

Reactive Speed Sign Data – Over the past year we have set-up the reactive speed sign in 4 locations on the main access roads – 2 on Witham Road in the 40 mph zone and in the 30 mph zone, 1 on Tattershall Road in the 30 mph zone and 1 on Horncastle Road in the 40 mph zone. Encouragingly the data shows that most people pass the signs at or about the posted speed limit. The average speeding is about 5 mph over the posted limit, which perhaps is less than one might have expected! The data is probably a little “skewed” due to the resurfacing and reduced speed limit that was done on Witham Road as soon as we put the sign up, and the almost permanent parking of a van underneath the sign on Tattershall Road. The data we have captured shows both the number of vehicles passing the sign and the speed that vehicle was doing against the day of the week and the time of the day. From that data, we can see average speeds, maximum speeds and flow rates (rush hours!) and can present the data in all forms and shapes in charts. The sign itself is programmable for a wide range of speed limits and minimum/maximum speeds it will capture, along with options on the flashing lights and strobes. The long term plan is to gather data over a number of periods (different periods of the year for each location) to see if there is anything that can be used to support approaches to LCC Highways to review the speed limits in the village. In addition to the reactive speed sign, we have a number of passive signs reminding motorists that the speed limit is 30/40 mph. We move these passive signs around the village so they don't become part of the landscape and lose their purpose (speed awareness). To aid in speed awareness in the village we will be posting the data and charts on the Parish Council website for you to take a look at.



Kirkby Lane Cemetery – The project to tidy up the grave plots in the first section continues, so if you would be able to spare a couple of hours to help out in whatever capacity you feel able to please contact the Parish Clerk to register your interest. The next date for the cemetery tidy up will be Saturday 24th September. We will be providing refreshments for everyone that helps.

Jubilee Park Roads If you have visited Jubilee Park recently (and we hope that you have) you may have noticed that there is still a section of the road that is in need of being resurfaced and potholes have started to appear. The Parish Council is intending to get this section of the road resurfaced later in the year but in the meantime have arranged for temporary repairs to the worst potholes. We ask that you take care when walking or driving along this part of the road and ask for your patience later in the year when a section of the road will have to be closed for 3 or 4 days whilst the resurfacing work takes place. We will arrange to do the work at a time that causes the least inconvenience to Jubilee Park and residents.

A plea to dog owners. We know that the majority of dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dogs, but unfortunately there are still some who don't and the Parish Council has been contacted recently by both the Cricket Club and the local Scouts group who have been faced with the issue of people exercising dogs on their land and not picking up after them. The Scouts have asked that people who exercise their dogs in the woods next to the Scout campsite please pick up after their dogs and keep their dogs on leads and stay on the paths as they have been wandering onto the campsite and destroying foliage and plants. Not picking up after your dog causes health and hygiene issues for the young people who camp there regularly, and when you do bag up the dog poo please don't leave it in the woods, there is a dog waste bin in the inside of the cemetery on Kirkby Lane which will shortly be moved to a more prominent position nearer to the woods. The Scouts will be putting up signs around their site and are even considering fencing off the campsite, as it is on private land, to keep the public off.

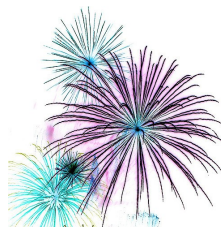
Dog owners are also being asked to consider if the Cricket ground is the most appropriate place to exercise your dog, but wherever you walk your dog clear up after them and dispose of the waste in a bin.

Remember there is no such thing as a dog poo fairy!!

A place to park your bike. You may have noticed that there is currently a lack of cycle racks in the village but this is due to change soon as the Parish Council has been provided with 5 new cycle racks by Lincolnshire County Council. Our County Councillor Dennis Hoyes also provided money from his community grants fund last year to assist the Parish Council with the cost of installing them. Two suitable locations have been identified to site the racks and these are on the small triangular piece of land at the junction with Spa Road and Station Road, adjacent to the Co-op car park; and outside the Station Road entrance to Royal Square.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) – We are entering the final stages of the Neighbourhood Plan. We have just completed most of the statutory accompanying documents and aim to have that finished by the end of August. The Plan has been reviewed against the emerging ELDC Local Plan to ensure that there are no conflicts – which there aren't! The current version of the Plan can be found on both the Parish Council and the NDP websites; that version has the maps and photos removed to make downloading it easier. In addition, an analysis of the pre-submission consultation can also be found on the websites. We have also reviewed our Plan against Horncastle's Plan as that Plan has now passed its referendum (and thus also passed the formal inspection for correctness and compliance to the rules for NDPs) to see where we can learn from the approach taken. Not surprisingly there is a degree of commonality between the policies in the two Plans, which is to be expected as we share common concerns about design quality, environment, traffic management, tourism and support to the local economy. The benefits of a NDP are being seen even before it is adopted as developers are now making an effort to liaise with the Parish Council and its Planning Committee in advance of submitting their planning applications. Our draft Plan has even been quoted in one application – it's just a pity they picked those elements that have been dropped as a result of the consultation!

FIREWORKS – Everyone expects to hear fireworks around 5th November, but in Woodhall Spa they can often be heard more regularly when there are events being held at The Petwood Hotel and we know that some residents who own pets would like to know when there are going to be fireworks going off so that they can be prepared and keep their pets indoors. For this reason The Petwood Hotel have a Fireworks Notification Register which residents can add their contact details to and be notified when a fireworks display is taking place so that it does not come as a surprise. If you would like your details adding to the register then please contact The Petwood Hotel on 352411 and they will give you two weeks notice of any fireworks.



GRANTS - The Parish Council is now accepting applications from community groups and local organisations to fund an activity, event or project which will help residents of Woodhall Spa. The Grant and Donations policy and application form can be downloaded from the Parish Council website or obtained from the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council will next consider applications for funding at its November meeting. The deadline for grant applications is 31st October 2016.

CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL. Parish Council meetings take place on the third Tuesday of each month in the Council Chamber at the Parish Council office in Stanhope Avenue (except August when the Council doesn't usually meet). There is a 15 minute public forum for anyone wishing to bring items of concern to the Council. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th September.

The Parish Council office is open to the public from 12.30pm until 2.30pm on a Tuesday and from 10am until 1pm on a Thursday; if you are unable to call in during these times then please contact the Clerk on to make an appointment at a more convenient time.

The Parish Council hold quarterly surgery sessions in the library from 10.30am until 11.30am on a Saturday morning, the next surgery dates are 3rd September and 3rd December. There will be at least two Parish Councillors at each session to speak with face to face, and any issues you raise will be logged and reported to the Council, we will also keep you informed on what we have done about them.

The names and contact details of our 12 Parish Councillors are listed here, if you wish to contact them direct about a matter:

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Please visit the Parish Council website to view meeting agendas and minutes, information about Kirkby Lane cemetery, and to find out when Parish Council organised events are happening - www.woodhallspaparishcouncil.org

For information about community events and information about local businesses there is the community website – www.woodhallspa.org