

Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council H.A.R.P. October 2023

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We plan to reduce the number of printed copies, but communication with our residents will continue via the website, Facebook, WhatsApp and electronically. You can sign up via our website - www.harpc.org.uk - and signing up for our newsletter at the bottom of the home page. Moving forward, we plan to only print 1 newsletter a year.

Bleed Kits.

Some of the funding from last year's Chairman's Charity has been used to purchase bleed kits which are available at locations around the Parish, including within our defibrillator cabinets. Each kit contains emergency equipment (as found in an ambulance) and full instructions for use. We sincerely hope that these will never be needed, but should the worst happen, please call 999 – you will be provided with the code for the defibrillator cabinet and you can, if necessary, request an ambulance. Please look out for the bright red window stickers to identify the locations of the new Bleed Kits.

Randlay Valley Local Nature Reserve

Randlay Valley sits between Hollinswood and Randlay to the northeast of Telford Town Park.

With over 100 acres of woodland, wet woodland and meadow, Randlay Valley is an oasis of calm at the heart of the town centre.

The woodlands have been established since at least 1600 meaning they are some of the most precious in the borough.

Over 80 plant species have been recorded across the site including locally rare sedges and grass vetchling, a species rare across Shropshire.

Here, footpaths guide walkers through large grassland glades that sit within a network of ancient, semi-natural and plantation woodland. In the summer, the wide grassland glades come alive with wildflowers and insects.

Bluebells and other woodland flowers carpet the woods in spring and the mature trees support a wide range of birdlife.

There are trails to suit all, from full tarmac paths to stone pavement and even muddy tracks that form the bridleway. This appeals to a wide range of users who vary between wanting an easy walk to a more technical hike and 'wild' experience.

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch 6th December, 2023 @ The Holiday Inn

Tickets for this event will be available on 30th and 31st October between 10am and 11.30am at Hollinswood Neighbourhood and Randlay Community Centres. Further information is available by ringing 01952 567961

Chairmans Message



Welcome to the October edition of our newsletter. It remains a privilege to be a Parish Councillor and I am immensely proud to have been re-elected as its Chairman.

We recently held our Strategy Day – my colleagues and I met to discuss our priorities for 2024/25 and will create our Action Plan based on your views, whilst recognising the needs of everyone in our Community.

We have a Parish to be proud of and our aims and ambitions will be to continue to enhance our areas and to provide more activities and support for our residents. I often wonder if you are fully aware of the work of your Parish Councillors and Staff? Some of our recent achievements have been:

Randlay Valley – a Local Nature Reserve / Outdoor Gyms at Hollinswood and Randlay / 65 Allotment plots / Three community buildings with six halls available to hire / Speed Indicator Devices / Garden Maintenance / Community Events / Special Needs Activity Centre / Climate Change Initiatives / Youth Provision Survey / Bench to Bench Walk / The Woodlands School

I remain proud of how our communities come together to offer support and friendship and how our partnerships with local groups and organisations assist in improving the quality of life for so many people. Our work with the Safer Neighbourhood Team, Telford and Wrekin Council, Shropshire Council, SYA, My Options and many more provide a framework of support across Hollinswood, Randlay and Stafford Park.

There is a public session at the start of all our Full Council Meetings, which take place on the Third Monday of each month. We also hold Meet Your Councillor events to discuss local topics and we have a Parish Council stand at our community events. We welcome your thoughts on all aspects of our work.

We hope to see you at our upcoming events – details in the newsletter, but in particular our first Green Day 21st October a wide range of activities, displays and stalls showcasing green and renewable initiatives.

On 27th October, why not join us for a Halloween Experience in Randlay Valley with apple bobbing and toasted marshmallows, arts and crafts and refreshments available.

You are welcome to our Christmas Fayres, the first one is on 25th November at Hollinswood, where we welcome Farm on Wheels – Santa will be outside with the animals and there will be an opportunity to meet the donkey, sheep, goat and more who will be dressed up for the occasion. On 2nd December, Santa will be at Randlay – with a gift for every child.

Finally, the most important occasion in our calendar is Remembrance Sunday – please come along to the Memorial in Telford Town Park at 10.30am and join in with the service of remembrance.

Councillor Sheenagh Unwin.

