

Hedleyhope Newsletter

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This Newsletter is produced jointly by the Hedleyhope Community Association and the Hedleyhope Parish Council. It brings you news of what is going on in the village of East Hedleyhope and the surrounding area.

Village Action Plan...

Your Parish Council, with the support of Mid Durham Area Action Partnership, your County Councillors and local residents produced a three year village action plan for East Hedleyhope in 2013.

The plan identified 19 local issues which over the three years saw 18 of these issues addressed, these included works to the village hall, playground, the local environment, roads and paths.

Just under £45,000 was spent addressing these areas.

This year the same partners want to develop another 3 year village action plan and we need your help to identify concerns and possible ideas to improve your quality of life within your village and surrounding areas.

*We will be holding a village drop in / surgery on **Tuesday 27th June from 6 till 7.30pm** at the village hall, so if you have any thoughts please come along and have a cuppa and chat with us and our partners to see what we can do.*

Social Events in the Village

Look out for the following events to which all are invited

Swish night

Friday 2nd June East Hedleyhope Village Hall

Tickets £5 on the door (includes nibbles and a glass of fizz)

Swish rules - bring up to 5 items to swap, can be clothes, shoes, jewellery, soft furnishings, ornaments

Take home as many items as you bring. Buy unclaimed items at the end of the night for £1.

Bring items to swish on the night.

The 'swishing' craze has landed in East Hedleyhope.

If you have decent quality clothes etc. that you no longer wear come along and see if you can revamp your wardrobe for very little cost!

Family Fun Day on the Village Green

Our annual summer fun day will be on the village green on Saturday 15th July

There will be a bouncy castle, face painting, kids sports day races and BBQ

Kids activities from 3 pm

BBQ starts at 4.30 pm, BBQ items £1 each. Bring your own refreshments. This is an informal event for everyone, come along and say hi and meet some other folks from the village.

Environmental News

The Deer Incident

A couple of weeks ago a most disturbing incident involving the shooting of a stag occurred locally.

Almost daily for two or three months two deer had been observed around the village in the early mornings.

One night a gun shot was heard very close by folk living at the top of West View.

On the following days a number of crows were seen gathering around a point in the field above Eric and Hazel's house at the top of West View. When it was investigated the carcass of one of the stags was discovered. It had presumably been shot during the night and just left for dead in the field.

The police were informed and are taking it seriously and have asked anyone noticing any suspicious activity to contact them (see the guide below). Even just lights in fields should be reported.

The more we can spread the word that we are aware and care about our local environment and wildlife the message might get through to those involved in these distressing incidents.

To contact the police

- Use the number 101 for non-emergency calls
- Insist on being given an incident number even if the Police are reluctant to do so.
- Ask for the incident to be forwarded to the Wildlife Crime Officer and the local beat officer.
- Tell the call taker that this is a wildlife crime and needs to be recorded as such.
- Make a note of the number plates of any suspicious vehicle and pass this information on.
- If you see anyone carrying a firearm on the Village Green or on the Nature Reserve it is important to tell the police that the offender is on a PUBLIC OPEN SPACE.

If you have any information you can also contact **Crimestoppers** to report a crime ANONYMOUSLY and they will pass the information on to the police. Visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org or call [0800 555111](tel:0800555111).



A live deer stag



Our dead stag

More Bad News - Red Bridge

Clare Ross writes: We have discovered almost by accident that the Red Bridge (the old mining bridge near to the sewage works) has been inspected by the Council, deemed unfit and proposed for demolition. No further information is available as this newsletter goes to press, although it would seem unlikely that the bridge will be replaced with a footbridge.

If you have NOT filled in a user evidence form in the last few years I would urge you to do so – this is how we can show that such amenities as the red bridge are well used.

User evidence forms can be downloaded from the Parish Council web page.

<https://hedleyhopeparishcouncil.wordpress.com/2014/10/07/east-hedleyhope-village-paths/>

Fill in the form, draw the route walked on the downloadable map, attach together, sign and date the form AND the map and put through the door of 5 Rose Terrace.

Thank you.

Clare