

## Annual Parish Meeting. May 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.

### **Parish Council Chairman's Report.**

The last year has been dominated by the measures the Parish Council have had to put in place because of the Government Covid 19 rules.

We have had Zoom meetings starting in April 2020, and at various times have had to close Play areas and the MUGA, but retaining access to the Pre-School through the Egremont Rd Play area when required.

The PC has undertaken Consultations and a survey on the Greater Cambridge Planning Local Plan, after there had been a call for sites from the planners. The C2C route has had a Consultation again, and recently we have sent our comments in to the Independent Auditor who is looking at the GCP's case for route selection

The PC has had a presentation from the Bourn Airfield developers on their latest planning submission which has since been approved by the SCDC planners.

At the moment there is a voluntary consultation on the preferred route of the EastWestRail line, and there are two large protest groups that are lobbying for a Northern Route. All households have had a copy of the short form of the consultation document and are urged to fill in the questionnaire.

The PC has been negotiating with Persimmon Homes(at no cost to the Council) for the transfer of Miller's Way to the Council. While the PC has been waiting for the transfer to go through, and be registered with the Land Registry, it has looked at what is required to re-surface the Right of Way. The Meridian Fields development is nearing completion and the builders are due to be off site by July. The shared ownership and rented accommodation properties are now being allocated by the partner housing association.

The St Neot's Road development has just started, and the entrance and some roadways are now complete. The Developer has put an amended planning application for another 23 houses after purchasing some more land. The first houses are expected to be available by the end of the year.

The PC welcomed 2 new Councillors( Councillor Joolia who is the new Webmaster, and Councillor Everitt who is on the Highway's Working Group and with Councillor Joolia on the Communications WG). We now have 7 Councillors but are still short of a full Council of 9.

I would like to thank all the Councillors for the amount of time they have spent this year on keeping the Council running smoothly, with only a few hiccups along the way.

Councillor Rose is the PC member on the Community Centre Working Group which has now reached the pre-planning/planning application stage.

Councillor Joslin has continued with her duties on the Highways WG and the Planning WG.

Councillor Wellbelove has been busy overseeing the maintenance and safety of all the play areas, and has been busy in this Lockdown year of preparing and putting up closure notices when required.

Councillor Giddings has taken on responsibility for planting trees around the village and represents the PC on the Climate Group.

The Webmaster has set up a new official e-mail address for the Council and is in the process of updating the Hardwick Village Website.

The Hardwick PC Facebook is now being used more, and a Group has been set up with around 190 members, and thanks to Councillor Everitt for getting this going.

The Parish Council has put in place a maintenance program for the Pavilion, as the S&S Club have reported various leaks from the roof and that the Changing Room doors were in a very poor condition.

Although Speedwatch has been suspended for the last year because of Covid, the HighwaysWG has continued to monitor speeds on St Neots Rd, Cambridge Rd and Main St with the MVAS and Councillor Everitt has been tabulating the results and sending them to CCC Highways and publishing them on the Village website. Unfortunately they don't make good reading as readings show that the speed limits were being broken regularly.

2 Planning applications for replacing the burnt out building have been submitted, but both were withdrawn, although 1 has recently been re-applied for. Unfortunately the eyesore will be with us for awhile yet.

Finally I would like to thank the Clerk and her team at LGS Services for all their work during the year, particularly for getting us all up to speed on Zoom meetings, and working under the difficult conditions of Covid 19.

Tony Gill. Chairman Hardwick Parish Council.

## Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20 for

### HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2019 £	31 March 2020 £	
1. Balances brought forward	145,654	164,975	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	60,289	60,366	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (-) Total other receipts	47,227	241,272	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	5,423	5,684	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	82,772	94,741	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	164,975	366,188	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	157,718	310,607	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	658,981	697,231	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
		✓	N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2020 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

23/06/2020

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

23/07/20

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

SIGNATURE

A.A. Gill

## **District Councillor's Annual Report to Hardwick Parish Council**

**May 2021**

### **Covid-19 Pandemic**

The pandemic has had a major impact upon our lives over the past year but has impacted the vulnerable, senior and residents with shielding needs dramatically. A team of volunteers has worked tirelessly for many months to help and support such residents in so many ways. I would like to offer my most sincere gratitude to everyone involved but especially to Ruth Enge who took on the responsibility for organising the support groups from the outset. The contribution made to help and support shielding residents has been utterly outstanding and there could be no better demonstration of community spirit than that shown by these wonderfully generous volunteers.