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**Hollinswood and Randlay
Parish Council - Christmas Events**

Christmas Fayres

Saturday 25th November
Hollinswood Local Centre

Saturday 2nd December
Randlay Local Centre

2pm to 4.30pm

Wide range of activities,
entertainment, refreshments and stalls.
Father Christmas will be in attendance with a
present for every child.

Free entry

Please contact enquiries@harpc.org.uk or
call 01952 567961 if you would like a stall.

Speed Indication Device (SID)

Have you seen SID? He has been working hard in both Randlay and Hollinswood, recording traffic numbers and speed. The data produced has been eye-opening. The highest speeds have been a real worry and we are working with the Police and Telford and Wrekin Council to provide additional speed enforcement to keep our roads safer.

SID moves around the Parish, installed at various locations – if you know of an area where the speed of traffic is a concern, please let us know as we may be able to provide an additional socket.

Please be aware that, even when the screen does not illuminate, it is still recording the information. This provides evidence relating to speed concerns and is used by the authorities when considering other options for our Parish.

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.

The recently launched Neighbourhood Watch Schemes have, so far, proved successful and we encourage local residents to join a scheme if there is a local one available.

However, if you would like information regarding a Scheme specifically for your Estate, we will discuss this as an option with the Nedge Safer Neighbourhood Team. Please visit www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk and register for regular updates on local information. You can contact your local policing team by email at nedge.snt@westmercia.police.uk, ring 101 or 999 in an emergency situation.

John Campion West Mercia PCC

Working for and with the local community to build a safer West Mercia.



As your PCC I work for and with the local community to build a safer West Mercia. It is my role to govern and scrutinise the service you as a member of the local community get from your police force.

As your commissioner my priorities are:

- Putting victims and survivors first
- Building a more secure West Mercia
- Reforming West Mercia
- Reassuring West Mercia

To find out more about the work I do as your PCC, please visit the details below.

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@WestMerciaPCC

Garden Maintenance Scheme

The Parish Council continues to offer a basic gardening service, utilising our Landscape and Maintenance Team. They are able to cut lawns and undertake some general maintenance of front gardens for residents who may find keeping on top of their gardens difficult and need support to do this.

Depending on circumstances, there may be a small fee to pay but if you need help please do not hesitate to contact The Parish Council to discuss your needs and from that, suggestions of what services can be offered will then be given.

Working with Partners

We are very proud of our strong partnership with Hollinswood and Randlay Primary Schools and TCAT – together we offer enhanced facilities and opportunities for the young people of our Parish. We are very grateful to the staff and pupils for their support and commitment to our work.

The strength gained from these partnerships and our closer working relationship with external organisations such as the Police and Telford and Wrekin Council enables the Parish Council to access external funding which assists us to provide additional support and enables us to provide activities and events for the young people, members of SNAC and families from across the Parish

Youth Provision Partnership

The Parish Council has been working with SYA, talking to our young people and investigating the options available for activities and support for them. We are keen to know what is important to them, why they like living in Hollinswood and Randlay and what would they like to us provide for them to do. You can access a short survey via this QR Code.



New Benches Installed Around The Parish

Have you seen the new (recycled) benches in Randlay Valley? These have been provided by Green Spaces Are Go and Friends of Hollinswood and Randlay Valley. There are two routes, one green and one red – on the green route, the benches are no more than 110mtrs apart and can be found from the Hollinswood Underpass towards Fisherman's Walk. The red route also starts at the Hollinswood Underpass but then goes towards Randlay Underpass, through the woods on the recently upgraded pathway to create a circular walk with benches around 180mtrs apart. Coloured posts will be installed to identify the routes, which we hope you will enjoy.

Other benches have commemorated Queen Elizabeth II, the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla and in memory of a dear friend of the Friends of Hollinswood and Randlay Valley, Mo Bayliss, who spent many hours helping to keep the paths clear of litter and could often be found cleaning the underpass. We are grateful for the financial support of our Chairman's Charity and TWC Councillors Pride Fund to support these projects.

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Happy Halloween

HRPC, SNAC and FoHRV invite you to join them
for an evening of fun and laughter.
Friday, 27th October 2023
4.30pm – 6.30pm
The Woodland School, Randlay Valley
Fancy Dress, Singing Pumpkins
Ghostly Trail, Apple Bobbing
Roasted Marshmallows, Arts & Crafts
Refreshments

HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY PARISH COUNCIL

Friends of Hollinswood and Randlay Valley

S.N.A.C. @ HARP

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My Telford - the App

Do you have a My Telford account with Telford & Wrekin Council? This can provide useful information, but also an opportunity for you to report, direct to the relevant departments, a range of services; such as Fly Tipping, Litter, Anti-social Behaviour etc. Please help us to help you by reporting what you see direct.

