



# The GRAPEVINE

THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF HELLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all*



## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from Councillor Shelagh Gurney Chairman of Hellesdon Parish Council

*Christmas is one of the most important times of the year. For many in Hellesdon it is a time to reflect on whatever their Christian faith means to them and for others it is simply a good opportunity to relax with friends and family.*

*For everyone, Christmas is a time to reflect on the past as I have just done, but it is also a time to look to the future with strength and confidence. It is a time of celebration and of compassion too. I am sure that many of you will be thinking about family and close friends whom we may have lost during the year. I hope this year we will remember all those men and women from Norfolk who serve their country at home and abroad and for those who have died in service in recent conflicts. We must also remember all those who are the victims of the recent tornado in the Philippines and hurricane in America.*

*I know that there will be many people in Hellesdon who will be alone this Christmas and we spare a thought for those who are not as fortunate as ourselves. There will also be people who will work over the Christmas period and also those who will do a great deal of voluntary work to help others.*

*Christmas is a time for communities to come together, to share and support, and to build for the future. As the Chairman of the Parish Council, in the run up to Christmas Day, I hope that I will be able to celebrate this very special time of year with as many of you as possible. At the time of writing I am looking forward to attending the Hellesdon Parish Council Over 65's and Children's Parties in early December.*

*May I wish every one of you a peaceful and a very Happy Christmas!*

*Shelagh*

### **Parish Council Office Closure Christmas/New Year**

**The Council Office will be closed from  
12.30pm Tuesday 24th December 2013 to  
9.30am Thursday 2nd January 2014**

**January 2014 Parish Council Meeting**

**The January Parish Council meeting**

**will take place on**

**Tuesday 7th January at 7pm in Diamond Jubilee Lodge**

**Members of the public are  
welcome to attend**





# GRAPEVINE

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The monthly Parish Council meeting is normally held in the Council Chamber Diamond Jubilee Lodge at 7pm on the first Tuesday of every month. Please check notice boards and website for confirmation. The agendas for these and any other meeting arranged will be advertised on the Parish Council notice boards and website at least 3 full working days before the meeting takes place.

**KEEP IN TOUCH**

The Grapevine is published quarterly in March, June, September and December.

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We welcome your contributions. If you want to submit articles or photos, advertise or comment on content or circulation

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## ASK THE ORACLE

Hello. I'm the Oracle and invite residents to ask questions on what to do and who to contact when assistance is needed on local matters.

**With winter approaching is there a central point I can access to seek advice and information about Winter issues?**



Norfolk County Council produces an abundance of information for Norfolk Residents to help keep everyone healthy, happy and safe during the colder months. Norfolk Winter can be accessed via the internet on [http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Safety\\_emergencies\\_and\\_accidents/Norfolk\\_winter](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Safety_emergencies_and_accidents/Norfolk_winter). Residents can also get the latest winter updates on Twitter and Facebook, including weather warnings, when and where the roads are being gritted and disruptions to our services including recycling centres, libraries and adult education classes.

All the wintry updates on social media will be tagged with #norfolkwinter and will encourage others in Norfolk to do the same so help is available for everyone. If you have some winter-related information that people might find useful or interesting, please tag it with #norfolkwinter.

You can now also follow the latest winter updates on the Norfolk Winter blog which will feature stories, news, interviews and advice from a range of local contributors.

There is also a subscription service to receive a notification by email or text when a specific school is closed.

The Norfolk Winter page on the website contains more useful information to help keep you safe and get on with your day-to-day activities during the winter months. Just click on the appropriate link on the page such as:

Weather warnings - information on Met Office severe weather warnings for the east of England region.

Driving in bad weather conditions - checklist before you venture out in your car during the winter weather

Gritting - gritting information and gritting routes

School closures - latest information on Norfolk school closures

Disruptions to other services - closures and disruptions to other services we run including libraries, recycling centres and museums.

NHS - advice on ways to avoid flu and sickness over the winter

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Residents should note that all Parish Council full meetings and Committee meetings will take place in the Council Chamber, Diamond Jubilee Lodge, unless otherwise stated.**

7th January 2014: Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting at 6.15pm

7th January 2014: Parish Council Meeting at 7pm

21st January 2014 Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting at 6.30pm

4th February 2014: Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting at 6.15pm

4th February 2014: Parish Council Meeting at 7pm

10th February 2014: Media &

Communications Committee Meeting at 7pm

18th February 2014: Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting at 6.30pm

4th March 2014: Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting at 6.15pm

4th March 2014: Parish Council Meeting at 7pm

18th March 2014: Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting at 6.30pm

1st April 2014: Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting at 6.15pm

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is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014

## PROVISION OF GRIT BINS

The Parish Council as is custom and practice during winter months, receives many requests for grit bins. Grit bins are purchased by the Parish Council and are then 'gifted' to County Highways who accept the responsibility for filling and refilling. Maintenance of the bin remains with the parish; however, approval from Norfolk County Council Highways has to be gained before the siting of any grit bin on the highway. There have been occasions when approval to fund a grit bin has been obtained, only to find the agreement from highways cannot be secured. The Parish Council will not therefore fund or purchase any grit bin until highways approval is secured.