### **Burnt Out Building – St Neots Road**

Considerable efforts have been made to bring this dreadful eyesore to a conclusion and it appeared towards the end of last year that we had reached a possible solution when the owner of the land submitted a planning application for the development of a number of flats. Sadly, that application was withdrawn earlier this year when County Council Highways objected to the application on the grounds of inadequate parking on site and possible intrusion onto Highways land.

However, I can now report that a further application for the development of 5 flats has been made and the progress of the application through the planning system can be tracked at:

<https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/21/01345/FUL>

Any resident is free to comment on the application using the above link.

### **East West Rail Consultation**

The proposed railway line connecting Oxford and Cambridge has taken another step forward with the launch of a consultation on the route between Bedford and Cambridge. The consultation closes on 9th June and the documents can be found at:

<https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation>

Two organisations – the CamBedRailRoad (CBRR) and Cambridge Approaches (CA)-have been campaigning for a "northern route" that would pass between Dry Drayton and Madingley and then between Girton and Oakington with a station at Northstowe before entering Cambridge from the north rather than via East West Rail's preferred southern approach.

The new town of Northstowe presently includes approximately 700 homes but is planned to expand to around 10,000 homes with a population of roughly 25000 people. Additionally, the North East Area Action Plan includes the probable development of approximately 8000 homes on land presently occupied by the Anglian Water Treatment works at Milton. This development will provide only 4400 car parking spaces as it is intended to be a community where the private car is not necessary. Both these massive developments will require first class public transport and East West Rail has the potential to support both provided the correct route is selected.

I would strongly urge residents to take a look at the proposals and contribute to the consultation. Your views are very important and should be heard.

## **Cambourne to Cambridge Transport Corridor**

The Executive Board of the Greater Cambridge Partnership has paused progress on the development of this transport corridor whilst an audit of the process of determination of the route and business case is undertaken. The Local Liaison Forum has submitted its response to the auditor and his report is expected in the summer.

The LLF has questioned the need for spending around £200 million on this scheme when we now know that Cambourne is almost certain to have its own railway station connecting the town to all 3 Cambridge stations servicing the Bio-medical Campus, Science Park and City Centre. The LLF believes that a further delay whilst the impact of East West Rail, post Covid-19 travel requirements and the impact on the C2C business case.

LLF has supported an interim solution using a partial eastbound bus lane past the American Military Centre enabling buses to by-pass the queues heading towards the M11. The cost of this measure is likely to be no more than £10 to £15 million and is expected to reduce bus journey times from 40 minutes to 10 minutes from Madingley Mulch to the M11 at peak times.

The LLF has also suggested that with the preferred location of the railway station at North Cambourne it would make sense for any proposed park and ride site to be located there providing a full transport hub and interchange for road, rail and buses.

## **Girton Interchange**

Following continual pressure from both Councillors and latterly our MP. Highways England has confirmed that the upgrade of the Girton Interchange to an all-directions junction permitting southbound access for eastbound traffic from the A428 to join the motorway directly. This will be included in their development plans for 2025 to 2030 and will relieve a substantial amount of traffic on Madingley Hill.

## **Bourn Airfield Development**

An outline planning application for the creation of a new community of 3500 homes on Bourn Airfield was approved by 6 votes to 5 at a Planning Committee meeting held in February. I expressed the view that this development should not proceed until the appropriate transport links were put in place and was one of the 5 councillors to oppose the application.

Grenville Chamberlain OBE

*District Councillor, Hardwick Ward  
South Cambridgeshire District Council*

## **Report to the Hardwick Annual Parish Council Meeting 2021**

### **Legal name & status: Hardwick Sports & Social Club Ltd – IPS 29242R**

Hardwick Sports and Social Club Limited (the Club) was registered as a limited company under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2001 and operates under approved Registered Club rules.

The Club operates as a co-operative for the benefit of its members. The Club rules do not allow any distribution of profits, or assets on a winding up to be made to the members.

The Club complies with the legal requirements of the IPS registration, publishes annual accounts presented to, and approved by, its members and makes an annual return to the Financial Services Conduct Authority.

