal chat, please contact Patrick Barber, Chair of Governors, via email
cofg@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk

Choose to Lose weight loss programme RDC

Richmondshire District Council is offering residents the opportunity to take part in a funded 12 week programme. If you are interested, go to Richmondshire District Council website and search 'Choose to Lose'. This is a free adult weight management programme for those living or working in Richmondshire aged 18 or over.

Rock n Roll night

With the return of the

Baldy Holly Band

Saturday 23rd April 2022

Doors open at 7.30pm	Prizes for best dressed
Bar & Raffle	50's & 60's quiz

At Hunton Village Hall

Tickets £12.50/person

email: jywyllie@hotmail.co.uk

or phone Ken on 450986

Tickets strictly in advance

Hunton Garden Group

(All meetings on Thursdays, 7.30pm in village hall)

1) 24th March, Speaker: Roger Burnett, 'Judging at Shows'

2) 28th April, Annual Plant sale & short talk on 'Hunton's meadows' (playpark areas)

Your Parish Councillors are: Robert Wyatt (Chair), Ronnie Smith, Ray Worsdale, Jan Wylie, Wendy Knight.

If you would like to include items of interest in the next Village News, please contact the Parish Council: huntonpc@outlook.com or talk to any member of the PC. All PC emails are on the PC Website, huntonpc.org, under Parish Council, Council Members