Highways have criteria when considering the siting of grit bins as follows:

- Would it mainly be for road or footway use?  
*Use on a footway is only agreed in exceptional circumstances:  
e.g. outside a shopping centre or entrance to school on a sloping gradient or on an incline*
- Proximity of gradients
- Proximity to bends in road
- Proximity to footbridges
- Proximity to existing bins
- Number of premises served
- Community facilities within 200m of site
- Winter priority routes within vicinity of site.



Not all the above criteria needs to be met, however some of the above points would work against the siting of a bin (e.g. if a Priority 1 or 2 gritting route goes along the road)

The Parish Council policy in respect of addressing requests is as follows:

- Any request for a grit bin is first presented to Highways to ascertain if approval would be granted.
- A negative response would be relayed to the requester and subsequently would be made known to the Parish Council. The Parish Council would have the opportunity to challenge the Highways decision.
- A positive response would be relayed to the requester, with the request presented to the Parish Council for consideration of purchase.

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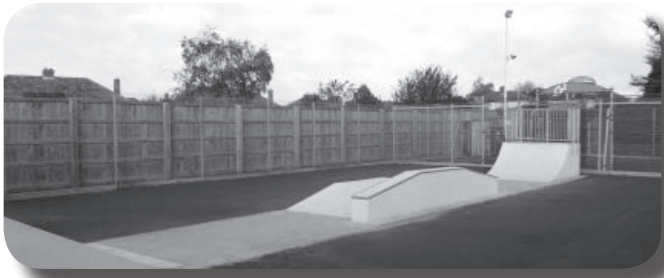
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# PLAYINGFIELDS, AMENITIES & ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

**A rewarding busy year!** It is pleasing to see the completion this year of the refurbishment of the skate park and adjoining area. The work to separate the existing skate park area into 2 to provide the ever popular skateboarding facility and also a ball games area complete with a ball wall was somewhat delayed due to the requirements of needing certain weather conditions to be suitable for the materials used. Work was finally completed at the beginning of the summer and an originally planned opening ceremony did not come to fruition as it was considered preferable to allow the anxious children who had been involved at the early stages of the design and who had waited so patiently for the area to be completed immediate access. It was a delight to see the area full and in use. This certainly was two very much welcome facilities.



The conservation area – the Diamond Jubilee Garden was also completed this year with the final work of the installation of 2 interpretation boards. You will recall the area was suggested by Kevin Sage the Councils Head Groundsman and following a bid for grant aid to the Big Lottery Fund which was successful the rejuvenation of this tired area has developed into a haven for wildlife and wildflowers. The area is now part of the routine maintenance budget of the council and it is hoped more flora can be added in future years.



Unfortunately this year we have lost the use of several items in the older childrens' play area on the Recreation

Ground through premature failure. It is even more frustrating that the supplier has gone out of business leaving the council with a prospective bill for suitable replacements which now need to be budgeted for. The removal of the youth shelter, commonly known as 'the pod' which was moved to allow for the new parish council office build is in store. It was intended to have this re-sited on completion of the build however the Councils Property Policy & Resources Committee is discussing refurbishment and possibly reconfiguration of the car park at the community centre site and it has been decided to await finalisation of this before reinstalling the pod.



Meadow Way has benefited this year from installation of new play equipment and additional seating is on order and more trees and shrubs will be planted as weather permits to further enhance use of the area. At the time of writing we are coming to the end of the trial opening of Mountfield Park and discussions will now commence as to the future. The opening of the area has been popular and mainly problem free. It is hoped by the time of the Spring 2014 Grapevine, matters will have been dealt and a full update can be given. In the meantime any information in respect of this area would be published on our website [www.hellesdon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.hellesdon-pc.gov.uk).

Lastly we finish the year with exciting news which is the signing of a document which secures the lease on land on the northern fringe of the parish at the top of Reephram Road. It goes without saying that developing the area will make next year even busier and just as rewarding!

Cllr Jane Wright, Chairman Playing Fields, Amenities and Allotments Committee

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## SITE ALLOCATIONS A FURTHER CONSULTATION EXERCISE

In the Autumn 2013 edition of The Grapevine the Parish Council advised on the consultation exercise held at the Parish Council offices in August and of its decision to the proposals for preferred option sites for development. Since then further sites within the Parish have been put forward for development by the land owner which are described as land east and west of Reepham Road. The Parish Council held a further additional consultation on these two sites in November and forwarded any completed response packs to Broadland District Council for consideration.

### The Parish Council decision -

The Parish Council objected to both additional proposals citing increases in traffic and pressure on local schools and health facilities as the major concerns. In addition the site described as land east of Reepham Road, known locally as HEL2, was in the first round of consultation proposed as formal recreational space.

It is still the Parish Council's desire to acquire more land to add to the leased area recently acquired. As the parish is desperately short of recreational land it is hoped that Broadland District Council will opt for the preferred option outlined in the summer.

