USEFUL INFORMATION

Village Website

www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk

What’s On

www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk/whats-on

(To advertise events, email whatsoninhathersage@gmail.com)

Member of Parliament

Patrick McLoughlin 020 7219 3511 patrick.mcloughlin.mp@parliament.uk

Derbyshire County Council (DCC)

01629 580000 [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk)

Call Derbyshire 0845 605 8058 (to report pot holes, streetlights)

Your county councillor: Judith Twigg 01629 813292 judith.twigg@derbyshire.gov.uk

Derbyshire Dales District Council

01629 761100 [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk)

Your district councillors: Jean Monks 01433 650300, Jacque Bevan 01433 650581

Peak District National PARK AUTHORITY (PDNPA)

01629 816200 www.peakdistrict.gov.uk

Parish Council Meeting Dates

Usually the 4th Monday in the month (except Dec) at 7.30pm. See village website to confirm exact dates. We welcome attendance by all our residents.

Mobile Library

Thursdays, 10am-1pm, 2-5.30pm. Oddfellows Road carpark

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Derbyshire Police, tel. 101 [bakewell.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:bakewell.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk)

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman:

Councillor Jane Marsden 01433 650659

Vice Chairman:

Councillor Pauline Whitney 01433 650261

Councillor Bill Gordon 01433 650704

Councillor Jean Hodgkinson 01433 650746

Councillor Bill Hanley 01433 650316

Councillor David Palmer 01433 650126

Councilor Nick Williams 07770 927778

Parish Clerk:

Peter Leppard, Sickleholme Cottage, Saltergate Lane, Bamford, S33 0BE

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OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome to our new councillor**

We are delighted that Nick Williams has agreed to be co-opted to the parish council, to fill our vacant seat. Nick was the chair of Hope parish council before moving to Outseats last year.

**Refuse collection**

Communication by the District Council to residents of revised refuse-collection dates over the Christmas period was felt by many to be inadequate. We have been assured that DDDC recognise this, and that they will do better next year. If we know the proposed dates by November (we didn’t this year), we will publish them in this newsletter.

**Mobile library**

Derbyshire County Council budget pressures led, in December, to four options for cutting the mobile library service being put out to consultation. You can comment at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DerbyshireMobileLibraries2014> until 1 March.

**Hurstclough Lane**

The road surface on the part of Hurstclough Lane just east of Hurst Brook is in very poor condition. The County Council has a scheme to improve drainage here, and then resurface it in financial year 2014/5.

**Long Causeway**

Outseats Council is trying to convince the County Council to reduce significantly its proposed repairs to Long Causeway to make it usable by all vehicular traffic; these repairs are expected to cost well into six figures. Given the recent Peak Park decision to impose a permanent Traffic Regulation Order on Long Causeway, some of these repairs appear to be no longer necessary, and we believe the money could be better spent on other priorities.

**Community Governance Review**

Our parish petition to ask Derbyshire Dales District Council to undertake a Community Governance Review - to abolish Hathersage and Outseats civil parishes and instead create one new parish of Hathersage - has reached the number of signatures required by law (thank you all for signing it!) and was submitted to DDDC on 7 February. (Hathersage parish’s similar petition is about to be submitted too.) We believe that one parish council instead of two will be better for all the community of Hathersage, and we hope to hear that DDDC agrees with us. If they do, we understand that the change would be likely to take place in 2015.

**North Lees/Stanage**.

The National Park Authority’s decision last September to retain ownership of the North Lees/Stanage estate has led to discussions between the Stanage Forum Steering Group and officers of the Authority. A meeting of the Stanage Forum will now be held on Sat 29 March at Hathersage Memorial Hall. Please look out for the notices, and do come along to hear the proposed future of the Estate explained by Peak Park officers.

**Village website**

The village website is at www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk. As well as giving information on what’s on in the village, the website has agendas, minutes and other notices posted by the parish council.

**Parish precept**

The parish council is funded by a levy (known as the ‘precept’) decided annually by the parish council, and paid by us all as part of our Council Tax. For financial year 2014/5, the Outseats precept will total £15,294 – a 1% increase on 2013/4’s £15,138. However, this is billed to households by dividing the total by the number of council-tax payers in the parish, and we understand from DDDC that the latter number has fallen slightly for 2014/5, so the precept increase which each Outseats household will see will be around 4% instead of 1% - thank you in advance for your understanding of this unfortunate quirk.

**Footpath access, Ranmoor Hill**

Some residents have expressed concern at a new sign on the gate at the west end of Ranmoor Hill saying “DCC, No public footpath”. This sign was not installed by the County, and in fact the legal status of this long-used public access is not straightforward. The Parish Council has been discussing with DCC how best to resolve the matter. Further, the footpath which runs uphill from a point just west of this gate has recently been fenced. Some residents have queried – because of personal safety - the use of barbed wire on this fence, and discussions are in hand with the landowner. Please ask any Councillor if you would like to know the currentposition with either of these issues.

