

# Newsletter

February 2014

## Help Wanted

### Parish Councillors Wanted

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council and the current Councillors really need some help.

- Do you want to support your community and help to improve it?
- Are you prepared to work with other councillors to make decisions?
- Are you able to be objective and represent the needs of the whole community?
- Do you care about your community and would you like to give something back?

Most people who live or work in Hunston are eligible to put their names forward and by joining you can play a role in shaping the community. There's a budget to be set, a neighbourhood plan to be developed and the playing field to be managed. Plus looking after our environment and influencing the way that our roads are looked after and developed. Also challenging the District and County Councils on a wide range of issues on behalf of your village.

Please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors if you might be interested in becoming a Councillor—it just might be more interesting and/or rewarding than you think!

### Dog Bins Update

The Parish Council has agreed to fund two additional dog bins in the village. These have been situated near the Newsagents and the footpath that leads from the main road to the Foxbridge Estate.

In addition the District Council is going to provide some statutory notices that warn people that non compliance with the existing by-laws that prohibit dog fouling will also be put up.

We are also sourcing some posters that we will put up in the worst affected areas. In the meantime if you want to help, the Newsagents has a supply of the sticker below which you are welcome to display appropriately. Please do not put these stickers up in or on property that does not belong to you.



### Neighbourhood Plan Volunteers

The Parish of Hunston has now been designated a Neighbourhood Area. This means that we can now make a start on producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a very important process for Hunston. It will involve;

- Teamwork
- Lots of interesting research
- Considerable interaction with the community
- Walks in the countryside!
- Negotiations and decision making
- It will be interesting rewarding and fun!

It doesn't matter if you cannot or did not want to commit to all the working party meetings - we need a wide variety of people with different interests and skills to help.

Steering Group meetings have started but its not too late to become involved. If you would like to join this group please contact the Clerk.

If you would like to be involved, even if it is simply by offering to deliver leaflets then do let us know by contacting the Clerk or any of the Councillors.

# Hunston Parish Council



## Chairman's report February 2014

May I start by hoping that you are surviving this awful weather. Mind you, we have been luckier than many people, as we seem to have overcome a lot of the problems that caused the flooding in July 2012.

I am very happy to report that the Parish Council is now getting under way with its Neighbourhood Plan, having recruited a stalwart team of local residents to start off the process. There have already been two meetings, and we will keep you up to date with our progress.

I know many of you will be aware by now that the Village Hall is experiencing some difficulties at the moment with the kitchen – I wanted to reassure you all that the Parish Council will be working with the Village Hall Management Committee to try and get these resolved as quickly as possible.

As this is a fairly short newsletter, I won't take up too much space rambling on. I simply want to reiterate my plea from the previous newsletter. We still need to recruit new Parish Councillors. Contact details are contained in the newsletter, and are also on the Parish Council website. Please think very seriously about whether you can spare the time and the energy to help us carry on during 2014 making our village a strong community for us all.

Liz Kenney  
10 February 2014

## Faster Broadband has Arrived !

**Yes** - superfast Fibre Optic Broadband has arrived in Hunston with the capacity for properties in the village to have access to download speeds ranging from 40Mbps up to 80Mbps depending on your location and which package you choose.

The new green fibre optic cabinet has been installed and is ready for accepting connections. You can find out what speeds are available for your property at [www.dslchecker.bt.com](http://www.dslchecker.bt.com) Residents are advised to check with their Internet Provider for full details of packages that are available.

## Avoiding Scams and hoaxes

Scam and hoax websites and emails are designed to trick you into disclosing personal information such as bank account details, passwords or credit card numbers.

Scam emails are also often used to con you into paying money for fake get-rich-quick offers, prize or lottery wins or fraudulent or poor quality goods.

Be very suspicious of emails from people or businesses you don't know, particularly ones that promise you money, good health or a solution to all your problems. Anything that looks too good to be true usually is. Be suspicious of unexpected emails from your bank or financial institution. Remember banks don't do business via email and never ask for confidential information via email.

## Our Rugby Hero



It seems no time at all since I wrote an article for the newsletter about Kieran Low joining the London Irish rugby squad. When I checked back, I realised that he joined them in 2009! Now, he has been called up to play for Scotland, because of his Scottish grandfather, Jock Low, who I am sure many residents will remember. It was a great shame that Scotland lost the first match that he played in, against Australia, but I am sure that they will do much better in the forthcoming Six Nations competition. As a fellow expatriate Scot, I just wanted to say well done, Kieran. You have made your village proud of you!

Scammers put a lot of time and money into making emails and websites look real. Don't be fooled. Be suspicious and stay safe!

For further information on the latest scams and how to avoid being caught please visit our website and click on the news item 'The little book of BIG scams'



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