

The Hollow Project Update

The final work on the Hollow Project is underway! This will include replacement of the fencing around the northern and western sides of the Hollow and the playground. The old wooden play bridge will be updated and safety matting will be placed around the entrance and under the trim trail. The Council is extremely pleased to report that we will be installing a water fountain and water bottle filling station near the playground entrance. This is a feature that many users of the Hollow have asked for, as the closest location to obtain water is some distance away, and will prove a real asset during the (hopefully!) warm summer months ahead.

The Village Green Project

As the Hollow Project draws to a close, the Council have commenced a new project to revamp the Village Green and we want to hear YOUR views. Essential work to replace the fencing around the Village Green will be completed before the summer but there are many other enhancements that could be achieved to make this wonderful space more attractive and usable for residents such as additional planting and/or benches. We will shortly be distributing a questionnaire to ask what improvements you would like to see and will be canvassing your views at the Annual Parish Meeting too. In the meantime, we welcome all suggestions or comments and these can be emailed or posted to the Parish Clerk (contact details at the front of this newsletter).

Dog Mess

We periodically have to raise this issue but please, please pick up after your dogs. Dog mess is extremely anti-social and unpleasant and isn't what people who care about their community do. We provide dog waste bags and a bin on the Village Green so leaving any mess there is completely unnecessary.

Sussex Police Headquarters Visit

On the 19th February, the Chair of the Council visited the Command and Control Room at Sussex Police Headquarters as part of an ongoing transformation programme around contact. The visit provided an invaluable opportunity to gain a greater understanding regarding how calls and incidents are dealt with, the initial stages of an investigation, the challenges faced and plans for the future. You can find out more about the visit at the Annual Parish Meeting and on our website.

Dates for your diary

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council holds meetings each month in South Heighton Village Hall. Please do try and come along and let us know the projects and local issues that you think we should be focussing on.

- Tue 9th April 2019 at 7pm
- Tue 14th May 2019 (Annual Council Meeting)
- Mon 20th May 2019 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- Tue 25th June 2019 at 7pm
- Tue 30th July 2019 at 7pm
- Tue 10th September at 7pm
- Tue 22nd October 2019 at 7pm
- Tue 26th November 2019 at 7pm

Village Events

- Thu 2nd May – Local Elections
- Mon 20th May – Annual Parish Meeting
- Sat 8th June – Denton Community Challenge
- Sat 29th June – South Heighton Summer Fete
[Organised by SHVHMC]
- Sat 9th November - South Heighton Bonfire
[Organised by SHVHMC]

**We hope everybody has
a very Happy Easter and
a wonderful summer**



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We have a new website that is much easier to navigate with all the required information to ensure that we remain a transparent Council. The site is now optimised for mobile devices too so you can access on the go.

Since the last newsletter

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas season and are looking forward to lots of lovely summer days ahead, as we are. Since the last newsletter, work on the fantastic Hollow Project has continued and is nearing completion. Unfortunately, fly tipping is still a major issue around the Hollow, however the Council has been working closely with Lewes District Council and are pleased to report that a CCTV camera will be installed at the Hollow to help catch and deter these thoughtless criminals who seek to spoil our beautiful village. Parking around the Hollow is another issue which is regularly brought to our attention. We will be seeking your views on methods to address this at the Annual Parish Meeting but please ask that you park considerately if you are attending events at the Hollow or Village Hall and never park on the green spaces in the village.

We are in dialogue with Newhaven Town Council and East Sussex Highways regarding providing some hard standing as a minimum at the bus stop outside Paradise Park as many residents have reported that the current grass surface becomes muddy in wet weather which, aside from being unpleasant, is potentially hazardous being so close to the road. Watch our Facebook page and website for an update on the outcome of these discussions.

At a meeting on 15th January 2019, the Council voted to increase the precept (which is the portion of your Council Tax that is used by the Council to meet spending requirements) by 4% which equates to 0.04 pence per week or £2.35 per year for a Band D household. The small increase takes into account a 21% decrease in the grant that the Parish Council receives from central government and increased spending on grass cutting.

Annual Parish Meeting

We are delighted to confirm that the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne will be attending our Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 20th May from 7pm onwards at Denton Hall in South Heighton. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear Ms Bourne speak regarding policing in our area and address your comments and/or concerns about policing across Sussex to her directly. We are also very pleased to welcome back a representative from Neighbourhood First and from Community Action Newhaven. We will be seeking your views on upcoming projects and areas that you would like the Parish Council to focus on in the coming year. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided, please do come and join us.

Local Elections – Thursday 2nd May

Have you ever thought about becoming a Parish Councillor? The Parish of South Heighton and Norton has 7 Councillor seats to fill at the local elections on 2nd May. Serving on the Parish Council gives you the opportunity to have a say in how the Parish Council spends the precept and to get involved in suggesting, and helping to run, some wonderful and varied community projects. Find out more about becoming a Councillor on the local election page on our website:

www.southheighton-pc.org.uk/localelections2019

Key Election Dates

Candidate Nominations Open:	Tue 19 th March 2019
Candidate Nominations Close:	4pm, Wed 3 rd April 2019
Electoral Registration Deadline:	Fri 12 th April 2019
Postal Vote Application Deadline:	5pm, Mon 15 th April 2019
Proxy Vote Application Deadline:	5pm, Mon 24 th April 2019