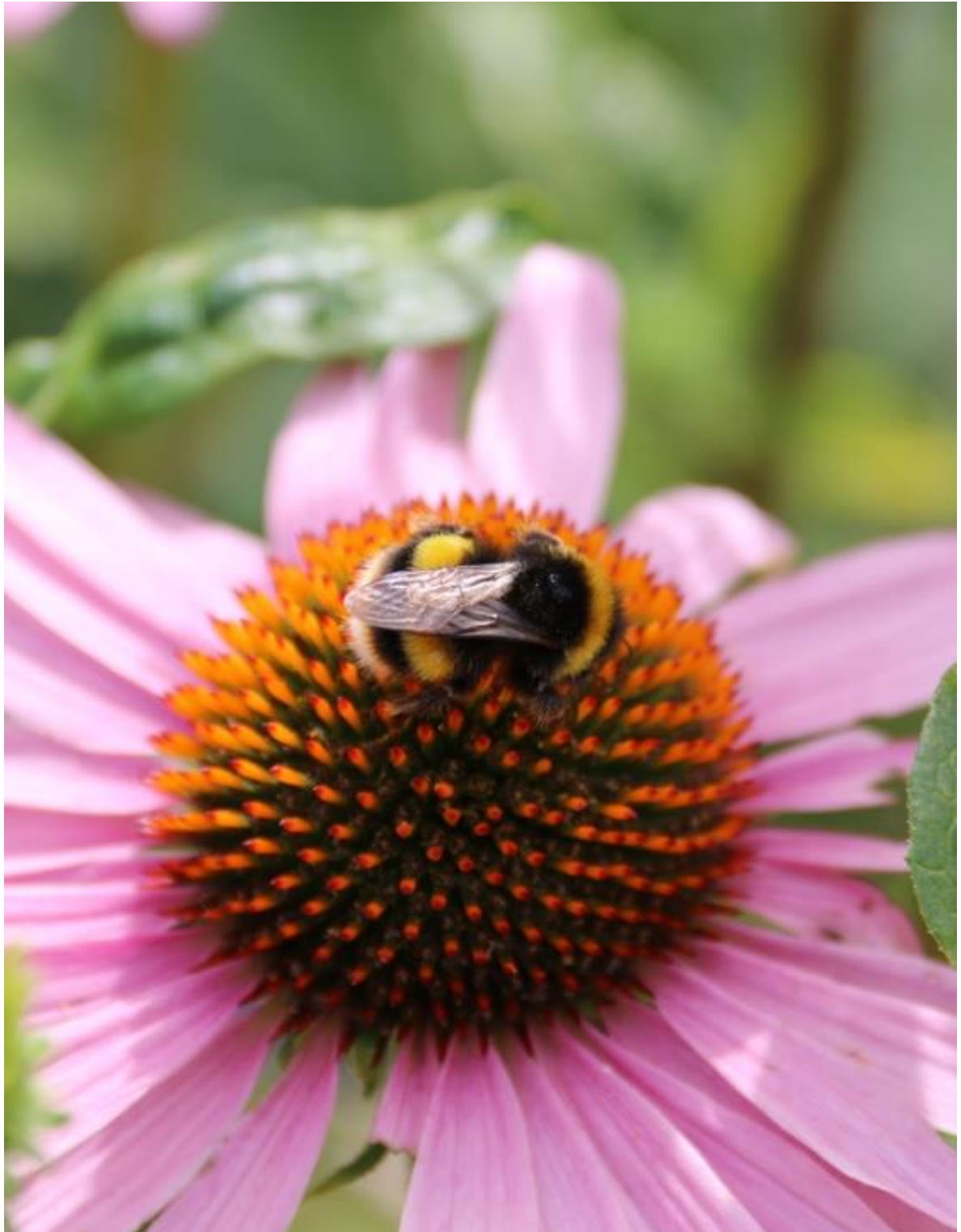


# Hemingford Grey Parish Council Newsletter

June 2023



# *Notes from the Chair*

Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Council's newsletter.

