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 Rd carpark. (Expected to change in January 2015)

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](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

Councillor Nick Williams 01433 651902

Parish Clerk:

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

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OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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**Snow & ice clearance this winter**

Winter weather may now be not far away. The Parish Council is very aware that many Outseats residents are dependent on access to the village centre via a steep hill, so keeping that access usable during bad weather is one of our major concerns. The responsibility for highways lies with Derbyshire County Council (DCC), but their gritting and snow-clearing focus is on major roads. Neither the District Council nor Parish Council has resources to help with gritting and snow-clearance, and so our community depends appreciably on the independent contributions of residents in clearing snow and ice in Outseats. Many residents have done this in the past, and we are very grateful for their sterling work. To help this work continue this winter, the Parish Council asks all residents to heed the following advice. (It may be a good idea to retain this newsletter, to refer to it again when bad weather comes.)

**How to clear safely and effectively**

We want to ensure that anyone deciding to clear snow and ice in the Parish does so safely.

 Do not undertake any clearance activities unless you consider yourself physically fit enough to do so.

 Remember to tell someone where you are going if you intend to clear snow & ice alone.

 Check the weather forecast.

 Take a mobile phone with you.

DCC have supplied this practical advice:

Step 1 - You’ll need a suitable shovel, and a supply of salt to help melt the ice. The best type to use on roads and pavements is grit-salt. Don’t use hot water or a heating device, as this risks creating a new hazard of melted water which may turn to black ice - which is difficult to see. The next best thing to using salt is to sprinkle sand/ash to improve grip, although this won’t help melt the snow.

Step 2 - Wear suitable warm clothing, gloves and safe footwear - and consider wearing a high-visibility tabard or jacket. While not essential if clearing a footway, it is a sensible precaution to ensure that you are seen in all circumstances.

Step 3 - Decide in advance where you are going to put the snow which you clear – so that it doesn’t cause an access problem for others or prevent melting snow reaching drains later. (Salt will also damage grass and plants, so keep away from these if you can.) Make sure you create a safe walkway for yourself to stand on as you go, perhaps by salting this first before clearing the wider area. If any areas are steep or include steps, you will most likely need to apply more salt.

Step 4 - For best effect, shake grit-salt onto the cleared area – 40 g/m2 is about right. A good technique is to put the grit-salt on a shovel and use a small trowel or spatula to ‘flick’ it along the newly-cleared area. The action of people walking on it will then begin to help melt ice. If you can, cover the path with salt in the evening, to stop it freezing overnight – but if you can only do this once, spread salt straight after your first clearing of snow.

Remember that newly-fallen snow is much easier to clear than compacted snow, so try to do your clearing sooner rather than later.

**Risk Assessment & other documents**

The Parish Council has compiled various documents which are required by our insurers. They include a formal risk assessment for snow & ice clearance, and the Council’s snow & ice clearance policy. We recommend that you read these before undertaking any snow or ice clearance. They can be found on the Village Website or obtained from the Parish Clerk.

**Legal liability**

DCC’s Winter Service Plan gives the following advice: “Provided that members of the public who clear snow and ice from pavements or minor roads near their property take reasonable care and apply a common sense approach in doing so, they are unlikely to find themselves being held liable if someone has an accident and is injured on the area they have cleared.” It would be extremely unusual for a court to uphold such a claim against someone who has acted in good faith.

**Grit-salt in grit bins**

Grit-salt provided in the roadside grit bins is solely for use on public roads and footways and is not to be used by residents to grit their own drives or for other uses. Please use this grit-salt sparingly; we try to ensure, usually through DCC, that the bins are refilled as necessary, but this can become difficult in sustained bad weather, and it cannot be guaranteed that grit-salt will always be available in the bins. We recommend that residents buy their own supply for their drives before the bad weather arrives. It is available in sacks from many local suppliers: Eyres (Brough), Markovitz (Tideswell), High Peak and Calver Sough garden centres, etc, and also the larger chains (Wickes, B&Q, etc). Thank you for your understanding.

**Empty grit bins – what to do**

If you find a grit bin is empty or vandalised, please tell the Parish Clerk or any of the councillors (see details on the back page). Or report it at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/gritbin

**Further information on snow & ice**

Further information can be found at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/snow including the latest gritting activity and road-closure updates (published daily at 7am, 2pm & 9pm during snow/ice conditions), links to DCC’s

Twitter and Facebook pages, and disruption information such as school closures.