### **Lease:**

The Club occupies the Pavilion under the terms of a 10-year lease from Hardwick Parish Council, negotiated with, and signed by, both parties on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014. We previously held a lease under which a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum was payable but we now pay rent assessed at a commercial market value with an agreed rent review and break clauses.

Additionally, the Club now meets the running costs of the Pavilion (including dressing rooms & toilets) and demise as defined within the lease and registered plan.

### **Licences:**

The Club is licensed to sell alcohol and has a Club Registration Certificate which permits sale of alcohol within the club until 2am on special occasions and other events as determined by the management committee.

The Club is licensed for the preparation and sale of food and the Club Manager, and relevant members of staff, are trained and hold the appropriate food preparation & hygiene certificates.

The Club holds all necessary licences for TV & music broadcast including a public performance & copyright licences issued by the Performing Rights Society for public broadcast of music (live & recorded), digital, recorded and satellite TV which is displayed in the Club on multiple Plasma displays, and more recently via a projector and screen.

Any profits generated in the operation of the licensed premises are, and have been, re-invested in the Club for the benefit of its members and are also used to support local organisations, clubs and charities.

### **Management**

The Club is run by its officers and management committee who are elected annually by the Members and meet every month. The Club has a Disciplinary Sub Committee to apply

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appropriate sanctions in the event of misconduct by members. We are pleased to report that the Disciplinary Sub Committee are rarely required to convene as members consistently adhere to our rules & code of conduct.

### **Membership:**

As a licensed premise operating under a Club Registration Certificate it is a requirement that persons over 18 become members to comply. In order to become a club member an individual must be proposed and seconded by existing Club members, new members pay a subscription fee currently £10 per annum (£5 renewal before the 28<sup>th</sup> of February) or alternatively Life membership is available on payment of £75.

Applications for membership are considered each calendar month at the meeting of the Management Committee.

Most of our members live in Hardwick with an increasing number coming from adjoining villages as a result of attending events and other activities held at the premises.

The Club encourages as wide a membership as is possible and the members living outside of a 5-mile radius of the Club usually have familial links to Hardwick and the proximate villages.

The Club invested in a computerised system three years ago that allows our Secretary and Manager to update our records without recourse to a written format, as has happened in the past. Ultimately, this has encouraged frequent users to become members, and has made the renewal of expired memberships easier to track.

Our membership numbers have seen a steady increase over the years, but all this has come to a halt with the arrival of the Covid pandemic of the last 15 months. Our membership numbers for the past three years are 2018 (422), 2019 (496) and 2020 (331). Clearly with the Club being closed for many months the opportunity to attract new Members has completely stalled. This has had a significant impact on our income.

### **Activities**

The Club supports sporting and other activities in the village including making financial contributions to local community activities and charities nominated by members and approved by the management committee.

We have also raised money, purchased and installed an external Defibrillator for the benefit of the whole community, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Club opens 5pm each evening Mon – Thursday, 4pm on Fridays and from midday at weekends and 2pm on bank holidays.

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HSSC has a Cribbage team, 2 x 9 ball Pool teams, two Darts Team (including a new Ladies Team), A craft morning (one Monday a month), and the Hardwick Friendship Club has a free let (as a condition of our lease) and meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2pm.

The Women's institute also run a darts team from the premises.

We hold a monthly Quiz Night (1st Thursday of the month) and Monthly Bingo (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month).

#### **Improvements 2020 – 2021.**

The Club continues to invest in, and improve, the premises. In the last 18 months we have completed a major refurbishment of both bars, the Atkinson Room (Main Bar) and the Ken Turner Room (Rear Bar) were both completely refurnished, carpeted and decorated at a cost in excess of £20,000 with the work being completed just a matter of weeks before the Club was locked down in March 2020! In partnership with the Parish Council a professional survey was carried out in November 2020 and work is now pending on several exterior aspects of the Club including the roof, guttering and damp ingress in parts of the walls. Three exterior doors have been replaced giving the Club a much-improved appearance.

#### **Staff**

Lindsey Haynes took over as Club Manager in November 2018. Our staff are all local residents who are friendly and welcoming, and serve, our Members and their guests.

We believe that HSSC provides a warm welcome to its members and everyone who attends.

We pride ourselves on the diverse age groups that use the facilities and the rapport between ourselves and external groups.