### What happens now?

Broadland District Council will consider the various options and hope to issue a pre submission draft of the preferred sites allocations in spring 2014. The plan will then undergo an independent examination in public which will be conducted by the Planning Inspectorate to test for soundness.

There will be an opportunity to comment on the proposals again at this stage. This examination is scheduled to take place late summer/early autumn 2014. Assuming the plan passes this stage Broadland District Council will look to formally adopt the plan by early 2015. We will of course keep you updated via The Grapevine and our website.

The Parish Council wish thank those who took the opportunity to visit the office during the week of 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The consultation process closed 25<sup>th</sup> November.

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**Your opportunity to have your say on development in Hellesdon**  
Further to an initial consultation on preferred sites for development Broadland District Council is currently consulting on **additional** sites in Hellesdon to develop:  
**Land East and West of Reepham Rd**

These sites in combination would provide up to 270 houses in ADDITION to the 1300 houses already proposed in the previous consultation period.

The Parish Council encourage as many residents as possible to view these maps and to comment on the District Council's proposals. To assist you in this, site maps will be on display and comment forms available at the Parish Council office during the following times:-

Date	Time
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013	9.30am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013	9.30am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013	9.30am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2013	9.30am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2013	9.30am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 3.30pm & 5.15pm to 8.15pm
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2013	9.15am to 12.15pm

**What do you think? Let Broadland District Council know your views.**  
Comment forms completed at the Parish Council office will be forwarded on your behalf by the Parish Council to Broadland District Council.

If you are unable to visit the Parish Council office at the above times the site maps are also available at Broadland District Council Offices on Thursdays and Saturdays. Further information is available online at [www.broadland.gov.uk](http://www.broadland.gov.uk) Public consultation ends on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm

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In the Autumn 2013 issue of The Grapevine, the Parish Council advised that the New Parish Office had been awarded third place in the commercial category of the Broadland Design and Enhancement Awards 2013 and gained a certificate



of commendation. The certificate was presented by past Broadland District Council Chairman, Councillor Shelagh Gurney to the Parish Council Clerk, Mrs Patricia Kirby and Deputy Clerk Mr Jonathan Hall at the awards ceremony, pictured left, which



took place on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Weston Longville Village Hall. The awards ceremony was also attended by the architect of the building Mr Michael Marshall of DJ Designs Ltd who was also presented with a certificate of commendation.

The certificate of commendation is now displayed in the foyer of the new building.

### Christmas at Meadow Way Chapel



7th December 9.00-11.00am Messy Church (starting with breakfast)

8th December 3.30pm United Schools & Churches Carol Service  
(at Hellesdon High School)

12th December 7.00-9.30pm Ladies Crafts & Carols  
(with seasonal refreshments - small charge for crafts)

16th December 8.00-9.30pm Orchestra Concert in aid of M.S.

21st December 9.30-11.30am SODA for all Dads and their primary school children  
(£1.50 per family - Bacon Butties included)

22nd December 10.45am (refreshments from 10.15) Christmas Family Service  
& 5.30-6.30pm Carol Service (both at Hellesdon Community Centre)

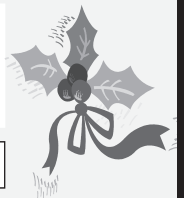
23rd December 10.00am-12.00 Family Film Morning (with seasonal refreshments)

24th December 3.00-4.00pm Christingle Service

25th December 10.45am Christmas Family Worship

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## BUS SHELTERS IN HELLESDON



Bush Road

New bus shelters with seating have now been installed at Bush Road and Woodland Road, together with the addition of a seat for the shelter opposite Hellesdon Medical Practice at the top Reepham Road.

A clearway road cage marking will be added to the Bush Road stop in due course to allow for buses to safely stop, which will also restrict other vehicles from stopping or parking within the clearway, but at the time of going to print, this has yet to be scheduled by Norfolk County Council Highways



Reepham Road



Woodland Road

The replacement shelter for Brabazon Road/Cromer Road needed due to an accident which damaged the shelter earlier this year is anticipated to be installed in early December.

The Parish Council is currently in discussion with Norfolk County Council with a view to enlarging the recently installed tarmac standing at the bus stop on Reepham Road near to Cottinghams Drive and also the the existing hardstanding on Reepham Road opposite Woodview Road with a view to allowing for the installation of shelters

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## Firside's Harvest for others

Children from Firside Junior School in Hellesdon are helping out others with their collection of Harvest gifts. This year they have collected Rice and Pasta to help The Salvation Army in conjunction with Radio Norfolk's Toys and Tin Appeal. Head Master, Mr Simon Fisher has encouraged the children to bring in their dried food to help others. "It is always a privilege to for us as a school to collect at this time and know that we are helping both The Salvation Army but also the many people that will benefit from these goods at Christmas"

Hazel Sommerville from The Salvation Army collected the food from the children's assembly on Friday. Hazel explained how the food the children have collected will go to make hampers for families this Christmastime. She also showed picture of how the chocolate the school collected last year was put to good use helping others. The school has help this appeal for the past 4 years. It is a way in which we can help others. "Last year we gave out over 1500 food parcels. We are expecting to do more this year and the children here at Firside have helped towards making many families lives a little easier this Christmas"



If you would like more information on ways to help The Toys and Tins Appeal please contact The Salvation Army on 01603 724400 who will be happy to speak to you.

