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 (DDDC)

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

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

0844 375 2712 (Mon-Fri, 9.30am-4pm). Also at www.adviceguide.org.uk

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Derbyshire Police, tel. 101 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

Councillor Nick Williams 01433 651902

Parish Clerk:

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

07860 624453 clerk.outseatspc@gmail.com

OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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**Community Governance Review**

Our parish petition to Derbyshire Dales District Council, seeking a Community Governance Review to abolish Hathersage and Outseats civil parishes and instead create one new parish of Hathersage, was favourably received at DDDC’s Corporate Committee meeting in June. They are now seeking residents’ views before coming to a final decision - it would help greatly if you could send just a few words of support to consultation@derbyshiredales.gov.uk (even if you have already signed the petition) by 8 August, please. If then approved, we expect the new parish council to take effect next Spring.

**Cutting back hedges/plants which overhang roads and footpaths**

The Council would like to remind residents of their responsibility to cut back hedges and other plants on their properties that overgrow roads and footpaths; the Council receives complaints about this every year! Hedges can hinder visibility for traffic, especially on bends; they also make it difficult for pedestrians to keep out of the way of vehicles. Thank you all for your efforts on this cutting back throughout the parish, now that the nesting season is over.

**Water-main renewal works**

From approximately 8 September 2014 until May 2015, Severn Trent will be carrying out a 35-week programme around Hathersage to install 2 new water mains. This will affect the A6187 for at least 12 weeks, for the majority of which there will be temporary traffic lights. However, where the road narrows near the chemists, a complete closure for up to 2 weeks will be needed (with the 272 bus diverted via Station Road and Grindleford before regaining its normal route at Fox House). Severn Trent assures us that all worksites on the A6187 will be shut down and cleared away for the Christmas and Easter periods.

Closures of School Lane will take place during the October (and possibly February) half-term holidays, with temporary traffic lights on School Lane during some other weeks. Jaggers Lane will be fully closed for a period, between its eastern end and Coggers Lane. Works on Coggers Lane will be carried out using temporary traffic lights.

**Swimming pool news**

The swimming pool is enjoying a very successful season, helped by the fine weather - though swimmers are not deterred by rain, such is the popularity of the pool! High numbers swimming in hot weather has its own problems; users are reminded that it is   important - to prevent problems with the pool’s water quality - to follow guidance on applying sunscreen at least 15 minutes before swimming, which prevents it washing off in the water.

The summer-solstice 24-hour swim took place for the second time, again proving very popular, as have been the night swims held once a month - the next is on 15 August, with live music from harpist Louise Thompson.

On Saturday 11 October, 7pm-11pm, there will be an Auction of Promises for pool funds, with bar and light refreshments. The organisers are looking for unusual, exciting or quirky promises to auction. If you have a special skill which you could offer, Lydia on 650851 or at lmkeigwin@hotmail.com would be delighted to hear from you.

For more swimming pool details, see [www.hathersageswimmingpool.co.uk](http://www.hathersageswimmingpool.co.uk/) - or download the Pool’s app, which gives regular news and event updates.

**Mobile library**

The County Council published a revised consultation proposal in May, which would avoid the mobile library disappearing altogether by giving Hathersage a 4-weekly visit – in Oddfellows Rd on Thursdays, 0915-1300. You can comment until 9 August at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DCCMobileLibraries

**Derbyshire Dales Sports Awards**

These annual awards aim to celebrate a year of sporting achievement from clubs, teams, schools and individuals. You can make a nomination for a star or unsung sporting hero from the past year at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/leisure-a-culture/sports-awards](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/leisure-a-culture/sports-awards) until 22 August.

**Footpath access, Ranmoor Hill**

Derbyshire County Council has recently advised us that the sign on the gate at the west end of Ranmoor Hill saying “DCC, No public footpath” (which was not installed by the County) is incorrect, as there is a pedestrian right-of-way through this point, dating back to the era when there was a farmhouse west of this gate; this right-of-way has never been legally extinguished.

