

PRINCETHORPE NEWSLETTER

Note from the Chair of the Parish Council

Lots to report: we were successful in our grant application for funding for the purchase of the speed gun; the gun is bought and three more villagers have been trained in its use. Regular patrols will start soon, including (conditional on police permission) on the B4453 where yet again reckless speeding recently sent a car off the road almost through the fence around Hill Top Park. We also had a successful first aid training day in January held jointly with Long Itchington Parish Council. The new bench and litter bin have been installed at the playing field in Fosse Crescent.

Rugby Borough Local Plan (includes provision for 5,000 new homes near Cawston). We objected to the plan, arguing that it was unsound, for the traffic strategy failed to take a wide enough view of how new commuter traffic would affect junctions away from the immediate vicinity of the development, in particular our junction where the B4453 & Fosse cross the A423. At a public meeting on 30th January 2018 we put our objection before the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to decide on the plan's soundness. He agreed that our objection required a response from the County to ensure soundness. The County Officer was asked to explain how road congestion outside that considered by the plan would be mitigated. The County Officer had no option but to say that if data for our junction showed need for improvement, e.g. a roundabout, funding would be obtained by section 106 agreements at planning stage. He also said that County were investigating our junction. This is the result we wanted. It is now a condition on the soundness of the plan that County consider the impact on our junction and, if necessary, seek funding from the developers to finance improvements.



COMMUNITY LITTER PICK!

If you love the beautiful village of Princethorpe, think it needs a spring clean and can spare an hour on Saturday 24th March, then please come along to assist with a community litter pick led by Cllr Dave McKenna. Gloves, bags and litter picking sticks will be provided. Please wear wellies or old shoes. Everyone (& the dog!) welcome. Contact Dave in advance or just show up!

Saturday 24th March 11am in Fosse

Crescent

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Princethorpe now has an established Community Speed Watch Team working jointly with Stretton on Dunsmore. Currently, the team are able to monitor traffic on a regular basis and are having an impact on the speed of the vehicles travelling through the villages. In addition to the immediate effect on the traffic, the data collected is passed to the Police who send a warning letter to drivers logged as speeding, and retain the driver's information so any regular speed breakers can be identified by the police and dealt with accordingly. Princethorpe successfully secured funding, from WCC, to purchase its own speed gun which will enable the team to set its own timetable and monitor traffic at peak times. Thanks to all the volunteers who have made this possible.

PARISH SOCIAL

Thursday 17th May 2018

6.30pm

Our Lady's School Hall

Princethorpe Parish Council would like to invite its residents to come along to an informal Parish Social event. There will be an opportunity to chat to councillors and other residents, learn more about local projects and groups and suggest agenda topics for future Parish Council Meetings.

There will be drinks and nibbles served in advance of the Annual General Parish Council Meeting which will begin at 7.30pm.



**For catering
purposes RSVP
to the Clerk**

PRIMARILY PRINCETHORPE

A place for Princethorpe people to post news, events, parties, lost pets etc. Any chat about anything related to Princethorpe is welcome provided it is not offensive. Feel free to post any items for sale locally or wanted items and advertise your local business here! Share your photographs of Princethorpe.