## HELLESDON PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT OF OUTDOOR SURFACES IN SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

**U**nder the terms of the Occupiers' Liability Acts 1957 and 1984 the Parish Council is responsible for taking all reasonably practicable measures to ensure the safety of all visitors to its premises and land. This includes the need for suitable precautions during severe weather conditions.

The areas covered by this policy are hard surface car parks and hard surface footways to the main entrances of buildings, and the policy has been developed following a review of the existing risk assessment.

In order to comply with the legal requirement in a practical manner, the Parish Council's policy with regard to the management of surfaces which may become hazardous due to snow and ice is as follows:

- We **will** ensure that areas are well-lit during times of poor visibility when the sites are open, so that obstructions and potential hazards can be seen.
- We **will** inspect hard surface car parks and access ways to buildings daily during severe weather conditions. We will endeavour to clear snow and ice and spread salt/grit on the cleared area to provide a designated pathway to buildings. We may take other action deemed appropriate and this may be displaying suitable notices closing car parks or other measures that may be considered practicable.
- We **will not** grit/salt the remainder of the parking areas or non-essential access routes.
- We **will** keep a log of inspections carried out and any action taken.

# Control of Dogs

Residents will be aware from articles in The Grapevine of the Parish Council's campaign to encourage dog owners to adhere to the Council's agreed requests to be responsible and:

- ✦ Keep dogs under control and on a lead
- ✦ Keep dogs out of play areas
- ✦ Keep dogs to the perimeter of the Recreation Ground and Meadow Way due to the nature of children, footballers and others who play in those areas.



The Parish Council has discussed and considered pursuing Dog Control Orders and have resolved to take no action in this respect at the moment. The Parish Council continue to try to take a pragmatic view. There are those who want to exercise their dogs, those who dislike or fear dogs, the needs of children, both accompanied younger children, and their older siblings enjoying increasing independence out of immediate parental supervision. There are those who want to participate in organised team sports and those merely seeking to have a quiet stroll on a pleasant day. Given that Hellesdon remains short of public open space there inevitably have to be compromises.

Our Spring 2012 Grapevine gave the opportunity for users of the Recreation Ground to complete a survey and to indicate usage of the area. Whilst responses were mixed and no pattern or concensus could be gained, comments in respect of dogs produced the diversity of views that might be expected. Some wished to ban them altogether, others saw no problem whatsoever in allowing dogs off leads. There was concern about levels of dog mess from both parents and those participating in sports regarding dangers to children and vulnerability of both humans and smaller dogs from uncontrolled dogs.

Against these competing views it is inevitable that not everyone will be satisfied by the Council decision that dogs will continue to be allowed on both the Recreation Ground and Meadow Way - but please, on a lead and around the periphery of the fields only. There is no vendetta against dog owners - councillors are dog owners too!

Please have regard to the rules for Dog Walkers and clear up after your dog. Failure to do so will put increasing pressure on the Council potentially to the point where it may be considered necessary to ban dogs altogether, undertake Dog Control Orders with significant cost to the Council.

If you want to exercise your dog off a lead this is currently allowed on Mountfield Park which was opened by Broadland District Council earlier this year.

## HELLEDON MEMORIAL GARDEN

The last edition of The Grapevine advised that the plaques in the Memorial Garden had been replaced.

The Playing Fields Amenities and Allotments

committee considered this area at its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. It was agreed to extend the Memorial Garden across to the right hand side of the Bowling Green.

The Parish Council would be pleased to hear from any local residents who may be interested in placing a rose and plaque in the garden in memory of a loved one.

Please contact the Parish Council Office for further details.



Residents are reminded of the invitation for those who wish to retrieve the metal memorial plaques to call or visit the Council Office so the necessary arrangements can be made for collection.

### Hellesdon Parish Council Carnival 2014

will be held on

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2014**

Make a note in your diary!

**Got talent?**

**Got talent?**

Plans are well under way for next year's carnival which will see the 20th anniversary of the event and the carnival committee would like to celebrate this momentous achievement with some special arena events. So, if you are in a group or organisation that would like to do an arena event, please contact the Parish Council Office on 01603 301751 or

email [parishclerk@hellesdon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@hellesdon-pc.gov.uk)

More details on the event will be published in the Spring 2014 edition of The Grapevine and on the Parish Council website: [www.hellesdon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.hellesdon-pc.gov.uk)



An article in the last edition of The Grapevine from the Parish Council Chairman Cllr Shelagh Gurney invited residents who have concerns regarding helicopter movements the opportunity to visit Diamond Jubilee Lodge during the week of 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October to complete a questionnaire to indicate the nature of such concerns.

Many residents attended during the week and subsequently attended the November parish council meeting in order to ascertain the outcome of the consultation.

The Parish Council wish to thank those who took the opportunity to visit the office during the consultation week and can advise that a meeting has now been secured with personnel from Norwich International Airport and those from the helicopter businesses at the airport and the concerns made known to the council will be addressed. It is anticipated the meeting will be held before December and as such the outcome of the meeting will be addressed at the December parish council meeting.