With the summer nearly with us, this is the perfect time to get out and about and enjoy everything that our wonderful village has to offer. It's the perfect season to delight your senses on riverside or countryside walks, as our local wildlife and wild spaces buzz and bloom.

Alternatively, if you want to be more active there are events such as the Regatta and the Village Sports Day to take part in.

We continue to be grateful to all those villagers who volunteer not only for the various Parish Council initiatives, but also for assisting with the multitude of events and activities that are available to residents of all ages. The fantastic events that were organised to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty The King last month, namely the "Right Royal Occasion" at The Pavilion and the River Pageant, are two great examples of benefit that volunteers bring to our village. But there are always opportunities for others to get involved too, and inside this edition you will find several organisations who are looking for someone just like you.

Since the last newsletter, we are delighted to have recruited a new councillor, Stephen Wright, and we look forward to his input.

Unfortunately, another councillor, Sue Duma, has stood down. I would like to thank Sue for all the time and effort she gave while she was with us. As a result, the Council still has four vacancies, and we'd love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved.

Enjoy the summer!



***Cllr Richard Allen***  
*Chair, Hemingford Grey Parish Council*

# Parish Council Updates

## A big “Thank You” to our volunteers!

Volunteers contribute many hours to maintaining and enhancing our open spaces in the parish so we would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thanks all you for your continued support. Whether you have helped us with planting, digging, growing, cutting, litter-picking or watering – Thank You!

The wildflower beds planted out last spring in our managed open spaces are now well-established. This year, with seeds supplied by the parish council and successfully grown on by residents, additional mini wildflower beds have been created alongside the wooden bollards at Daintree Green and Vicarage Fields.



Creating more native species wildflower areas in our managed green spaces not only provides an excellent source of nectar for bees and other insect pollinators to feed on, but also provides a beautiful and colourful display throughout May to October, great for our mental well-being and pride in our community. We’d also like thank those residents who supported the annual No Mow May campaign by leaving their lawns and/or verges uncut as part of the national campaign to boost biodiversity.

The annual Community Litter Pick took place during the Great British Spring Clean 23 campaign and was well supported. Over 15 bags of rubbish were collected in 2 hours, with a special blitz concentrated on clearing ditches, hedges, verges and undergrowth of discarded bottles, cans, fast food containers, etc., (See examples of rubbish collected from Marsh Lane ditches). Special thanks also go to those people who regularly litter pick around the parish independently throughout the year.



## Surplus Wildflowers

The Parish Council would like to offer residents spare wildflower plants grown by volunteers to start mini wildflower beds on the verges outside of their properties\*.



Plug plants available include Borage, Ox-eye daisies, Wild Carrot, Common Bird's Foot Trefoil, Salad Burnet and Red Clover.

Interested? Please contact [anne.meredith](mailto:anne.meredith@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or [sarah.jakes@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.jakes@hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

If needed, volunteers could remove a 12-inch/30cm square of turf to enable residents to start their project. Plants available until 30 June 2023 or while stocks last.

\*Residents are responsible for the future care and maintenance of their wildflower bed.

## Please look outside today!

Do you have to walk along the road or path outside your garden, helping someone who is infirm or with a child in a pushchair? If not you might be surprised at how narrow the path is or how overhanging vegetation obstructs your progress. Please help us all by keeping your hedges trimmed - especially if the road is busy or if it is on a blind corner. Thank you. Footpaths are to keep people safe and they need to be kept clear at all times. **Your hedges are your responsibility!**



## 20mph bin stickers



Following a successful implementation of the 20mph zone across the village, the Parish Council have purchased an initial 100 20mph bin stickers. If any residents living on the main roads through the village would like some, please contact Cllr Robin Waters (see back page for contact details).

## Road safety measures resulting in reduced speeds

Initial analysis of the speed data collected by the Parish Council's speed sign following the implementation of the 20mph zone through the village shows that it has resulted in a reduction in speeds on Hemingford Road.

When comparing speeds pre and post implementation, we can see that there has been a significant increase in cars travelling at 25mph or below with 60% of cars now traveling in this bracket, and 88% cars now travelling at less than 30 mph. We are some way off the majority travelling at the new speed limit but thank those of you who have been keeping to it. We expect that as motorists get used to the new limit, we will see further reductions in average speed.