You can register for a My Telford Account by using this QR code which will take you straight to the TWC website, which explains how to download the app and also create an online account.



Message from The Nedge Policing Team

The Nedge Safer Neighbourhood Team support the work of the Parish Council and you often see officers out and about in Hollinswood and Randlay.

They join us for our Estate Meetings and attend Full Council and Surgeries whenever possible.

You can contact your local policing team by emailing nedge.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk, or by ringing 101 (for non-emergency information) or 999 for emergencies.

Craft and Natter



Bring your own Projects

**Chat with friends
held at Hollinswood Centre
upstairs in Council Chambers**

**every second Saturday
2pm until 4pm**

£1.00 per session



Why not pop in for cuppa and a chat ?



ChitChat Group

Every Wednesday between 9.30 & 11.30am

At the Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre.

All Welcome.

Hall Hire at our Centres

Are you looking for a venue for a special occasion or local event? We might be able to help. Please visit the centres for information and prices – we have a special package available for children's parties – including a bouncy castle for the children.



Green Day

Saturday 21st October 12noon - 2pm @ The Pavilion

Halloween in the Valley

Friday 27th October, The Woodland School Randlay Valley 4.30 - 6.30pm

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 12th November @ Telford Memorial, Telford Town Park from 10.30am

Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch

6th December (tickets sales 30th and 31st Oct. 10am - 11.30am both centres)

Santa's Sleigh Trail

13th and 14th December all around the Parish

Special Needs Activity Centre

With the support of Telford and Wrekin Council and by working with parents, carers and young people, the Parish Special Needs Activity Centre (SNAC@HARP) has been set up to offer a wide range of services and facilities for young people who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities.

Based at Hollinswood Pavilion, we will be working with established providers to ensure that a full range of support, information and activities are available for local families, carers and friends. Part of our role will be to signpost to other service providers and to work with the young people and their families to identify any gaps in provision within the local area.

We are already grateful to Telford and Wrekin Council for assistance with funding and we appreciate the support we are receiving from local businesses and Telford Rotary.

We will work to provide art and craft activities, music, play, outdoor events, equipment and activities, a sensory room and much more – using the outdoor space at Hollinswood Pavilion and making good use of the nearby Pavilion Field, Randlay Valley and The Muddy areas for enjoyable outdoor walks and activities.

By working together, we will be employing a Support Worker, dedicated to the Youth Provision Partnership and we welcome the opportunity to work with service users so that we can assist and support the young people regardless of their age, ethnicity or ability.

Environmental Policy

Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council is a medium-sized Parish Council in the heart of the Borough of Telford and Wrekin. The elected members represent the local community at every opportunity and work within the terms of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations of the Council at all times.

We have three community buildings, fifteen bus shelters, numerous benches and management responsibilities for the Randlay Allotments, Pavilion Field and The Muddy.

The Parish Council recognizes the need for commitment to respect and improve environmental performance and will recycle, re-use and reduce at every opportunity.

- The Parish Council will seek to reduce the environmental impact and prevent pollution at every opportunity.
- The Parish Council will comply with all applicable current environmental legislation.
- The Parish Council will take into consideration, concerns of all interested parties in particular Telford and Wrekin Council and the public.
- The Parish Councillors and Staff will keep in mind the aims and objectives of the Climate Change Committee and will source equipment and materials locally, wherever possible.
- Keeping in mind that Telford has numerous local companies (especially having Stafford Park within its boundary), Members will ensure that support is forthcoming for the staff to build relationships with local businesses within the Parish Strategy and Action Plan
- The Parish Council will ensure that all staff and users are aware of the policy and its commitments.
- The Parish Council will make the policy available to all stakeholders on request.

"Love to be Green"



21st October 2023

12noon - 2pm

The Pavilion,

Hollinswood TF3 2DN

We have invited local companies, groups, and organisations to promote anything to do with re-using, re-cycling, sustainability, climate change, plastic free etc.

This promises to be a great way to look into going green.

Free to attend - both stall holders and visitors.

For more information please contact The Parish Council on 01952 567961 or email enquiries@harpc.org.uk



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