

## USEFUL INFORMATION

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Parish Council Meeting Dates  
Next meetings: 22 Feb, 22 Mar, 26  
Apr, 24 May, 21 Jun, 26 Jul.  
All 7.30pm in Sampson Room,  
Memorial Hall except Feb & May in  
Methodist Church Lounge.

Refuse Skip Dates in 2010  
7.45am - 10.45am  
Oddfellows Road Car Park  
Feb 13, 27; Mar 13, 27; Apr 25; May  
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Peak District National Park  
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## YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

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## OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL



## NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2009/10

### Issue Number 20

#### Gritting the Roads

The Council would like to thank all the residents who have cleared and gritted the roads during the bad weather. Their assistance is gratefully appreciated in keeping the roads passable, especially on the steep sections and corners. However, we would also like to remind residents that the grit in the bins is there solely to grit the roads and pavements in the Parish and is not to be used by residents to grit their own drives or for other uses. Also, we would ask residents to try to use the grit sparingly: Derbyshire County Council try to refill the bins as quickly as possible, but they are unable to fill them as quickly as they get emptied in sustained bad weather. If anyone has suggestions for ways that the gritting of the roads in the Parish might be improved, they should contact the Clerk. Thank you once again for everyone's

assistance in keeping the Parish moving during a difficult time.

Residents can purchase grit to use on their drives for about £5 a sack from many local suppliers (Eyres at Brough, Markowitz in Tideswell, High Peak and Calver Sough Garden Centres, etc) as well as the larger chains (Wickes, B&Q, etc). Thank you for your understanding.

#### Budget for 2010/11

At its meeting on 23 November 2009, the Council set its budget for the financial year 2010/11. Its principal objective was to keep the precept charged to every household in Outseats at the same level as last year, given the current economic climate. This meant that the Council had to reduce its reserves by approximately 20% and it was also unable to fully fund all the areas it wished.

The principal expenditures agreed were a contribution to the swimming pool of £3,150 (an increase of 5% was thought essential to maintain this important local amenity), £990 towards the maintenance of the playing field, plus an additional £800 for replacement playpark on the playing field, £1,500 towards the Hathersage village caretaker, £500 was budgeted for grass cutting in the Parish and the Clerk's salary and other office expenses totalled approximately £2,750. The Council's total budget for the year was £13,226.

The Council hopes residents will understand that it has had to be prudent at present and hopes that it can fully fund additional areas as the economic climate improves.

#### **Playing Field—Volunteers Wanted**

One area the Council was unable to fully fund was the raking of the playpark on the playing field. The cost of the playpark is considerable (including Hathersage Parish Council's contribution, over £2,000 a year) and regular raking not only improves its effectiveness, by preventing it from compacting too much, but also improves its longevity. The cost of professional raking was estimated at £550 for next year, so the Council wondered whether any local residents might be willing to do this instead? Many parents accompany their children to the playing field anyway, so it might be possible for them to rake the playpark at the same time. If anyone or any group would be happy to volunteer to

help the Council reduce this cost, they should contact the Clerk.

#### **Planning**

Since the last newsletter, Council have reviewed and recommended for approval planning applications for The Cartref, Derwent Lane and 1 Peak View, Ranmoor Hill. The Clerk has obtained the decision of Peak District National Park Authority regarding the Riverside Garden and Herb Centre, Castleton Road; this is to allow the Garden Centre to continue to sell horticultural produce and accessories, but not to allow retail sales unrelated to horticulture. Furthermore, the Certificate of Lawful Use was refused for the café.

#### **Housing Needs Survey**

Representatives of Hathersage Parish Council and Outseats Parish Council have now met with a planner from PDNPA to consider possible sites for development; he is now considering whether any are suitable.

#### **Finances**

Since the last newsletter, the Council's principal expenditure was £569 for grass cutting, £150 to fill grit bins with salt and a £178 fee from the Audit Commission. Other expenditure, apart from the Clerk's salary and expenses, includes a donation to Hathersage Luncheon Club, stationery and the costs of training for Councillors.

#### **Joint Transport Committee (JTC)**

The JTC have been advised that the Peak District National Park have objected to the vehicle activated sign on the Sheffield Road; the JTC are trying to resolve this.

#### **Footpaths**

Network Rail are considering closing the two footpaths that cross the railway in Hathersage and Outseats. The Clerk has spoken to Phil Berry, the Derbyshire County Council Footpaths Officer for the Parish, who has confirmed that Network Rail must supply alternative routes for the paths and, if these are forthcoming, they must be put out to full consultation and all interested parties informed. Therefore, the Council have resolved that little more can be done until such plans are received.

Regarding the Long Causeway, a reply has been received to Council's letter to County Councillor Judith Twigg, offering a meeting on this path. Councillor Twigg is willing to take up Council's offer of a meeting "when it is clearer what progress is to be made on this matter".

#### **Website Committee**

It is planned that the village website should go online in early 2010 and that it will include a variety of information on tourism, accommodation and activities available in both Outseats and Hathersage, as well as information on the Parish Councils. Letters have been sent to societies and businesses in the Parish, to confirm their inclusion on the website. If anyone in the Parish has not received a letter but wishes to be included, they should contact the Clerk.

#### **Trusted Trader Scheme**

Derbyshire County Council have asked us to advise you of Derbyshire Trusted Trader, which gives local people confidence finding traders they

can trust. Trusted Trader, run by Derbyshire County Council, is the fastest growing assured trader scheme run by a local authority in the country. There is everyone on their list from builders, plumbers, roofers and glazers, to electricians, decorators, joiners and gardeners.

Trusted Trader gives peace of mind because everyone on the list has been checked out by Derbyshire County Council's trading standards team. Among things they look for are records of county court judgments or any previous complaints against a company. Businesses pay a small fee to join. Traders have to be based in Derbyshire or do half their work in the county to make the list.

Councillor Carol Hart, Derbyshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "Trusted Trader gives residents more confidence when they call out a trader at the same time as boosting good local businesses. There are well over 150 different trader types on our list from right across Derbyshire offering a great deal of choice."

To find your Trusted Trader, all you have to do is phone Call Derbyshire, the county council's contact centre, on 08456 058 058 or search our list of Trusted Traders on the council's website at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/trustedtrader](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/trustedtrader).

#### **Parish Council Meetings**

The dates and locations of the next Parish Council meetings can be found overleaf. We welcome attendance by all our residents.