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Hemyock Parish Council

Newsletter

Parish Council Conducts Local Housing Needs Survey

WELCOME to the second issue of our Parish Council Newsletter. We intend to publish 2 issues each year in order to keep our community informed of the council's activities.

It is over five years since the Parish Council last conducted a survey of housing needs in our area. In order for the Council to have information to assist it in considering planning applications for housing developments a new survey has to be completed.

Please complete and return the

questionnaire in the envelope provided **by OCTOBER 5th.**

The results of the survey should be available by the end of the year.

If you live in the parish and have not received a

questionnaire, please contact Donna Evans, Clerk to Hemyock Parish Council (details on page 4).



Do you need an affordable home?

Do you or someone you know have an affordable housing need? If you do, the way to find out about vacancies and to apply for any home that would suit your needs is to register with Devon Home Choice.

Many people don't think they qualify if they are in work or are not on bene-

fits. However, it may be worth applying. The high cost of renting privately



means that you could qualify for an affordable home even if you are earn-

ing a regular salary.

Only households with a strong local connection to the parish will be considered in the first instance. Register at the Devon Home Choice website: www.devonhomechoice.com and with the Upper Culm Community Land Trust at neilpunnett@aol.com.

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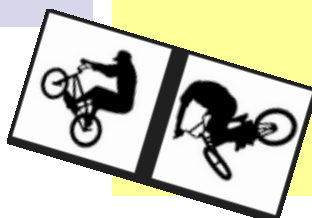
NOT SUITABLE FOR HGVs !

Your Parish Council is purchasing signs to help prevent HGVs getting stuck on our narrow lanes. Five signs will be installed.

SALE OF OLD STATION YARD and the NEW BMX TRACK

The Parish Council has completed the sale of its small landholding at the Old Station Yard site for £40,000. Following legal and other costs £33,000 is available of which £28,000 will be reserved for future land purchases. Under the terms of the sale of this land the BMX track will be relocated to Longmead. The Parish Council is paying the labour, the developer is paying for plant and materials.

The new BMX track has been designed and built by BMX star **Kye Forte** and will be officially opened soon.....bring your bike and come down and try it out!



Introducing Your Councillors:

1. Chair of the Council: Councillor Heather Stallard



How long have you lived in Hemyock?
62 years.

What is your employment history?

After university in Lausanne I undertook a Business PA course in London and worked for Somerset County Council. Following my marriage I became a partner in our farming business and have undertaken a wide range of voluntary work. I also ran a nutrition business and worked with health and social services through chairing the community health planning organisation.

How long have you been a parish councillor?

13 years, and eight years as a district councillor.

What does being a parish councillor mean to you?

Helping our community by seeing opportunities and taking advantage of them, for example in providing facilities such as Longmead and the Garages which took many years to achieve.

Do you belong to any other organisations?

I am chair of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust Ltd, chair of the Blackdown Hills Parishes Network, chair of the

Blackdown Hills Business Association and chair of Dunkeswell Eco-Business Park. I am a member of the Mid Devon Business Forum, a member of the management committee of the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Blackdown Support Group (which I co-founded) and Devon Communities Together.

(Heather was awarded the MBE for services to the community in 2006.)

What are your interests/hobbies?

Houses and gardens, artisan products, current affairs.

2. Councillor Roy Calcraft

How long have you lived in Hemyock?

12 Years

What is your employment history?

I was born and bred into farming. As my father had sold the family farm I had to work elsewhere, becoming a Farm Manager at 27 years old. I first came to this area 50 years ago when I went to live at Culliford Farm between Culmstock and Uffculme.

How long have you been a parish councillor?

5 years.

What does being a parish councillor mean to you?

Being an interested and useful member of the community.

Do you belong to any other local organisations?

I am a member of Hemyock Short Mat Bowls Club, Hemyock Gardeners' Association

and the Parish Hall Committee. A committee member of Hemyock Youth and a member of Hemyock History and Archiving Society and a member of Wellington Probus Club.

What are your interests/hobbies?

Classic cars and gardening.



3. Councillor Tim Barton



How long have you lived in Hemyock?

Since 2008, however, I've been associated with Hemyock all of my life as my roots stretch back five generations.

What is your employment history?

Joined the RAF in 1971 and spent the first 12 years 'in the ranks' as a Ground Radar Technician working mainly on Rapier missile systems. Commissioned as a Communications & Electronics Engineer in 1983 and

completed my RAF career as a Group Captain in 2008. Formed own company to undertake project management contracts and business change management.