**Christmastime refuse collection**

Remember that the District Council’s waste-collection dates change over the Christmas holidays. Details are available at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/environment-and-waste/waste-a-recycling/when-is-my-collection

**New parish council**

On 30 October, the District Council made an Order abolishing the existing Hathersage and Outseats civil parishes from 1 April 2015 and instead creating one new parish of Hathersage. Temporarily its councillors will be those from both old parishes; however, a new parish council, with 14 members, will be elected on 7 May. Why not be a candidate yourself? Details of how to stand are at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/elections/standing-as-a-candidate

**Finances**

Outseats Council’s main expenditure since the last newsletter (other than the Clerk’s salary and expenses) has been: Public-seat repairs £295, Grasscutting/strimming £438 and Printer ink £101.

**Hurstclough Lane**

Although the County Council decided in 2012 to designate Hurstclough Lane a Byway Open to All Traffic, that decision has not been implemented, because of public objections received by the County. It is now understood that a Planning Inspector appointed by central government is likely to decide the matter during 2015.

**Water-main renewal works**

These works are planned to continue in various parts of the village until May. Jaggers Lane will be fully closed for a period, between its eastern end and Coggers Lane, but the exact dates for this are not yet known. Severn Trent assure us that all worksites on the A6187 will be shut down and cleared away for the Christmas and Easter periods.

**Village Flood Warden**

The Environment Agency has asked us to appoint a volunteer village Flood Warden. The role is to raise awareness of flood risks, assist in creation of a Community Flood Plan and help vulnerable people during and in the aftermath of flooding. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Planning**

In recent months, the parish council has commented to the Peak Park on planning applications for North Lees campsite, 7 Derwent La, Shelton (Coggers La), Meadow Brook (at Nether Hurst), Long Ridge (Derwent La) and North Lees Farm.

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

**Swimming pool news**

The pool is still open! Cold-water swims for the hardy (or foolhardy?) take place every Saturday in November (11am-3pm), and there will be a New Year’s Day swim. The pool will stay open for an extra month at the end of next season - until October 31. And 2015 Season Tickets will be available in time for purchase as Xmas presents!

The Pool Committee has expressed warm thanks to all the marketing and fund-raising volunteers who have supported the pool so effectively throughout this year. Much hard work has gone into running events such as night swims, and successful fundraising events included a recent Auction of Promises, which raised over £4,000 towards the solarium refurbishment.

For regular pool news and event updates, see [www.hathersageswimmingpool.co.uk](http://www.hathersageswimmingpool.co.uk/)

**Adult community education**

Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service (DACES) is reviewing how best to support people to learn and develop skills within the Service’s reducing budget. DACES would like feedback from those who don’t currently use their services, as well as those who do; via their survey (until 12 Dec) at www.surveymonkey.com/s/DCCadulted

**Free Highway Code training**

RightDriver is an organisation which has a contract with the Driver & Vehicle Standards Agency to provide free Highway Code education online, to help people to obtain a driving licence. Please see rightdriver.co.uk

**Fines for dog owners**

People who don’t clean up after their dogs may soon face a £75 on-the-spot fine, as new Public Space Protection Orders are introduced early next year by the District Council, who say that dog fouling complaints have doubled in recent years. Residents can have their say on this proposal – and also on a suggestion to increase areas where dogs can be excluded or must be kept on a lead – at [www.derbyshiredales.go.uk/dogsurvey](http://www.derbyshiredales.go.uk/dogsurvey)

**Vandalism to gates and stiles**

There have been several recent instances of vandalism to gates and stiles on the parish’s footpaths - creating unnecessary extra costs for landowners. Anyone witnessing such vandalism is urged to contact the police.

**Stanage Forum**

The Forum’s recent AGM nominated Stella McGuire to be the Peak Park Authority’s rep on the Steering Group. The Authority has appointed Rebekah Newman as North Lees Property Manager from 1 December.

**Long Causeway**

We are delighted to report that the long-awaited permanent Traffic Regulation Order on Long Causeway, banning all motorised vehicles, came into force in September.

**Mobile library**

The County Council has now finalised its cuts to this service, which will, from January, serve Hathersage 4-weekly. Details of the new arrangements will be published shortly.

**Village website**

The village website is at [www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk](http://www.hathersage-outseats.org.uk), showing information on what’s on in the village, as well as agendas, minutes and other parish council notices.