**Long Causeway**

In September 2012, the Peak Park started consultation on a proposal to apply a permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to Long Causeway, to prevent its use by all motorised vehicles. The proposal was disputed by some users, but eventually led to a decision to impose such a TRO – however, it has yet to be implemented, because of legal complexities between the County Council (in their role as highway authority) and the Peak Park. The law requires that, if this TRO is not implemented before the 2nd anniversary of its consultation starting, the proposal must lapse; however, the Peak Park reviewed the proposal in July 2014, concluding that it is still the right thing to do, so we hope for implementation before the September deadline.

In the last few weeks, excellent repairs have been carried out by DCC to make Long Causeway fully fit for non-motorised use. However, the revetment wall remains too weak for motorised vehicles, and to repair this would be prohibitively expensive.

**Hope Valley Link cycleway, Castleton Rd**

At a recent meeting where parish councillors pressed a number of residents’ concerns about this new cycleway, Derbyshire County Council responded that:

1. there is no need for a central white line, to segregate cyclists from pedestrians.
2. they have not yet finalised the signage design for the cycleway, and thus some signs have yet to be erected.
3. they might, if budget allows, re-surface using rolled-in chippings, to provide better grip for horses.
4. the signs/markings at the cycleway’s intermediate junctions are adequate to prevent cyclists colliding with vehicles.
5. they agreed that the markings at the Hathersage end of the cycleway might be contributing to eastbound cyclists then wrongly continuing along the pavement rather than on the road, so DCC will consider changes to these markings.
6. the cycleway’s Hathersage end, while it would ideally be better situated on a straight, is nevertheless acceptably safe on a bend, as the bend is not severe.
7. although one can argue that moving the start of the 30mph limit a little further west would better protect the cycleway’s Hathersage end, this might breach Department for Transport rules re 30mph limits.
8. there is no likelihood of being able to extend the cycleway any further towards the village centre – as to do so would involve narrowing the main carriageway to an extent unacceptable on an A-road.

We have recently urged DCC to make faster progress with items 2 and 5.

**Northern rail franchise replacement**

The Department for Transport has published (https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations) a stakeholder consultation, seeking views on the specification to be issued to bidders for the next Northern rail franchise – which will commence in February 2016. The parish council has sent a response with the key message that the Hope Valley local service needs to be an hourly frequency, on both weekdays and Sundays.

Your views can be sent, until 18 August, to

northernTPEconsultation2014@dft.gsi.gov.uk

**Review of polling stations & districts**

The Electoral Registration & Administration Act 2013 requires a review of Parliamentary polling districts and polling stations; the review for Derbyshire Dales is taking place now. Views, including proposed alternatives to our existing polling station, the Memorial Hall - especially from those with expertise regarding access to premises for people with different forms of disability - should be sent to electoral@derbyshiredales.gov.uk by 15 August.

**Individual Electoral Registration**

Since June, Individual Electoral Registration (IER) has replaced the time-honoured system of the head of the household completing an annual form for the dwelling concerned. IER instead makes every individual responsible for their own registration, and encourages this to be done online.

In most cases, if you were already registered to vote under the old system, you need do nothing, as you will automatically be transferred into IER. However, some data queries are expected to arise during this transfer and, if you are one of those affected, you will receive a letter from the District Council during August telling you what you need to do.

If you are over 18 and have not previously been registered to vote, you can register now at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

**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.

**Planning**

In recent months, the parish council has commented to the Peak Park on a planning application for Lone Oak (Coggers La) and on potential future affordable-housing sites – though there are no specific build proposals at present.

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

**Finances**

Outseats Council expenditure since the last newsletter (other than the Clerk’s salary and expenses, and payments to Hathersage parish council for items which they provide for both parishes) has been: Clearing footpaths £358, Audit £100, Room hire £58.

**Parish Council audit**

The auditors Grant Thornton have given our 2013/14 accounts a clean bill of health. But parish councils with an annual turnover less than £25,000 (which includes Outseats PC) will, under the [Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014](http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/localauditandaccountability.html), be exempt - from financial year 2014/15 - from routine external audit. Instead, we shall be subject to a new Transparency Code, laying down financial details which we must make available to electors.

**Thank you….**

….for reading this newsletter. Suggestions for topics to be covered in future issues are always welcome.