We will continue to monitor the impact these changes are making to road safety across the village and will be moving the speed sign to different locations throughout the year.

### It could be you!

The Parish Council currently has a number of vacancies for Councillors. Could one of them, be you?



Being a Parish Councillor gives you the opportunity to play a key role in the decisions that affect life in our village and to make a positive contribution to the many areas of work the Parish Council is involved in.

If you're interested in becoming a parish Councillor, the first step would be to attend one or more of our meetings as an observer, or to get in touch with one of our existing Councillors or Clerk who can explain what's involved. Being a Parish Councillor is a part-time commitment that many of our Councillors manage around full or part-time jobs, family and other commitments.

If you think you fit the bill and you have some time to spare, then please do get in touch.

## Planning committee matters

The Parish Council has no direct planning powers but is consulted by, and can make representations to, Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC). It is HDC's responsibility to inform neighbours of planning applications. Residents are urged to make their own comments on the HDC website. Councillors will usually call on the applicant and relevant neighbours to explain how the council considers applications and how residents can make their views known to the parish council and to HDC. The next Planning Committee meeting will be at 7pm on Monday June 12th in the Reading Room, High Street.

### Outcomes of recent planning applications

HDC/CCC ref.	Description	PC Rec	HDC Dec
18/02726/FUL	Murketts showroom London Rd – 49 dwellings	Comments	Approved*
20/00285/FUL	Vindis showroom, Low Rd – 94 dwellings	Refusal	Approved**
CCC/21/088/FUL	ENVAR, St Ives Rd, Somersham – expansion of waste facility inc. incinerator	Refusal	(CCC) Refused
21/01768/FUL	Hemingford Park – change to mixed use	Refusal	Withdrawn
23/00302/FUL	St Francis House, 29 High Street – 1.95m gates to existing entrance on Church Street	Approval with conditions	Withdrawn
23/00321/HHFUL	2 Vine Close – single storey rear and side ext.	Approval	Approved
23/00370/HHFUL	7 Green Cl – Single storey side extension	In progress	Approved
23/00397/HHFUL	Czardas, Pound Rd – Single storey side ext.	Approved	Approved
23/00435/HHFUL	18 The Brambles – Erection of block wall	In progress	In progress
23/00622/FUL	Pavilion Tennis Courts - Erection of flood lights	In progress	In progress
23/00931/CLPD	Island Hall, Mill Lane – Rear extension	In progress	In progress

\*In St Ives town but HGPC monitoring for surface water issues. HDC and the EA have now accepted a (contamination) Remediation Strategy, but HDC/Anglian Water have not yet accepted a surface water drainage plan for the Murketts site.

\*\*In Fenstanton parish but HGPC monitoring for surface water drainage in HG as well as significant traffic and pedestrian safety issues.

# Community Matters

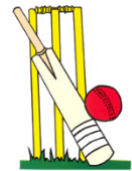


## **1st Hemingfords Scout Group** *by Tony Rogers*

The local Scout Group is an exempt charity under the Charity Commission for England and Wales, and are looking to fill the vacant role of Chair of the Trustee Board. It may sound a grand title but in effect it not a demanding position. We hold 4 or 5 meetings a year and the role of Chair involves running these meetings to ensure the correct governance and accountability of the charity.

If you want more information, or feel you could fulfil this role or know someone who could, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [gsl@1st-Hemingfords-scouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@1st-Hemingfords-scouts.org.uk) for further details.

## **Hemingford Park Cricket Club**



The huge success of the 'Cricket Ball' at Slepe Hall along with other successful fundraising means that Hemingford Park CC has been able to install an artificial wicket, allowing the youth teams and the Friday social side a permanent pitch alongside the grass wickets for the senior league side. This is another marker of the very significant progress made over these last 18 months.

With teams now playing at u9, u11, u13 and u15, all doing weekly training, along with the Friday social side and the Saturday league side playing in a higher division after promotion last year, the club finds itself full of life, with new players now joining at all ages and standards improving noticeably.

