

LAYER DE LA HAYE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – 2021/2022



THE PARISH COUNCIL:

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The Parish Council would like to say thank you for the support, kindness and consideration that all our residents have shown and continue to show to each other over the past 12 months. We are a village which, when times are hard, pulls together not only to help each other but also the wider community as a whole which is very reassuring.

Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Celebrations

On the 6th February 2022 Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to reach a Platinum Jubilee and the village plans to celebrate this historic milestone with a number of events as detailed below.

For the fete we do need plenty of hands to help on the day, we are also seeking items for the tombola and prizes for our grand raffle so if you feel you can spare an hour or two or want to donate an item, please contact the Parish Clerk at layerclerk@hotmail.com or 07368306995.

We have delivered a book of raffle tickets with this newsletter and would kindly ask for completed stubs & money to be returned back to the village store where extra books will also be available for purchase.

Lastly, we want to challenge every household to decorate up (house) dress up (you) and serve up street by street the most scrumptious lunch or afternoon tea on Sunday 5th June as part of the nationwide Big Jubilee Lunch.

Layer de la Haye Celebrates Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Friday 3rd June – 7pm to 10pm Recreation Field
Last Night of the Proms Outdoor Concert & Lighting of Beacon

Saturday 4th June – 2pm to 10pm Recreation Field
Village Fete & Evening Outdoor Disco

For stall enquiries or more details please email: layerclerk@hotmail.com

About your Parish Council

The Parish Council manages the recreation field and play area, Malting Green, the Cross and War Memorial, the multisport courts and allotments on Church Road, the Village Hall Car Park, Heatherfields and the play area at Millfields.

What have we achieved during 2021?

- Kept up support for village residents who need help.
- Monthly Parish Council meetings , which have now returned to face to face.
- Maintained the memorial garden at The Cross.
- Promoted affordable housing for the village.
- Organised Remembrance Sunday at The Cross raising £700 for the Royal British Legion.
- Liaison with our local Neighbourhood Policing team via Zoom meetings, Coffee with Cops & posting their monthly newsletter on the Parish Council Website & Facebook page.
- Purchase of litter picking equipment for the Layer Litter Warriors.
- Supported Climate Control strategies in the village such as the re-wilding project and Solar Farm development.
- Coordinated the Platinum Jubilee committee.
- Set up a Parish Council Facebook page.
- Regular meetings with housing planners and Solar Farm developers.
- Successfully applied for the Award of Grade 2 listing of the Pump at the Heath.
- Continued support for our Speed Watch Team of volunteers.

Our ongoing projects/activities

- Meticulous financial management.
- Grounds maintenance at the playing field, Malting green, The Cross and the multi-sports courts.
- Maintenance of the village website: <https://Layerdelahayepc.com>.
- Reporting potholes and road/pavement issues to ECC Highways.
- Maintenance of children's play area.
- Provision of Phone Box Library.
- Regular meetings/updates with Colchester Borough Council and Borough Councillors.
- Regular meetings/updates with CBC Zone Wardens, RCCE and Police.
- Keeping the village clean and tidy through regular litter picks.
- Speed awareness through community speed watches, village road signs and campaigns.
- Anti-dog fouling reminders and campaigns.
- Maintenance of pond and trees at Malting Green, together with the new re-wilding project.

Parish Council meetings are held at 8pm on the second Monday of each month in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. The agenda is published on the Parish Council Notice Board and on the Parish Council website. All are very welcome to attend and there is time allotted at each meeting for residents to raise any issues of concern.

The Parish Council will hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.30 pm at the village hall and again we would be delighted to see you.

WHAT YOUR VILLAGE HAS TO OFFER

Allotments

All six Parish Council allotments on Church Road are currently leased but if you would like to put your name on the waiting list, please contact the Parish Clerk, email layerclerk@hotmail.com or on 07368306995.

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 everyone. **Fires of any description including BBQ's must not be lit in the woods** and timber should not be cut or removed.

Housing Associations

Housing Associations look after the bungalows at Heather Close, flats at The Buntings (for the over 55s) and the houses at Millfields (for rent and shared ownership). The Parish Council has fought for the right for people with village connections to be housed in the homes at Millfields. Please contact Anne Hughes (01206 734168), to register your interest.

