



Village Litter Picks and PALS (People Against Litter)

Parish Council litter picks take place twice a year in Spring & Autumn. In March our volunteers picked 20+ bags of rubbish from around the village. PALS aim to litter pick specific roads in the village on a monthly basis. Details from Liz Appleby on 01206 734 493 or elizabeth.appleby@hotmail.co.uk.

Dog Fouling

Dogs should be kept on a lead on the Playing Field at all times, including after dark. If your dog fouls please pick up after it. Dog waste bins are sited at either ~~either~~ the New Cut, on the High Road on Malting Green and near the Church. CBC Community Zone Wardens are empowered to issue fines to anyone who does not clear up after their dogs.

Parish Gazette

This monthly magazine is produced by the Church for residents of Layer. As well as Church news, it is a great source of local information. For a fee you can advertise your business. Priced at 80p, the magazine is on sale at the village ~~The Parish Council~~ Donkey Public House and Essex Wildlife Trust, Abberton Reservoir ~~Wildlife Village~~ alternatively, it can be delivered to your home for an annual subsall are very welcome. contact Martin Piper on 01206 734 369 for details.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

The Parish Council will hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 15th May 2017 at the Village Hall. Thank you to the members of the public who attended. All enquiries and suggestions are very welcome.

The Parish Council is manager of the Recreation Field and Playing Field, the Cross and War Memorial, the Multisport Courts and the Village Hall Car Park, Heatherfields and the Play Area.

Perhaps just as important is our role in championing some issues that otherwise get little or no attention such as speeding, affordable housing and other matters.

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the Committee Room at the Village Hall at 8 p.m. The schedule of meetings is published on the Parish Council Notice Board and on the Parish Council website. There is time set aside in each meeting for residents to raise issues that they are concerned about.

YELLOW LINES IN THE HIGH ROAD AND BIRCH ROAD

Essex County Council will be extending the yellow lines in the High Road and Birch Road in this newsletter

Contact Grahame Walkingshaw, the Parish Clerk, for more details

Heatherfields

Heatherfields is rented by the Parish Council for the enjoyment of village residents. The paths through the woods must not be used by horses or cyclists. Your co-operation in respecting these rules ensures that the woods remain a safe and pleasant environment for all our residents. Bonfires must not be lit in the woods and timber should not be cut or removed.

Multi Sports Court – Layer Sports Committee

Unfortunately, we have had to temporarily close the Multi sport court due to a drainage problem which makes it dangerous when wet. We have had three professional companies visit the site and they have all come to the same conclusion that the Astro Turf needs deep cleaning using specialist equipment. Quotes have ranged from £4,500 to £7,000 to complete the work. At present we do not have the funds to initiate the work and are actively seeking funding.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

Village Hall

The Queen Elizabeth Hall has two halls which are very popular venues for social events. The village hall has its own website where you can make a booking. <http://www.layervillagehall.org/> or contact Marilyn Moore on 01206 734 267.

Layer de la Haye Primary School

It has been another very busy year at our school, which remains as popular as ever. We welcome a new headteacher, Mrs Donna Gaffney to our community. A huge thanks to former headteacher, Mrs Wilkie for all she has done for Layer de la Haye Primary School. The school website is <http://www.layerprimaryschool.hayes.essex.sch.uk/>

St John the Baptist Church

For information on Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals contact the Reverend Lydia Smith on 01206 738 759. St John the Baptist Church recently won a highly commended award for its new porch which enjoys views of Abberton Reservoir.

Policing and Community Zone Wardens

The contact phone number for reporting non-urgent matters to the Police is 01206 734 267.

by Housing Associations to rent & for shared ownership. The Parish Council fought for the right for people with village connections to be registered as residents. If you have an interest, contact Anne Hughes (01206 734 168).

Refuse Freighters

There will be attended refuse freighters in the Village Hall Car Park collecting garden rubbish and bulky domestic rubbish between 9.30 and 10.00am on 20th and 21st of August 2019 and the 3rd of August 2019. Fridges, freezers, commercial fridges, etc. will not be accepted.

TRANSPORT AND ROADS

Buses

The village benefits from a regular bus service into Colchester. The bus is subsidised by ECC and rely on passenger numbers & overall support. So please consider using the bus for your trips into Colchester. Times/stops/fares etc. can be obtained from Hedinghams 01206 734 267. Traveline website.

Potholes & Other Highway Problems

Problems should be reported direct to Essex County Council via their website www.essex.gov.uk or call 01245 430 430.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Events and Notices

The Parish Council website has information about the village and the Parish Council meetings. There is also an Events Diary. If you are interested in being included, please notify the Parish Clerk. Jo Jones runs the 'Parish News' which keeps residents up-to-date with village news and information. It is a completely free service; if you would like to join please contact the Parish Clerk jo.jones@layerparishcouncil.gov.uk or email jo.jones@layerparishcouncil.gov.uk. Another good source of village information is the Layer Facebook page.

Parking

Parked cars, particularly at school drop off and pick up times, can cause a problem around our school, the Village Hall, New Cut and Heather Close. The Essex County Council services and residents can always gain access to the village via the main road.