

THE PAPERCHAIN

CONNECTING YOU WITH YOUR PARISH COUNCIL



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Summer

We hope each and every one of you have a wonderful summer ! Stay safe in the sun.



In hot weather, please put out shallow saucers of water in your garden for visiting wildlife. A few pebbles in them will enable bees to drink without drowning, and keep them topped up—it could be a life saver.



Play Equipment

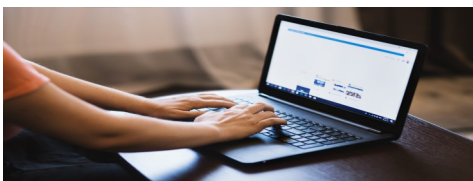
We would like to remind everyone that the Zip wire adjacent to the play area is available and suitable for use by all age groups. The play equipment inside the fenced area is designed to be used by those under the age of 12 years. Use of this equipment by those older than the recommended age could result in damage and pieces being taken out of use whilst costly repairs are awaited.



HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

Harlington Parish Council have engaged the services of a planning consultant (Town & Parish Futures) to advise and engage on our behalf with developers and Central Bedfordshire Council regarding the proposed development in Barton le Clay (Greenwoods Development). They will also be working for us regarding the two developments in Harlington, Harlington West and the Redrow development off Sundon Road.

Going Digital



Paperchain is going digital!! Paperchain will soon be available via a link sent straight to your inbox if you are a subscriber to the HPC website. A paper copy will still be delivered to every house, so no need to worry if you're not techy!

Trees

Sadly two of the Silver Birch trees planted behind the Parish Office earlier this year have, despite all care, died. HPC hope to replace these in due course. The other trees planted, a mix of Silver Birch and Rowan, and the Diamond Jubilee Tree, a Copper Beech, are doing well.





BURY ORCHARD WILDLIFE AND POND AREA - UPDATE

Improvement work is continuing to go well at the wildlife and pond area. The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) are a national charity who have been undertaking just this kind of project for over 60 years now so we have plenty of experience. A substantial amount of rubbish has been removed from the site.

Our sincere thanks to the group of volunteers who have been working tirelessly with TCV on this huge project. We've had lots of interest and the group has had a great turn out of local volunteers, but they always have space for more! BCV are happy to accept village volunteers who wish to get involved. If you are keen to participate, please send your contact details to: clerk@harlington-pc.gov.uk. Your details will be sent to BCV who will organise teams and contact you.

Grant Scheme & Funding Assistance

Now is the time for village organisations to consider whether they would like to apply to the Parish Council for a grant or funding assistance in the 2022/23 financial year. Application forms are available from the Council Office or can be downloaded from the Council website

<https://harlington-pc.gov.uk/grants-and-funding-assistance/>

The deadline for application forms is **12 noon** on the Third Friday in October. Applications received after the deadline cannot be considered.

PARISH HALL HIRE

We have some wonderful groups from arts and crafts to martial arts who regularly hold their clubs and events at the parish hall including some new groups holding Pilates, fitness and theatre sessions. If you are looking for space to hold your club or group events and you would like any further information, contact us: e-mail at enquiries@harlington-pc.gov.uk or calls us on:

01525 875933. Parish Hall (**exclusive use**) Hire fees are:

From £8.00 per hour for regular resident booking during the day Monday to Friday and £18 per hour on Saturdays until midnight.

Residents must have an address within the village or be part of a Harlington organisation, if not, they are classed as non-residents.

GRASS CUTTING FREQUENCY

Harlington Parish Council is responsible for cutting designated verges and open spaces every two weeks in the growing season with an additional cuts in late March and early November. The Bury Orchard path from Church Road to Barton Road has had the edges sprayed to stop encroachment.

Hedge cutting

HPC would like to remind residents to trim their hedges where they over hang pathways, hedges should be trimmed between September and March, and taken back to a level where summer growth will not encroach on footpaths or highways. Any such growth will contravene the Highways Act (1980). Hedges CAN be cut at any time of year, however, particular care should be taken during the nesting season as it is an offence to intentionally disturb a nesting bird.



BREAKING NEWS

FIND OUT ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION

COUNCIL WEBSITE AND NEWS UPDATES

We have approximately 974 households in Harlington and currently we have 290 subscribers to our **Web-site**.

It is great to see so many more people have signed up and are now receiving 'instant' news, available on a day-by-day basis. All subscribers will soon be able to view Paperchain before the paper edition is delivered.

We will update you on CBC information such as road closures and anything else which affects village life. If you haven't signed up yet, we would urge you to do so, we can then send you Parish Information straight to your inbox. This includes links to all local planning applications. Take a look at the website at **www.harlington-pc.gov.uk** and sign up to get regular updates and information.

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY?



You could become a Parish Councillor - We have vacancies!

By becoming a parish councillor you can:

- Take an interest in issues that affect your area
- Represent the views of members of the village community
- Have an impact on decisions that affect the lives of those around you, for example you can comment on local planning applications or give your support to community groups in the area
- Have a say on how money is spent to benefit your community and local area

To find out how you could become a Parish Councillor you can find all the information on the council website; **<https://harlington-pc.gov.uk/do-you-want-to-make-a-difference-in-your-local-community/>**

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THE CHILTERN CONSERVATION BOARD

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WANT TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE? THEN ATTEND THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

6th September 2022	Finance & General Purposes Meeting	7.30 pm
13th September 2022	Full Council Meeting	7.30 pm
11th October 2022	Full Council Meeting	7.30pm
18th October2022	Allotment Holders Meeting	7.30pm
1st November 2022	Finance & General Purposes Meeting (Grant Applications)	7.30pm

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