

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)

Derbyshire County Council (DCC)
Tel. 01629 580000
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
Tel. 01629 761100
www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk
Your District Councillors:
Jean Monks 01433 650300
Jacque Bevan 01433 650581

Peak District National Park
Authority (PDNPA)
Tel. 01629 816200
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk

Parish Council Meeting Dates
Usually the 4th Monday in the month
(except Aug & 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

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

Police & Neighbourhood Watch
Derbyshire Police, tel. 101
bakewell.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Chairman :

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Councillor Pauline Whitney 01433 650261

Councillor Bill Gordon 01433 650704

Councillor Jean Hodgkinson 01433 650746

Councillor Simon Taylor 01433 651810

Councillor Bill Hanley 01433 650316

Councillor David Palmer 01433 650126

HOW TO CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL

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OUTSEATS PARISH COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2013

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Cutting back hedges and plants overhanging 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.

Long Causeway

The existing temporary Traffic Restriction Order (TRO) for 4-wheeled vehicles (but not motorbikes) on Long Causeway facilitates the County Council's very thorough surface-repair works (and also, in effect, protects the bulging revetment wall). It will expire in 2015. Meanwhile, the Peak District

National Park Authority (PDNPA), following their now-concluded public consultation, will this autumn be considering the case for a permanent TRO on Long Causeway, to preserve the atmosphere and character of this ancient route. These have certainly been partly regained since the temporary TRO came into force, with evidence of more wildlife returning.

Council changes

David Palmer, previously Clerk to Outseats Council, was co-opted as a Councillor in May, filling the vacancy left by Anne Claxton's resignation.

Planning

Since the last newsletter, Outseats Council has received notifications from PDNPA of, and has commented upon, planning applications for alterations to Cunliffe Cottage (Castleton Rd), 6 Cliffe Lane and North Lees Hall. Information on

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

Finances

This is a time of year with low Outseats Council expenditure. Since the last newsletter, payments - other than the Clerk's salary and expenses - have been:

Insurance £303

Staff training £130

Grant to Heart for Hathersage £75

Audit £59

Room hire £53

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.

Hathersage swimming pool

The swimming pool has continued to hold new and innovative events. On June 21st-22nd, a 24-hour swim attracted far greater support than expected, especially during the night hours. Teams from Sheffield Hallam and Sheffield Universities, and others, undertook sponsored swims, and many people came along who are not regular pool users. Not only was this a great fund-raising event for the pool and other charities, but this and the evening swims do much to raise the pool's profile; The Times and The Guardian both featured Hathersage pool as a top outdoor swimming destination - no.1 in The Times, no less! Forthcoming 'night swim' dates are Fridays 16 August and 20 September, There is to be a Macmillan coffee morning at the pool on 27 September.

Pool news is regularly updated on www.hathersageswimmingpool.co.uk

Triathlon parking problems

The recent 'Hathersage Hilly' triathlon caused appreciable parking problems around the village. Our Joint Transport committee and Swimming Pool committee are now considering how this event can work more smoothly for the village in future.

General parking restrictions

The County Council is still considering the parish's proposals for additional no-parking yellow markings in several places. We did ask that these be incorporated in the recent renewal of existing yellow lines, but this did not happen. DCC are likely to commence formal consultation shortly - giving residents the opportunity to comment - on proposed new double-yellow lines around the Station Road/ Station Approach junction.

Parish Councils in Hathersage – time for change?

Until 1894, local administration was based on ecclesiastical parishes - a local government system which could be traced back to the feudal system of the 8th century. The Local Government Act 1894 swept this away, creating the concept of civil parishes, independent of ecclesiastical parishes and usually with different boundaries from them; this removed responsibility for non-religious local matters from the Church.

Hathersage civil parish and Outseats civil parish date from 1894 – though Outseats, because of its (then) small population, did not have a parish council until the 1930s. Nowadays the

boundary between these 2 parishes does not appear particularly logical; an approximate description is that Outseats covers the north-western areas of the village and Hathersage all the rest.

Most of the ways in which parish councils operate now are laid down in the Local Government Act 1972. We, perhaps oddly (but perfectly legally), have some Outseats residents sitting on Hathersage council and vice versa - and in reality the 2 councils, though meeting on different days, often find themselves talking about the same village issues. To an extent therefore, effort is being wasted on doing things twice.

This situation also creates needless complexity, through having to agree funding splits between the two councils on matters which are for the good of the whole village (e.g. the swimming pool) and which therefore need to be jointly funded. And of course, even the nicest people can disagree sometimes, so it is not unknown for the 2 parish councils to come to different views about the same subject! All in all, the current arrangements are not particularly efficient.

There seems a strong case to argue that it would be for the good of the whole village of Hathersage to have just one cohesive local council. The Local Government Act 2007 introduced the concept of a Community Governance Review (CGR) led by the district council (Derbyshire Dales DC in our case), in circumstances where a community shows its desire for change to the current civil parish boundaries. The Act states that, before a CGR can

take place, the electorate of the parish(es) concerned must send a petition to the district council. The Act also lays down a formula for minimum numbers of signatures required; thus Outseats parish must provide at least 206 signatures, and Hathersage parish at least 250, before DDDC can commence a CGR.

The 2 parish councils are currently considering organising such a petition - asking for the parish boundary between Hathersage and Outseats to be abolished and for the 2 parish councils to be replaced by one. We hope to bring you more news about this soon, but please do ask any parish councillor if you have any questions or comments.

Footpaths

Our thanks to the Peak Park rangers and volunteer helpers for their recent work on repairing the overly-worn footpath between Coggers Lane and Brookfield Drive.

Rail services

Hathersage's train service is currently run by Northern Rail, whose franchise, awarded in 2004, was to run until 2011, with a 2-year extension to September 2013 if Department for Transport (DfT) performance targets were met - which they were. DfT have now announced a further extension until February 2016 – in recognition that the backlog in rail franchise-letting workload around England will prevent a new franchise here being awarded any earlier. So the new ideas which a new franchisee might bring are on hold at present; initial expressions of interest in bidding for the franchise are expected to be sought by DfT during 2014.