## Hellesdon Library Information

### Opening Hours

Monday	10am-1pm
Tuesday	10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm
Wednesday	10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm
Thursday	10am-1pm, 2pm-8pm
Friday	10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm
Saturday	10am-1pm

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### Christmas & New Year Opening Times

December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am-1pm	December 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am-1pm	December 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am-1pm
Christmas Day	Closed	December 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am-1pm
Boxing Day	Closed	December 31 <sup>st</sup>	10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm
		January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Closed

**Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time** – Every Thursday in term time, 11.30am-12pm

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**Craft Groups**

**Monday Craft Group** – Every other Monday 10am-12pm, (please contact the library for dates)

**Thursday Craft Group** – Second Thursday of every month 10am-12pm

Both are friendly groups who welcome any craft and any level of skill – beginners welcome!

**Reading groups**

**Hellesdon Reading Group:** First Thursday of the month at 6.30pm

**Friday Reading Group:** Please contact the library for the next date. Group usually meets at 2.30pm

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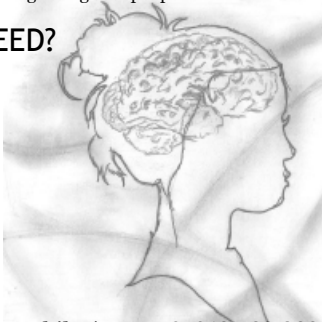
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# All in a years work...

**H**ere at Hellesdon Youth Club, we have had a very busy year!

We kicked off the 2012 Christmas season with a gesture of goodwill towards the wonderful charity Samaritan's Purse, by asking our lovely young people to donate gifts so that we could send away some shoeboxes full of goodies to less fortunate children. We also went round the streets of Hellesdon helping out the Norwich North Alpha Lions with their annual Christmas Collection, as they have been a massive support to our organisation over the past 18 months.



As the New Year began and we started to see Spring on the horizon, thoughts turned to how we would fund the club for another year and it was time to tot up all our finances. We applied for a grant to help with our annual running costs from the Norfolk Community Foundation, as well as a grant to take our members on an all expenses paid trip to Kingswood from the Norwich North Alpha Lions. Thanks to these generous donations, we are able to reinvest funds we manage to raise over the upcoming year into securing our clubs future and providing new facilities for our members.

*Ellie Richards, Youth Club Leader*

Our day at Kingswood Activity Centre was action packed with the kids and volunteers partaking in laser tag, caving, go carting, archery and zip wire, as well as a big lunch. The day provided our members with the chance to confront any fears of heights and confined spaces, helped them develop new life skills, and was a great opportunity for team building. Besides that, it was a fantastic day filled with many smiles and much laughter.



A short week later, we held our first fundraiser at Hellesdon Carnival! We hosted a stand and appealed to local companies to help us with our raffle and tombola, which led us to raise a phenomenal £580.

As well as all this excitement, we have hosted a Christmas party, hosted a fundraiser for Comic Relief complete with Red Nose Day buns and a copper collection, and also a balloon modeling evening.

All this has been made possible with the support of the Hellesdon Community. The number of people who have come forward to help us has been overwhelming, including Hellesdon High School who provide us with a free location to host the club. A big thank you definitely must go out to everybody who has helped us achieve so much in such a short space of time.

If you think you would like to be a part of the adventures that 2014 will surely bring, please email us at [hellesdonyouthclub@live.co.uk](mailto:hellesdonyouthclub@live.co.uk) for more information. We are always looking for friendly volunteers to join our team and we would love to hear from you!



## CHURCH SERVICES

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

#### St Boniface, Brabazon Road

Sundays 8 am - Mass  
Tuesdays 7 pm - Mass  
Holy Days 7.30 pm - Mass

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

#### St Mary's, Low Road

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 11 am - Holy Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 11 am –  
Morning Worship  
Wednesdays 10 am – Holy Communion

#### St Paul's, Hawthorne Avenue

Holy Communion  
8am 1st & 3rd Sunday  
Common Worship Morning Praise  
9.30am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Common Worship Holy Communion  
9.30am 2nd & 4th Sunday  
4th Sunday also has a Healing/Anointing time  
10am Cafe Style Service at selected Services  
(See Banner outside the week before)  
Holy Communion 10am Wednesdays  
Study 12.30/1pm Wednesdays  
with Rev McGinley  
Open Doors 10am Thursdays  
Rock Solid (term time) 7pm Thursdays

### METHODIST

#### Aylsham Road, Mile Cross

Sundays 10.45 am  
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Also occasional Sunday evenings 6.30 pm  
Thursday mornings Drop-In from 10 till 12 &  
a service at 12.15 to 12.45

### SALVATION ARMY

#### Salvation Army, Boundary Road

Sundays 11 am – Holiness Meeting  
Sundays 5 pm – Salvation Meeting  
Sundays 9.45 am – “Kids Alive” Club

### MEADOW WAY CHAPEL

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at Hellesdon Community Centre  
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## HELLEDSON COMMUNITY CENTRE - NEWS

**W**e've got to that time of the year again when the winter woollies come out, lights go on at 3pm and we start thinking Christmas cards and getting the sprouts on in time for Christmas dinner. However there is a cure for the winter blues. Get yourself down to the Community Centre and check out what's available for you. There is bound to be something to keep you entertained over the chilly winter months and beyond. We have a wide variety of groups and clubs that meet at the Centre and there is something for everyone. So if you want to exercise, dance, socialise, play cards, bowls, bingo, or have green fingers there is something for you.