Village Hall

The Queen Elizabeth Hall has two well-equipped halls which are very popular for social events. For further details please visit the village hall website at : <http://www.layervillagehall.org/> and to make a booking please contact Laura Lawrence on 07483439421 or via email at layervillagehalls@gmail.com.

Laver de la Haye Primary School

Our primary school continues to thrive under the leadership of Mrs Donna Gaffney. For further information visit the school website: <http://www.laver-de-la-haye.essex.sch.uk/>

St John the Baptist Church

For information on Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals contact the Reverend Anne-Marie Renshaw on 01621 815260.

Multi Sports Court – Laver Sports Committee

The Multi Sports Courts are a great asset for the village and are available to hire from just £4 per hour. For bookings call Ian & Marilyn Moore on 01206 734267.

Clubs and Activities

There are an amazing number of clubs, and activities available in the village - around 25 at the last count - catering to a huge range of interests and all ages. Details can be found on the Parish Council website and in the Parish Gazette.

TRANSPORT AND ROADS

Parking

The parking of vehicles, particularly during the drop-off and pick-up times, are a real problem around our school, the Village Hall, New Cut and Heather Close. Roads, drop kerbs and driveways should never be obstructed and must allow the free access to the emergency services and residents to their properties at all times. When parked please switch off your vehicles engine, leaving them idling causes significant pollution, harmful to both health and the environment, it is also against the law and could result in a fixed penalty charge. Please also avoid parking on pavements. Vehicles parked on pavements force pedestrians and those with pushchairs, prams or wheelchairs into the road – a dangerous place to be. **Disabled Bays are for Blue Badge holders only.**

Community Speed Watch Team (CSW)

We have a group of more than 20 volunteers who carry out speed checks on a regular basis to help keep our village roads safe. Speeding vehicles are reported to Essex Police, who then take the appropriate action. If you are interested in joining the volunteers, please e-mail the Parish Clerk at layerclerk@hotmail.com.

Buses

The village benefits from a regular bus service into Colchester. Some services are subsidised by ECC and rely on

passenger numbers and overall usage to retain this support. Please consider using the bus for your trips into town. Information on times/stops/fares etc. can be obtained from Hardingham's 01206 769778 or the Traveline website and is also published in the Parish Gazette.

Potholes & Other Highway Problems

You can report these direct to Essex County Council via their website or on 01245 430430.

VILLAGE INFORMATION

Zone Wardens & Refuse Freighters

The Village Zone Wardens are Tim Pickard email : tim.pickard@colchester.gov.uk & Liam Skelton email: liam.skelton@colchester.gov.uk Dates for the attended refuse freighters for 2022 will be circulated once known.

Policing

You can report non-urgent matters to the Police by phoning 101 or online at essex.police.uk/ro/report/

Village Litter Picks and Layer Litter Warriors (LLW)

The Parish Council organises litter picks twice a year (Spring & Autumn) With the next LLW campaign being Spring 2022. LLW litter pick specific roads in the village on a monthly basis. Our thanks to Liz Appleby for running LLW. If you would like to help, contact Liz on 01206 734493 or elizabeth.appleby@hotmail.co.uk.

Events and Notices

The Parish Council website has information about the village and various Parish Council documents including minutes of meetings and governance documents & policies. There is an Events Diary. If you would like an event included, please notify the Parish Clerk. In addition, Jo Jones runs the 'Parish Network', which keeps residents up-to-date with village news and information by email. This is a completely free service; if you would like to join contact Jo on 01206 734 258 or at jo.jones125@gmail.com.

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 end of New Cut, on the High Road, at Malting Green and near the Church. CBC Community Zone Wardens are empowered to issue fines to anyone who do not clear up after their dogs.

Parish Gazette

This monthly magazine is produced by the Church for the village. It's a great source of local information and news. For a fee you can advertise your business. Priced at 90p, the magazine is on sale at the village shop, The Donkey & Buskins and the Essex Wildlife Trust at Abberton Reservoir Wildlife Centre; alternatively, it can be delivered to your home for an annual subscription of £9 - contact Martin Piper on 01206 734369 for details.

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