We are always keen to welcome more youth and senior players and supporters, so please get in touch with Mike at [heminfordparkcricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:heminfordparkcricketclub@gmail.com)

**Hemingford Grey WI** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Reading Rooms, please note from June 2023 meetings will start at 7.30pm. New members and visitors always welcome. Hope to see you there

# hemingford PAVILION

The RIGHT ROYAL OCCASION on Saturday 6th May was a wonderful success despite the rain. Fun, Food and Festivities were enjoyed by hundreds of Hemingford villagers from 10am until very late. We hope to see you at forthcoming events at The Pavilion this summer.

- **BBQs on the field** – from 6pm every Friday until mid August
- **Village Lunch** ( 2 courses and coffee £7): Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> July, and 11<sup>th</sup> August –12.30pm for 1pm. See website for booking details.
- **Summer Sounds events** (No charge), 7pm: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June - The Vibes (Chas & Dave Duo), Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – So 80s
- **Pavilion Pictures:** Door and Bar from 6pm for a 7pm start. Tickets £5 from Budgens or on the door. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – A Man called Otto (Tom Hanks), Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July - Pavilion Pictures – Allelujah (Jennifer Saunders)
- **Pavilion Open Day**, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July - from 2pm: Fun activities from Bowls, Junior Cricket, Junior Football, Tennis, Squash, Gym. Lots of Inflatable Games and Castles. Face Painter, Plant sale, Bar, Tea and Cakes,Hog Roast,Gin Bar. Music from The Knotleys from 6pm
- **Annual Village Sports Day**, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 12 noon start: Children’s and adult’s races. Tug of War, BBQ, Bar open 

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## Hemlocs *by Simon Clemmow, Chair*

Our 2022/23 season is now over. Thanks go to our committee members for making it such a success, and especially to Karen Partridge, who is currently acting Treasurer as well as Secretary, and to Stuart Harrison, who is standing down after ten years of service. We’re now looking forward to our summer activities. We have our annual garden party at Hemingford Grey House later this month, and visits to St Neots and Kimbolton in July and August. We are delighted to welcome a new committee member, Steven Pollock, for the 2023/24 season, which will be our thirtieth anniversary.



## **Wild Honey Bee Survey** *by Philip Turon*

The Cambridgeshire honey bee population consists of those in managed colonies and others that exist in locations that the bees have discovered for themselves. These wild bees are probably descended from swarms from managed colonies which have escaped despite the best intentions of fellow bee keepers. We have no idea of the size and condition of these feral bees and so are looking to locate as many of as possible. Although there have been similar studies we do not believe that there has been one attempted on this scale and certainly not in Cambridgeshire.

Once we have built a map of the wild bee colonies we would like to track them over the long term with the help of our members. We will be looking at how long the colony survives, the type of preferred site and whether the swarm was seen arriving.

If you know of any wild bee colonies, you can help by visiting the CBKA website and providing the details requested: [www.cbka.org.uk/wild-honeybee-colony-report/](http://www.cbka.org.uk/wild-honeybee-colony-report/)

Members of the public are welcome to assist in the survey and to encourage this there is a poster on the webpage that can be placed on appropriate notice boards at village shops etc.

## **One Leisure Active Lifestyles Team run a range of activities in the village:**

- Walking Football - Tuesdays 10–11am, Hemingford Grey Pavilion. A standard game of football specifically designed for players to walk instead of run. A great way to get back into football if you've given it up due to age or injury. £2 per session.
- RightStart 3 - Tuesdays 10:45–11:45am, Hemingford Abbots Village Hall and Fridays 3–4pm, Hemingford Grey Pavilion. Combining strength, balance and coordination exercises to target and improve mobility, agility and flexibility. £4.20 per class or 10 for £37.
- Wellbeing Walks - friendly group walks that can help you become and stay active. Walks often take place around the Hemingford area and are free of charge. Walk locations, days and times can vary. Please see [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/wellbeingwalks](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/wellbeingwalks) for full details or pick up a leaflet from your local library or One Leisure Centre.