We also have facilities available for hire for any functions you have coming up. If you are looking to hold a Birthday party or wedding reception we will do our best to accommodate your needs. There are bar facilities on site and this

can be incorporated into your hire so you need not worry about having to bring in drinks for your function. The kitchen is also available so all your party food can be prepared by you here, saving on transportation issues. Just speak to Claire or Kate and they will explain all the options to you.

In 2013 the Community Centre will have been running as a charity for 54 years. All that time it has been run by a group of volunteers who are Trustees of the Charity. Over the years things have a changed a little and due to increased bookings etc. the Charity now employ two part time staff to oversee the day to day running and administration of the Centre, but the Charity that is Hellesdon Community Centre still reinvest all the profits back into the building, so improving the facilities available to you as users. The Community Centre is a great asset to Hellesdon and surrounding area.

*The Trustees and Staff of Hellesdon Community Centre would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*



## PARISH HALL - NEWS

Hellesdon Parish Hall continues to be well used and well booked by clubs and families for meetings and parties and social events.

We are looking forward to a Christmas social evening organised by the hall committee, open to all, on December 11th. We also look forward to the visit of the REAL Father Christmas to Santa's Grotto on December 14<sup>th</sup>. We hope he enjoys the bacon rolls as well as the mince pies which will be on offer. Our ready and willing committee will be decorating the hall at the beginning of December as well as helping with all the other Christmas activities.



Don't forget if you feel in need of some companionship on a Wednesday morning, join us in Hellesdon Parish Hall, next to St Mary's church for a 'mardle' over a cup of tea or coffee and a cake or biscuit. We are a group of over 55 year olds meeting for friendship and support. We celebrate birthdays with a

buffet lunch in the Hall and from time to time spend our proceeds from the weekly raffle on a lunch in a local restaurant. Membership is informal. Just come along and join us between 10.30 and 12 noon. For more information contact Rev Enid Jones-Blacket on 01603 424769.

*We wish all our regular hirers and all would-be users of the hall a very Happy Christmas*



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**POLICE SURGERIES**

Residents will be pleased to read that the popular POLICE SURGERIES are being held again in Hellesdon Community Centre beginning in December 2013.

Details will be published in the Community Centre and on the Parish Council website: [www.hellesdon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.hellesdon-pc.gov.uk)

The next Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel Meeting will take place in Diamond Jubilee Lodge (Hellesdon Community Centre/Library site) on

**Monday 13 January 2014 at 7pm**

**POLICING UPDATE**

There has been some good news in relation to burglaries. Due to a sharp eyed member of the public who disturbed someone breaking into a house, we have arrested and charged one person with burglary in North Norfolk. This is an excellent result and the investigation is on-going. In relation to burglaries of buildings other than houses, someone has admitted a large number of offences across North Norfolk and Broadland to police. This is likely to have a good impact on the number of offences being committed

Having said that we are still experiencing some house burglaries of detached rural homes, items stolen include jewellery, camera equipment, laptop computers and cash. Entry is usually at the back and the times of offences are daytime and

evening when occupants are clearly away from the property. Please be vigilant to observe people acting suspiciously or who look out of place and if you go out try to make your house appear occupied and ensure maximum security. We are also having reports of tools stolen from vehicles, sheds and commercial premises, so if you have expensive tools please don't put them on show and secure them as best you can. Please continue to be vigilant and keep valuables out of sight. Please call the police on the 101 non emergency number if you see anything suspicious or on 999 if an offence is in progress, or Crimestoppers if you have information about offences or offenders.

District summary  
Superintendent Stuart Gunn





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## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH, HOME WATCH VOLUNTEER APPEAL

**Community Speed Watch** was launched in 2007 and is a project working across Norfolk empowering communities to play an active part alongside the police and the Safety Camera Partnership in tackling the problem of speeding in their neighbourhoods.

In an effort to help tackle the common complaint of speeding, teams of volunteers, (minimum of 6) who have their parish council support, have been trained to use speed guns across the County. One of the volunteers acts as the coordinator and is the point of contact for the team and responsible for looking after the radar equipment.

The groups are issued with a speed radar gun, 2 community Speed Watch signs and reflective jackets. Volunteers then carry out speed checks in 30 and 40 mph limits working to Norfolk Constabulary's guidelines.

Returns are completed logging various details such as vehicle registration mark, make, model or colour. These are then sent into the Safety Camera Partnership team, who obtain the registered keeper details. Registered keepers whose vehicles are observed breaking the speed limit will have their details recorded and will receive a warning letter requesting them to keep their speed down.

