



## Bridge the Gap



If you've been wondering what the messages on the motorway bridge at Pillmoss Lane are—look no further! A group of people joined Lee Parkin to help and support Bridge The Gap – a charity which provides packs to decorate motorway bridges to help to prevent suicide and raise mental health awareness by leaving messages of support and help on offer to those who are at their lowest. This charity alone has saved 28 people from jumping from motorway bridges. A remarkable achievement I am sure you would agree.

## TELEPHONE BOX LENDING LIBRARY



Our lending library in the phone box has won us lots of praise over the last few years, but **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE LARGE QUANTITIES OF BOOKS!** If you are having a clear out please take your books to a charity shop or recycle. We cannot accommodate more books than the shelves can take. Also, we now have people depositing large quantities of magazines. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MAGAZINES, CHILDREN'S TOYS OR JIGSAWS.** The Lending Library is for people to swop or take a book or two per visit. We need to keep the floor clear and the shelves tidy.

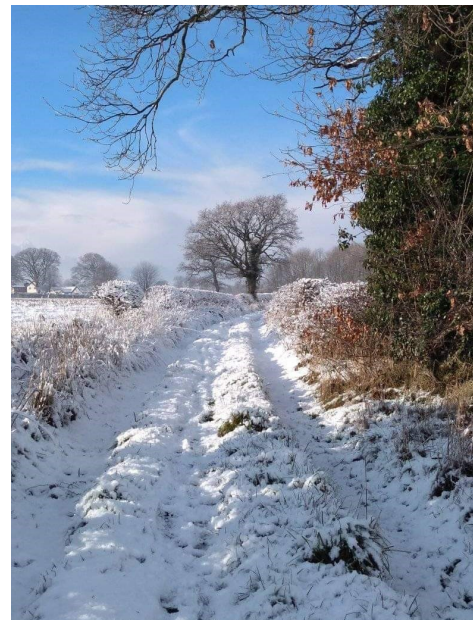
Thank you for your help in keeping our quirky library tidy!

## HATTON HAPPENINGS

*After one of our busiest calendar of events in the village last year, the Community and Social Activities group will be reconvening soon to plan for this year.*

*All are welcome to get involved—if you have a spare hour and are willing to help out or contribute ideas to bring the village together for social activities, please contact:*

[mwinstanley21@gmail.com](mailto:mwinstanley21@gmail.com)



*Hatton's winter wonderland—it may be cold outside but its oh so beautiful!*

## Resident's Lunch:

The next residents lunch will be held at the Hatton Arms as usual. The date is **19th February.**

Please register your attendance early by calling Robin on 730030 or by emailing him at

**[robinbrocklehurst35@gmail.com](mailto:robinbrocklehurst35@gmail.com) before 5.00pm on Sunday 10th February.**



## HATTON VILLAGE GOLF SOCIETY

The venues and dates for Hatton Golfers on Tour have been confirmed, so it is time to ensure you have them in your diary (on the right day Roger!!) so as not to be disappointed. Phil Young has lined up an interesting and varied programme for us as follows:-  
Saturday, 13 April. FRODSHAM. (First tee: 10.56am)  
Sunday, 26 May. PRYORS HEYES. (First tee: 10.40am)  
Saturday, 17 August. MERSEY VALLEY. (First tee: 11.00am)  
Sunday, 22 September. HAYDOCK. (First tee: 11.00am)



There will be a bacon butty and tea/coffee on arrival at each venue.  
If you wish to join the Tour please let Phil Young have your details on [hatton-golf@outlook.com](mailto:hatton-golf@outlook.com)

It is hoped that a trophy will be awarded to each winner on the day which they will hold for a year. If there is any individual or business that feels they can donate one please let Phil know.

Finally, an apology. It was wrongly reported that Phil Pegum had organised the last event held at Walton Hall in November but it was actually Alex. Sorry. Alex did a great job and the day was a huge success.

## PLANNING UPDATE

### Recent Planning Applications in Hatton

The Parish Council is a consultee on these planning applications:

**Hatton Hall Farm** - a retrospective application for a track at the rear of the main farm buildings.

**Queastybirch Hall Farm** - a full application for a steel framed agricultural building for housing cattle

**27 Goose Lane** - Householder application for a two-storey side extension, a single storey rear extension and a rear dormer window.

Any resident who wishes to comment on these applications should email the Parish Clerk [clerk@hattonpccheshire.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hattonpccheshire.gov.uk) or contact a member of the Parish Council.

The following application was approved by Warrington BC:

**Suite 7 Oak Tree Barns Offices** - extension of opening hours 7.30am to 8.00pm despite an objection by the Parish Council on behalf of neighbours. A previous application for longer hours was withdrawn following objections.

### South Warrington Local Plan Update

It is anticipated that the Local Plan will not be submitted in its draft form for consultation until towards the end of March. The delay is due mainly to planned Government revisions to housing targets.

The South Warrington Parish Councils Working Group on which Hatton is represented continues to meet to monitor the Local Plan process and to prepare for when it is submitted. It has organised seminars for Parish Councillors and for local action groups.

Last year the Working Group objected to a planning application by Stobarts for a major development close to the M6/M56 intersection which was subsequently refused by Warrington BC.

## YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

In order to ensure that we are able to keep our village tidy and safe for all, we urge residents to report issues that are the responsibility of Warrington Borough Council directly to them. With all the cut backs to Council budgets they have become more reactive rather than proactive. Thus, we really need to bring concerns to their attention as soon as possible.

To report a concern please go to [Warrington.gov.uk](http://Warrington.gov.uk) which brings up a page that has a box that says 'Report a Problem'. Click on this and it will bring up a list of potential issues eg street lights, pot-holes, footpaths, fly tipping etc. Click on the problem and then there is an electronic form to complete. Remember to put your email address in so that you receive a reference number.

Alternatively, you can phone the Council on 01925 443322. Please remember to make a note of the reference number you are given so that if the Parish Council needs to follow up any inaction we can show that the issue has been reported.

Thank you in anticipation for your help.