**Railway electrification**

In December, the Department for Transport announced the start of a study into the suitability of (amongst others) the Hope Valley Line for electrification. The first report from the study will be within 12 months.

**Swimming Pool news**

The pool has been busy this winter. The cold-water swims before Christmas were very successful and on New Year’s Day there was a queue outside the pool at 11am, despite the cold, wet weather!  Over 100 people braved the elements and enjoyed the occasion. The publicity generated by these swims has been invaluable and they have paid their way - so huge thanks go to the staff and volunteer organisers. Next season (with warm water!) starts on Fri 21 March at 10am with a swimathon in aid of Sports Aid - the season proper begins on Sat 22 March. There will be Night Swims to Music on 18 April and 16 May, and provisionally a film night on 4 May. For more details see [www.hathersageswimmingpool.co.uk](http://www.hathersageswimmingpool.co.uk/).

**Finances**

Outseats Council expenditure since the last newsletter has been (other than the Clerk’s salary and expenses): £300 grant to Hathersage allotments, £204 filling salt-grit bins, £72 website maintenance & £57 meeting-room hire.

**Hope Valley Cycle Link on the A6187**

The County Council has developed a scheme to create a new shared route, 2m to 2.7m wide, for pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders, separated from the main carriageway by a 0.6m grass verge, from the outskirts of Hathersage (by the railway bridge) to just before Hope. The route will be on the north side of the road between Hathersage and Bamford traffic lights; beyond there, it will have to cross back and forward over the road several times. The plan is to construct it during the 2014/5 financial year - partly funded by the Department for Transport. This new route along the Hope Valley will complement a Sustrans-signed Sheffield to Manchester cycle route across the National Park. The cycle lanes currently marked on the A6187’s main carriageway will be retained.

**A new Quiet Lane**

The County Council has advised us that signage to designate the highway from the Coggers Lane/Birley Lane junction to Dennis Knoll car park as a ‘Quiet Lane’ will be erected by the end of March. Quiet Lane designation can be applied to minor rural roads which are appropriate for shared use by walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and (at low speeds) motorised users – with the aim of maintaining the character of the road by encouraging appropriate user behaviour.

**Food caddies**

Households are provided by the District Council with a caddy to dispose of waste food. You get a free supply of 52 liners in April/May annually but, if you need additional liners, these can be bought from DDDC at the reception desk at Bakewell swimming pool (£2.50 per 52), or online at [www.caddyliners.com](http://www.caddyliners.com).

**Planning**

In recent months, the parish council has commented to the Peak Park on planning applications for 9 Park Edge, 10 Park Edge, Birchfield (Jaggers La), Cow Close Farm and North Lees Hall.

Information on all planning applications is available at pam.peakdistrict.gov.uk.

**Healthwatch Derbyshire**

This new body, based in Belper, was set up in April 2013 as the official consumer champion for health and social care in Derbyshire, holding service providers and commissioners to account. In order that Healthwatch Derbyshire have the best possible evidence and hear a wide range of views, they encourage you to contact them with your experiences on 01773 880786 or via [www.healthwatchderbyshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchderbyshire.co.uk).

**Foster care**

Plenty of children and young people in Derbyshire need loving homes, and Derbyshire County Council is looking for people to become contract foster carers. There’s no age limit to becoming a foster carer - indeed, for some types of specialist fostering, experience is far more valuable.

An example of this is contract care - a specialised type of fostering where carers work with 11 to 18 year-olds with complex emotional or behavioural needs. For this, DCC is ideally looking for people with previous experience of working in a caring environment with young people, *e.g.* former nurses, social workers or police officers. The specialised nature of this type of care will require you to meet certain criteria, including:

* One carer must be home-based, with no other employment. This carer must have no commitments likely to create a conflict of interest or affect their ability to respond, on a round-the-clock basis, to the needs of the young person they look after.
* Carers should have no children under the age of 16 living at home.
* Carers must have suitable accommodation, with a spare bedroom.

Contract carers get ongoing training, bi-monthly support groups and mentoring, paid respite of up to 24 days p.a., competitive allowances and fees, and a generous additional weekly sum when a child is placed with you.

If you think you might have the experience, skills and patience to care for a young person, particularly one who might have challenging behaviour, DCC would like to hear from you. Information about contract care, or any other type of fostering, is at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/adoptionandfostering](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/adoptionandfostering) - or call Derbyshire on 0800 083 7744.

**Oil-buying scheme**

Many homes are heated with oil, supplied by an industry which is not regulated in the same way that gas and electricity are. Oil prices vary from day to day, going up as demand rises, such as when the weather is cold. To combat this, Rural Action Derbyshire has run a successful countywide oil-buying syndicate since 2011, which has almost 400 members. Their order size gives RAD the purchasing power to negotiate better prices than individuals can; RAD consistently beats the best prices available on the internet, saving each household £140 p.a. on average. Details are at <http://www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/oil.html>