Those who persistently offend will be notified to Roads Policing and the local Safer Neighbourhood Team for police enforcement action.

Norfolk currently has 48 Teams with new teams awaiting training.

If you would like to set up a Community Speed Watch scheme in your village contact the Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership on 01603 276433 or for more information about this successful scheme download the Community Speedwatch Booklet available via [www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk)

Norfolk is one of the safest places to live in the country, with a very low crime rate. Norfolk Constabulary is committed to continuing to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime throughout the county. However, the police cannot fight crime and address quality-of-life issues on their own; they need the help of the whole community.

**Home Watch** provides a way for local people to play an important part in making their communities safer and reducing crime.

Norfolk Home Watch Association in partnership with Norfolk Constabulary has prepared this introductory guide for people who are considering setting up a new scheme where they live and wish to find out a little more about Home Watch.

The guide sets out the objectives of Home Watch, it briefly explains what membership involves, whilst outlining the role of the Co-ordinator and explains what to do next if you want to start a scheme in your neighbourhood.

Register for Home Watch and to receive messages from Norfolk Constabulary via [www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk) or contact the local policing team [snthellesdonhorsford@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:snthellesdonhorsford@norfolk.pnn.police.uk).

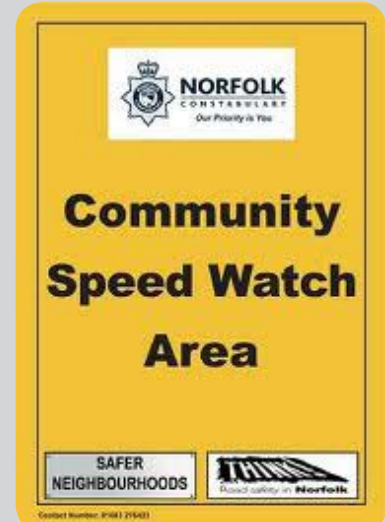
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### Crime Prevention Officers

If you wish to talk to a Crime Prevention Officer about ensuring that your property is secure, please call 101.

### Posters and leaflets

New posters and leaflets are now available to download via [www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk).



PC Andy Dye  
Hellesdon & Horsford Beat Manager

# "What's on in Hellesdon"

Does your club, society, organisation need help in promoting your activity?  
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## HELLESDON YOUTH CLUB

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## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, The Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance was held at St Mary's Church, Low Road, Hellesdon. The Service was attended by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Shelagh Gurney together with the

Clerk to the Council, Mrs Patricia Kirby and Mr Ken Owen, the Council's Public Relations Officer.



Following the Service of Remembrance conducted by Reverend Jack McGinley, the Chairman laid a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the Parish Council. The Chairman is pictured left alongside Mr Tom Gasson who gave the 'Ode of Remembrance'.



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## CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

### St Mary's Low Road

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and 11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion

