

Holme Lacy Parish Council



Winter Newsletter 2019

Dear Parishioner,

Welcome to the Holme Lacy Parish Council winter newsletter – an update on recent activities undertaken on behalf of the Parish.

Village Hall

A main focus for the Parish Council this year has been the essential task of reinitiating an independent Village Hall management committee.

For a number of years the Parish Council has maintained the hall and kept it in good repair, funding essential tasks including; the installation of a completely new heating system, roof repairs and the redecoration of the committee room and kitchen area.

The improvements to the fabric of the building are continuing with much needed refurbishment work to the outside of the hall—thanks to a sizable donation from our local **Prynce's Trust**.



At a public meeting in April, Councillors and 60+ parishioners discussed the future management of the hall and how it could be best preserved for years to come.

We are pleased to report that a small group of volunteers from the village have registered with the Charities Commissioner as the Management Trustees who will oversee the daily running of the hall.

The council wishes to thank all villagers who have both directly and indirectly helped the hall to its current state and we wish the new Management Team every success! The Council has agreed to provide a donation towards the daily running costs in the forthcoming year to give the new Trustees some security as they build up their income streams to become financially independent.

Ben Hince is the new bookings clerk, all enquiries to: holmelacybookings@gmail.com

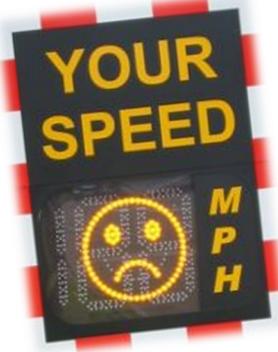
The hall is a War Memorial, donated to us by a mother in remembrance of her son's killed in the First World War.

Last year we purchased the Silent Soldier figure that stands at the front of the hall.



Speeding

Speeding drivers are a major concern in the village and the Parish Council has expressed concerns to the local MP.



We continue to hire Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) throughout the year and we have requested visits from the Community Speed Watch Team.

We are looking at the available options to install permanent SIDS at either end of the village, so watch this space....

Holme Lacy Defibrillator

You may have noticed that the phone box has been painted BLUE ... this wasn't an act of vandalism but is the preparation for the installation of our very own defib for the village.

Councillor Christina Harris has been working on this project with the Community Heartbeat Trust and she hopes to see the defibrillator installed by the new year.



Lengthsman

The Parish Council employs a local Lengthsman to help keep the village looking neat and tidy for residents and visitors. The Lengthsman mows the publicly owned grassed areas around the village and hall. He also carries out regular litter picks throughout the year.

Footpaths Officer

Councillor Susan Lawson recently volunteered to take over as the village footpath officer and has been busy familiarising herself with the role.

Susan will monitor local footpaths to ensure they are clear and in good repair.

As this is a big task for one person it would be much appreciated if villagers could report any issues that they encounter on the footpaths directly to Herefordshire Council by calling 01432 260000 or via the reporting app [reporthttps://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reportingapp/](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reportingapp/)

Thank you for taking the time to read this update—we hope to develop it in time.

