



APRIL 2021 MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

Ladies and Gentlemen, we hope you are still coping in these trying times. My apologies in the lateness of this month's newsletter, pulling muscles in my back twice has considerably slowed me down and reminded me that I'm getting older!

Matters Arising from February/March Members Newsletter –

Trees on the Green, Little Bowden – The trees on The Green were planted on March 9th with Alan, Anthony and the Revd. Alison in attendance. A report had been published in the Harborough Mail and on our website, which had received some good reviews. Kevin had also published this on our on Facebook page and the Little Bowden Residents UK Facebook page. A letter of thanks has been sent via email to John Kemp, Mark Stamp and the Revd. Alison Iliffe for their assistance and support.

With the new trees also being planted in the Little Bowden Recreation Ground Kevin had also asked via Facebook to see if anyone could help with the watering of the new trees. There had been some response on Facebook. Unfortunately, the events over the weekend of 20th/21st March of vandalism where seven of the new trees were attacked changed things. Kevin reported the damage to the police and asked me to inform John Kemp. John Kemp wrote to me advising that the damage caused would be in excess of £8000.

At our March Zoom Committee Meeting Kevin felt that John Kemp needed to advise the people who compile the HDC online newsletter so that families paying Council Tax realize the financial consequences of this mindless vandalism. Anthony emailed John Kemp to advise. I am glad to report that the trees have now been replaced.

As for our new trees on The Green, Alan reports that due to the weather being dry for some time he and Phil have watered them and if any member local to The Green would like to assist anytime to contact him on 467896 or email alan1938.window@hotmail.co.uk.

In response for requests for ideas when we restarted our monthly meetings Carol and Alec Hodgson wrote:

'How about a yearly Quiz which we would arrange and present on the chosen evening. We would suggest that after discussions with the committee you ask the members at the first live meeting if they want one and if there is sufficient interest then a suitable date could be arranged. My early thinking would be teams of 4 with 6 rounds of 10 questions. this would take no more than 90 minutes or so'.

The Committee thanks them for their suggestion, and thought this was a good idea, especially if we needed a topic when we restarted meetings.

Request for help from Janet Durban of the National Trust at Polesden - In response for help by Janet Durban of the National Trust at Polesden Lacey about Mary Naylor, Pam Aucott kindly sent in information which was forwarded and was kindly received. Many thanks to Pam.

Local Council Elections – From two of the local parties contesting the vacant HDC Council position literature I have received seem to be heavily combating social misbehaviour, litter, and vandalism we have unfortunately had to put up with recently. Let's hope this continues.

Speed limit and road signage on Bellfields Lane and Scotland Road – This was discussed at our March Zoom Committee Meeting. Anthony has ongoing correspondence with Leicestershire Highways Department and hopes to report more next month. Thanks go to Kevin who cut the offending and dangerous hedge on the blind corner of Bellfields Lane and Scotland Road.

Until we meet again, keep well and safe. Regards, Anthony Cherrington, Secretary, 05/01/2021, tel: 01858 289487, 07730797658, email: awcherrington@gmail.com.