### St Paul's, Hawthorne Avenue

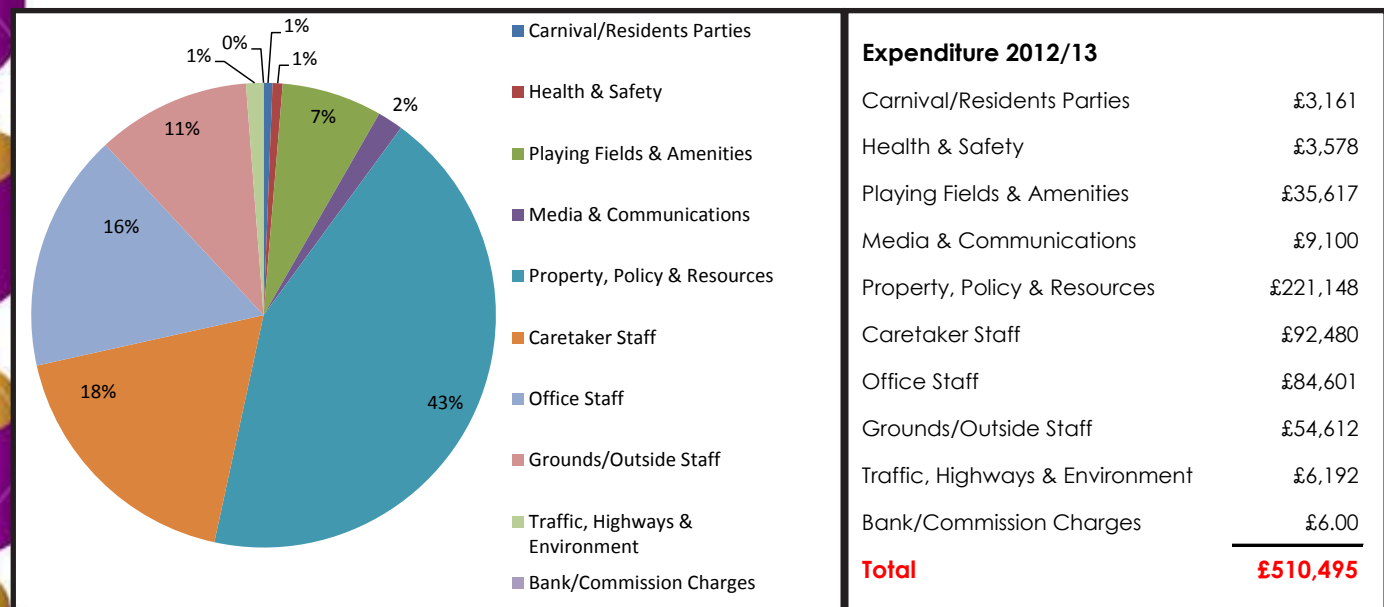
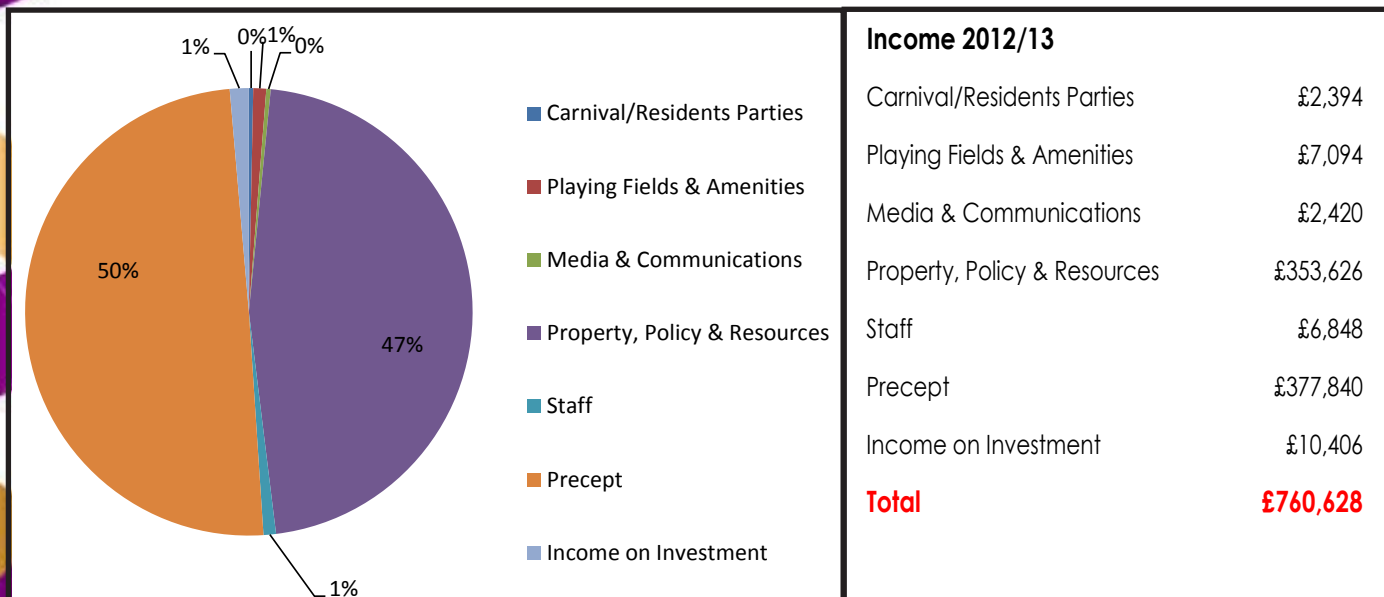
Sun Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Christingle Service (Cafe style)  
Sun Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4.30 pm Carol Service  
Wed Dec 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am Informal Family Service

**NO SERVICE AT ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS DAY -  
PARISH HOLY COMMUNION AT ST PAUL'S**

# Annual Report 2012 - 13

## Precept, grants, income and expenditure-council finances explained

Where the money comes from and where it goes, are set out in these two diagrams



All councils need to produce an annual revenue budget which sets out the financial requirements for the forthcoming year. This becomes the basis upon which spending policy is approved and how the amount of cash required in order to finance the spending plan is calculated.

The annual budget preparation is of a schedule of all the headings under which the council is committed to spend or likely to receive cash.

Income is obtained from a number of sources such as sports facilities hire, allotment rent, advertising in The Grapevine, carnival plot hire, grants and income on investments.

Expenditure needs to include the cost of maintaining various amenity and play areas at the Recreation Ground and Meadow Way, as well as the Memorial Garden at the Recreation Ground, together with the allotments at Bush Road.

The difference of the sum of money between income and expenditure is raised by the way of a precept.

A Parish Council has the power to precept (tax) their residents to support its operations and to carry out local projects.

The above charts show where the money has come from and how it was spent for the financial year ended March 2013.

As is evident from the diagrams employment of staff impacts extremely high on council expenditure, with the high proportion needed for salaries and associated costs for our caretakers. The caretakers and a Housekeeper are employed by the Parish Council to serve in the Community Centre which is managed by a group of volunteers known as Hellesdon Community Centre Executive Committee and is registered as a charity.

**The accounts for the financial year 2012/13 have now been approved by the appointed Auditors and a copy of the documentation can be viewed on our website under the heading of Council – sub section Annual Return.**