How long have you been a parish councillor?

Since January 2013.

What does being a parish councillor mean to you?

Putting back something and trying to maintain Hemyock as a nice place to live.

Do you belong to any other organisations?

The Parish Council Finance Committee; Emergency Committee; Cemetery; Director of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust; Hemyock History Association; Bell Ringers; litter squad.

What are your interests/hobbies?

Family, walking, swimming, reading, travelling, DIY .

Assets of Community Value

The Localism Act of 2011 gave local community groups the right to bid to buy a property that has a community use when it comes up for sale. Hemyock Parish Council has identified the **Post Office** and the **Catherine Wheel** inn as such assets. Following discussions with the owners of the Post Office and the landlord of the pub the Parish Council applied to Mid Devon District Council to list the two properties as Assets of Community Value.

Both are now listed. This means that the owner of the property is obliged to give notice to the District Council of any intention to sell. The community is then given the opportunity to make an offer within six months. There is no obligation on the owner to accept the offer. It is simply a process to avoid the community missing the opportunity to negotiate a sale.

Heart Defibrillators for Hemyock

The Parish Council has leased three heart defibrillators for the village, partly funded by Mid Devon District Council's TAP fund. The Parish Council has organised fund raising events and received tremendous support from local organisations and individuals. Thanks to The Garages for raising funds at its coffee morning, the Saturday Market, St Mary's Charity Shop, the Violet Chapman Trust, Metal Development Ltd and the Hemyock Singers.



The Parish Hall, Longmead and The Garages have all very kindly agreed that the defibrillators can be installed on their outside walls and also to pay the resulting annual electricity bills (a small amount of power is needed to maintain a constant temperature within the box in which the defibrillators are placed).

A training session will be held for as many people who wish to take part. Watch out for details of the date.

Hemyock Parish Plan

The Local Housing Needs Survey being conducted this autumn will help the Parish Council to formulate the new Parish Plan. A questionnaire will be issued later covering other aspects such as traffic, environment, leisure and community infrastructure.

ANY person or organisation is very welcome to take part in helping to develop proposals for the Parish Plan. Please contact the Parish Clerk, Donna Evans (contact details on Page 4).

Parish Council Grants

The Parish Council has awarded grants to the Healthy Living and Activity Centre, The Blackdown Support Group, the Hemyock Lights Brigade, Tiverton Community Transport and Mid-Devon Citizen's Advice Bureau. The Council is always prepared to consider applications for grants from local organisations.

Devon County Council's telephone number for the public to report any lights that are not working, pot holes, blocked gulleys and any other road maintenance issues is **0345 155 1004** Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday. Or report the problem on line - new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

The Garages Youth Club is desperate for adult volunteers to help on Tuesdays 6.30—8.00 p.m. and/or Fridays 7.00—9.00 p.m. Otherwise this very successful village facility may have to close. Volunteering weekly, fortnightly, monthly or even once per term would help.

Please ring Karen Pinder on 01823 681034.

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New Village Information Boards

The Parish Council is preparing to purchase two information boards for the village. The first will feature a map of the parish showing the main commercial and agricultural premises, the second will be a detailed colourful map of Hemyock

including sites of interest such as the castle, the churches, the pump, Longmead recreation area and the former dairy factory and railway station sites. Any ideas for inclusion on these information boards are very welcome.

The Parish Council's Christmas Decorations Competition will be running once again this year. There will be prizes for both the best seasonally decorated house and business premises.

So please enter into the spirit of Christmas and make the village look festive and cheerful!

Watch Your Speed!

The Parish Council is to purchase vehicle activated speed signs to install around the village. Coupled with the radar monitoring of traffic by the Community Speedwatch volunteers it is hoped that the speeds of vehicles passing through Hemyock will be reduced.

**Your Parish Councillors**

Hemyock Parish Council consists of ten local residents who were elected as councillors for a four year term of office in the May 2015 election, five of whom were elected for the first time.



Back Row left to right:

Roy Calcraft, Nick Moon, Simon Clist (Vice Chair), Tim Barton, Neil Punnett

Front Row left to right:

Jocelyn Pritchard, Penny Lawrence, Paul Doble, Donna Evans (Parish Clerk), Heather Stallard (Chair), Lance Povah.

Meet Your Parish Councillors

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge of the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

One or more of your parish councillors will usually be present at the Hemyock Saturday Markets which are held every third Saturday in the month between 10 a.m. and noon.