For more information, contact: [activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:activelifestyles@huntingdonshire.gov.uk) / 01480 388111

  
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**Hemingfords'**  
*regatta*  
**SATURDAY 8TH JULY 2023**  
**ROWING, PUNTING & KAYAK RACES**  
 Practice evenings from  
 Monday 12th June 6.30pm for novices  
 Monday 19th June 6.30pm for all others  
 All welcome!  
  
  
[www.hemingfordsregatta.com](http://www.hemingfordsregatta.com)

*Hemingford  
 Abbots*  
**Flower Festival**  
 24 - 25 JUNE 2023

**Over 20 open gardens**  
**Gardens open noon - 6.00pm**

Day ticket      £9 Weekend ticket    £15 Children under 18    FREE	Afternoon teas & refreshments Church flower display Church concerts & Evensong Concert bands Morris dancers	Historic cars & motorbikes Modern GT race cars Model ships Boat trips Plant & craft stalls
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Tickets available in the Car Park, Village Hall and some gardens  
 FREE parking in Chapmans Field  
 For more information, please visit [www.hemingfordabbots.org.uk](http://www.hemingfordabbots.org.uk)  [hafflowerfestival](https://www.facebook.com/hafflowerfestival)

All proceeds to the conservation of St Margaret's Church  
 THE FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S CHURCH REGISTERED CHARITY 1104625

## Marsh Lane fishing lakes walking permits

Why not visit the Marsh Lane lakes and see what they have to offer. There is an abundance of flora and fauna, including many species of birds and waterfowl. However, you will need a walking permit which can be obtained from the London Anglers Association. The fee is £8 per household, per annum, renewable every 16th June (there is no pro-rata rate) and you must be a resident of the Parish of Hemingford Grey.

To apply email [admin@londonanglers.net](mailto:admin@londonanglers.net) or telephone 020 8520 7477 for an application form.

Permit holders can take their visitors with paths open from sunrise to sunset. Certain rules apply, a full list of T&C's is on the application form.

The walking permit does not entitle the holders or their visitors to fish. Fishing permits are issued by the London Anglers Association.



## **Become a Trustee with HemingfordHub**

Our AGM will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Reading Room. All welcome. Find out about the Hub, becoming a trustee, and the roles we have planned. Refreshments available afterwards

## **HubClub is looking for speakers**

Recently we've marvelled at travellers' tales from Tish Peek, had a talk about fishing in remote parts of the world, and heard from the NHS's new Social Prescribing team. Please contact us if you have a fascinating hobby or tale to tell and would like to be considered as a speaker.

## **Hemingford Hobby Shed - committee progress**

Research has been conducted of several fully functioning sheds in the region. Rough costings have been prepared (it's not cheap) and a proposal is being presented at our AGM.

## **Can you help us launch a Hemingford Hoppa bus?**

The Hub wants to buy and run an electric bus service. But we need help! Do you have transport business experience, or can you help develop this project? A fully costed proposal will be presented to both Hemingford Parish Councils shortly.

## **HubClub events - 3pm at the Pavilion (subject to change)**

- Seated exercise: 21<sup>st</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 19<sup>th</sup> July, and 2<sup>nd</sup> August
- 14<sup>th</sup> June: NHS Covid Vaccination van - no appointment needed. All aged 12+ can attend. Over 75s for a Booster jab. From 12-4pm.
- 28<sup>th</sup> June: Talk on Japan by Tish
- 12<sup>th</sup> July: Games, IT and chats
- 26<sup>th</sup> July: Hub garden tea party

Contact details: T: 07308 035416 E: [hemingfordhub@icloud.com](mailto:hemingfordhub@icloud.com),  
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# Hemingford Grey Parish Council



*Proud to serve the people of Hemingford Grey*

The Parish Council now meets in the **Reading Rooms** on the **second Monday of each month** (except August and December) at 7.00pm for the planning meeting and 7.30pm for the main parish council meeting.

All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on matters or on items on the agenda (please note that after this time, further comments or questions are not permitted when the meeting is in progress).

Agendas are posted on our website and on the village notice boards. Information is also available on our social media pages:

**Website:** [www.hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hemingfordgreyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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***The next edition of the newsletter will be out in August 2023***