#### **The Past Year.**

In common with so many local groups, and venues, the past 15 months have proved extremely challenging for the HSSC. We have been required to close our premises for many months and clearly this has had a dramatic effect on both our Members and the Club's income. I would like to thank the Parish Council for their ongoing support, they very quickly agreed to suspend our rent payments until such time as we returned to business as usual and this has been a great help. I would also like to thank our District Cllr, Grenville Chamberlain, who has pointed the way regarding the Club being able to access such grant support as has been made available to the hospitality industry by Local Government.



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**The Present/Future.**

The Club reopened for business on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April, we are only allowed to serve Members prepared to sit outside and, in view of the unpredictable weather at this time of year, we have decided that we will only open on a very limited basis (Friday – Sunday) until such time as Members are allowed back inside the Club. Hopefully this will happen on 17<sup>th</sup> May though numbers will continue to be strictly limited and distancing measures adhered to. We look forward to the coming year in the hope that things can only get better!

Chris Cracknell - Club Chairman (since August 2019).

On behalf of Hardwick Sports & Social Club Management Committee

28<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

HARDWICK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION YEAR MARCH 2020- MARCH 2021

Hardwick Community Association has been in existence since 1979. Over the years it has been very active but latterly, not so. Obviously last year was unprecedented and has been a difficult year for everyone. We have had three meetings, the AGM in March 2020 via email and the other two via Zoom, in September and the AGM again in March 2021.

During the last year the Community Association has helped two affiliated groups financially. Firstly, it gave £300 to Dragon Fencing Club to provide kit for several members and secondly it gave the Cabin at St Mary's £212.40 to pay for the first year's subscription to Hallmaster, the online booking system. Both groups are extremely grateful for this.

Sadly, the Parent & Toddler group has disbanded due to the lack of a committee. The balance in the bank account has been transferred to the Community Association in the hope that one day another group will form.

Due to Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdown, the school facilities have not been available for use so the affiliation fees have been waived since April 2020.

The current officers are:

President	Anne Jones
Chairman	Alan West
Vice Chairman	Steve Gaze
Treasurer	Claire Arber
Minute Secretary	Jane Humphries

The following groups in the village are affiliated to the Community Association and benefit from cheaper room hire:

St Mary's Church  
Hardwick Guides  
Evangelical Church  
Hardwick PreSchool  
3rd Hardwick Brownies  
Hardwick W.I.  
Hardwick 3.15 Club  
Hardwick Scouts

Dragon Fencing Club  
Bourn Players  
Parish Council  
Pippin's & Co  
Hardwick Happenings  
Hardwick Climate Action Group  
The Cabin at St Mary's

The next Community Association Meeting will be on Thursday September 16th  
at 7pm.

Anne Jones (President)

May 2021

Hardwick Happenings continues to print eight issues a year. Recently there has been a change to publishing June/ July and August /September issues rather than the previous arrangement with June by itself and then three months together. The change has occurred without comment from anyone.

The magazine continues to aim for independence and balance and to provide a quality which reflects the liveliness and variety of the community. The HH team are grateful for the huge input, for the reports, writing, photos, cartoons etc as well as the hard work of deliverers.

As a consequence of increased printing costs, delivering to additional houses and concerns about the impact of the pandemic on future advertising income, Hardwick Happenings made an application to the Parish Council for financial support in October 2021. The Parish Council decided that £1000 would be granted immediately, with a further £2000 in April 2021. Fortunately, whilst losing some advertisers we have gained others and advertising income has not been too badly affected. The print run however, has had to be increased, so that expenditure is increasing and will continue to do so as the village expands further. In view of this, the Hardwick Happenings team have decided to increase advertising charges by 6.7% from the October 2021 issue.

Hardwick Happenings is grateful to Hardwick Parish Council for its continued financial support.

Hardwick Happenings  
Statement of Account 1 September 2019 - 31 August 2020

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Bank Balance on 31 August 2019	2927.90	Victoire Press -	
Advertising 2019/20	4928.75	October 2019	700.00
Advertising 2020/21	375.00	November 2019	750.00
	5303.75	December 2019	750.00
		February 2020	816.00
		March 2020	716.00
		April 2020	716.00
		June 2019	860.00
		Aug 2020	822.00
			6137.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8231.65</b>	Bank Balance on 31 August 2020	2094.65
			<u>8231.65</u>

*Certified to be a true record of Bank Statements and financial records submitted to me.*  
*J.W. Nicholson*  
22/9/20

## HCCWG Updating Report to the Hardwick Parish Annual Meeting 2021

Over the last year the HCCWG has moved the project of building a new community centre onto being ready to enter the plans for planning permission. We hope the plans will be passed and the building up and running by the end of 2022.

