



Heworth Without Parish Council NEWSLETTER

January 2017

Get gardening in 2017

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? Are you crazy about carrots, passionate about potatoes or do herbs make you happy? If so, why not make a resolution to grow your own vegetables in 2017? Of course, in the depths of winter, gardening probably isn't at the top of your 'to do' list, but now's the time to start thinking about what to grow and preparing the soil, ready for planting in the spring.



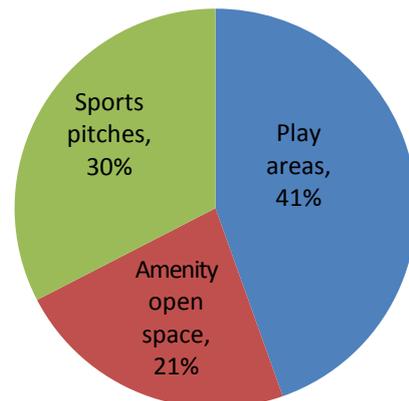
It's a little-known fact that there are some allotments in Heworth Without, a number of which are currently available to residents of the Parish. What's more, the Parish Council recently organised for some general tidying up to be done, removing

overgrowth and marking boundaries, so they're in ideal condition for prepping and planting.

If you are interested in making a resolution to grow your own in 2017, or would simply like a bit of space to grow things and would like to take on an allotment, please contact the Clerk to the Council, Nicola Moorcroft, by calling 01904 763902 or email clerk.hwpc@gmail.com

Spend, spend, spend!

Heworth Without Parish Council has been awarded a budget from City of York Council (due to a recent development in the area) to spend on improving facilities in the parish and we'd like your help in deciding how to spend it. The money must be used for outdoor play areas, amenity open space or sports pitches, so all ideas must fall within these areas, but otherwise anything will be considered.



If you have an idea for something that will improve the lives of people living in the Heworth Without Parish Council area, even if only in a small way, please send your suggestions by email to clerk.hwpc@gmail.com or by post to 83 Broome Close, Huntington, York. YO32 9RH. The closing date for suggestions is 31 March 2017.

York Development Plan – latest

A revised draft of the local development plan was released in July 2016, and went out for consultation when members of the public were invited to give feedback. The deadline for feedback was back in September 2016 and the plan is now back with City of York council for review and amendment. An update is expected in March 2017 – go to www.york.gov.uk and search for 'local plan'.

The Parish Council meets on the third Monday each month at the Heworth Without Community Centre, 34 Applecroft Road, York YO31 0HG. If you have a matter you would like the Council to discuss, please come along – no need to pre-book, just turn up for 7pm.

Making waterlogged pitches a thing of the past



Heworth Without Parish Council recently awarded funding for some necessary drainage work at Hopgrove Playing Fields on Malton Road. Hopgrove Playing Fields are home to a number of

local sports teams, including Huntington Ladies FC (pictured), and the wet 2015 winter led to water-logging and consequently, games having to be postponed.

Aeration was carried out in



October to reduce surface water and the 2016/17 season is now well underway. If you want to know more about Hopgrove Playing Fields Association, call Ian Bunce on 01904 632805.

Birds, bees and butterflies

Heworth Meadow had its annual clear up in September, when a band of volunteers from a Fulford IT firm came to cut away overgrowth and clear rubbish. Armed with scythes, the volunteers did a



fantastic job of getting the meadow ready for new growth in 2017, when we hope to

see a wonderful flower display and welcome a diverse range of birds, bees and butterflies. The Parish Council is very grateful to those who gave their time to work on the meadow, which is for all residents to enjoy. You can find Heworth Meadow through the play park on Applecroft Road – why not stop by and enjoy the wildlife?



Do you want to support older people in your community or do you know an older person who might need some help? Older Citizens' Advocacy York (OCAAY) is committed to supporting people over 50 in dealing with everyday issues that they might otherwise struggle with. People may need advocacy because they feel no one is listening to them, they don't know where to find the help they need or don't agree with decisions that are being made about them. OCAAY can help by helping people find the information they need to make decisions, tell them about their rights, provide support to write



letters and complete forms and challenge decisions. They provide this support free of charge through skilled volunteers and have helped people through a range of situations, such as managing disputes with utility companies, completing complex forms and organising care support.

If you are interested in volunteering or think you or someone you know would benefit from OCAAY's support, go to <http://oldercitizensadvocacyyork.org.uk> or call 01904 676200.

Goodbye and hello!

After 14 valued years of service, Chris Hudson resigned as chair of Heworth Without Parish Council in November as he is moving away from the area in early 2017. All members of the council would like to thank Chris for his commitment and dedication to Heworth Without Parish Council over the years, and wish him the very best for the future. Ron Clayton is welcomed as the new chair with immediate effect. To find out more about Ron and the other parish councillors, visit www.heworthwithout.org.uk

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