

## The Hollow

Just before the summer, we unfortunately had to remove several of the beautiful large willow trees which overhung the play area. A limb fell from a tree in high winds and three tree surgeons confirmed that the trees had to be felled. This was a last resort for the Parish Council as we loved those trees and know that residents did too; sadly they were beyond saving and had to be felled to protect users of the park and play area. On a positive note, the removal of the trees has opened up a gap between the play area and recreation ground giving easier access to the trim trail and recreation ground and letting more light into the play area.

The play area project is now complete and the new play equipment, water drinking fountain, BBQ area and picnic benches have been enjoyed by many over the summer and into autumn; we've had lots of fantastic feedback from park users too which makes all the hard work worthwhile. At the end of May, County Councillor Claire Dowling, Lead Member for Transport and Environment, visited the play area to see how the grant money provided by ESCC was spent and was very impressed at the range of play equipment available and to witness first-hand the new equipment being enjoyed by local children.



## Current Projects Update

Your proactive Councillors have been working hard to improve the parish. Two of our current projects are:

### Village Green Project

Now that the new fencing and planters are in place, Cllr Turner is leading a project to implement further improvements and would like to know your views. Please take the time to read, and respond to, the separate flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

### Unregistered Footpaths Project

On 1 January 2026, the 'right to roam' footpaths and bridleways that are not recorded on the County Council's Right of Way Register will be extinguished. Cllr Gravenor is leading a project to review existing rights of way and to submit applications to register, and safeguard, unregistered routes that are frequently used by residents. If you use any local paths and are unsure if they are registered, please contact us so that Cllr Gravenor can add the route to his list of rights of way to review.

## Parish Council Christmas Event

Please join the Parish Council for carols around the wonderful Christmas tree on the Village Green on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm. We had to cancel the event last year due to very bad weather but, this year, the Guinness Trust have kindly offered us the use of Denton Hall so it will go ahead! Please do come and join us for carols, music and mince pies and we understand that Santa will be popping by to say hello too!

See our website and Facebook page for details of other events happening around South Heighton over the Christmas period.

**Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, from  
all of us at South Heighton Parish Council**

# South Heighton Parish Council



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## Since the last newsletter

We hope that you all had a wonderful summer. Following the local elections in May, South Heighton Parish Council welcomed 6 elected Councillors onto the Parish Council; Cllrs Hazell, Hitchcock, Julian, Lo Fan Hin, Turner and Willey. Cllr Willey was unfortunately unable to take up his position but continues to provide lots of valued help to the parish by clearing the play area on a regular basis. Following the elections, Cllr Julian was elected as Chair and Cllr Turner as Vice Chair and we also welcomed 2 new co-opted Councillors; Cllrs Gravenor and Twaits. This means that the Council has a full compliment of 7 Councillors who are already proving to be very proactive and enthusiastic in suggesting new projects and initiatives to benefit the local community.

Earlier in the year, the Council was notified of a planning application to extend the Titan Marine Recycling Yard in the New Road industrial area into the South Downs National Park. The Parish Council objected strongly to this application and you may have seen our Facebook and website posts or one of the flyers that we delivered to every resident advising you of the application and how to respond. We are very pleased to report that the application has now been withdrawn by the applicant – this represents a real success for the many individuals and organisations that objected to this and we thank all residents who responded.

The council received a grant request for a donation towards a defibrillator to be placed outside the Hampden Arms pub and was pleased to approve £200 towards this. The Chair of the Council also approached Veolia and obtained a further £1000 towards the defibrillator which helped them to reach their goal. We thank Veolia for their generous donation and look forward to seeing the defibrillator in place very soon.

## Annual Parish Meeting

We were delighted to welcome the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne to our Annual Parish Meeting back in May. Ms Bourne gave a very informative and interactive presentation and was joined by equally excellent presentations from Neighbourhood First, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service and our local PCSO Jules Nicholson. Thank you to everybody who took the time to attend the meeting and tell us about the issues and projects that are important to you.



For anybody that missed the Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council meets monthly and the meetings are open to members of the public to attend. Keep an eye on our website for upcoming meeting dates and agendas: [www.southheighton-pc.org.uk](http://www.southheighton-pc.org.uk).

## Thank you!

The grants provided by central government to Parish Councils fell again in 2019 but costs are still going up! It is therefore vital for local Councils to build effective relationships with their local businesses. Your Councillors have spent time attending meetings and building relationships with our local businesses and are very grateful for the support they provide to the local community. We would therefore like to say a **BIG** thank you to **Day Group** for buying a smart new dual-bin for the Village Green and to **Paradise Park** for their donation of 2 planters, soil and plants for the Village Green. Paradise Park hopes that the herbs, once grown, will be used by residents.