The three public meetings, village information dissemination via Hardwick Happenings, Facebook and the village web site over the last three years, have culminated in final plans and elevations that have been distributed for information this last year. The building is to be built on the multi-use games area as being the most popular and practical option, with the least drawbacks and taking up the least amount of Parish green space.

Our most recent discussions have been focused upon the rising costs of all building projects because of the pandemic and Brexit, as well as seeking grants to help to make the building as 'green' and energy efficient as possible. We will continue this coming year to focus on costs, landscaping options, parking options, cctv options and seeking public opinion at further public meetings as to how the centre could best be run to the benefit of all residents. We will also be looking at ways to raise extra funds to add 'extras' to the final project, such as additional furnishings that fall outside the planning costs.

We are confident that the new centre will be a valuable and well used facility for the village, offering multi-use spaces of various sizes, a cafe, library, IT area, a multi-use medical room and officials' changing facilities for sports matches. Our architect has done an excellent job to make a building to allow the range of the most popular facilities highlighted by residents at our village open evenings.

# St Mary's Church, Hardwick: Summary annual report

Charity no. 1188527

## **Organisation and Governance**

St Mary's has 11 trustees, 20+ volunteers and a part-share in an ordained minister (stipended). In 2020 the Parochial Church Council met 4 times, sometimes on Zoom, and also conducted some business by correspondence. A small executive team – 'the ministry team' – met in most months, including on Zoom. Other volunteer teams and working groups that met when they could last year included the cabin development team (until the end of the build), the cabin management team, the churchyard maintenance working group and the events team.

## **Activities of 2020**

The biggest achievement of the year was the completion of the Cabin at St Mary's. The final funding bid came good late in 2019, we broke ground in January 2020 and then, dodging lockdowns, received the keys in July 2020. There are still one or two things to be completed, but the Cabin is in limited use with demand increasing. It was a huge project for a small community of people to take on and we are grateful to those who have helped and donated along the way to create something that we are determined will enhance the village life of Hardwick and re-enliven the ancient heart of the village.

We have had the ancient building open as much as possible with the appropriate risk assessments and covid-cleaning in place. We've had to make some repairs to the lime plaster on the ceiling of the listed building when a section fell down in November – thankfully we had funds to cover it. By putting in extra seating, we've worked this year on making the churchyard a better place for people to come and sit on their daily walk or to meet people outdoors. Sometimes we have offered something for people to interact with as a way of responding to the challenges of the pandemic. During the year we also added an ongoing plant and produce stall, and the book swap – from a donation of books to the Hardwick Network by a resident – and we continue to cultivate the wild-flowers and biodiversity of the site for the pleasure of everyone.

During last year, members of our small care team supported older and shielding members of the church community, and through the Hardwick Network some of us have helped with meal deliveries, phone-buddying, Christmas hampers and other forms of support to neighbours and fellow residents. Pippins', the community café run by a joint team from the churches and community association, has been unable to open for most of the year, but its bakers distributed treat boxes at Christmas. The new Foodbank drop-off point in the church porch contributes regularly to the school's food hampers and to Cambridge Foodbank for distribution across the area.

When we were unable to meet in the church building, we quickly moved to creating and distributing weekly printed services and faith-based resources, then YouTube videos and podcasts which were shared across our group of village churches – the Lordsbridge Team. We've also held many services outdoors for the church community and for the whole village including for Remembrance Sunday and at Christmas. Funerals have been difficult for many people in the last year. We were glad to be able to help, as regulations allowed, either by hosting them in the village church, or by the minister taking a service at the crematorium.

## Finance

Because of the grant funding we received for the Cabin at St Mary's we exceeded the income threshold for an exempt charity, so registered with the Charity Commission in 2020.

	General fund	Building maintenance	Cabin build fund	Cabin running fund
Income	£26,140	£3,563	£200,664 (+ £154,612 (2019))	£645
Expenditure	£27,205	£1,170	£332,449	£1,853

We ran the general account at a deficit of £1000 in 2020 due to no fundraising other than the produce stall (though we are grateful to those who donated for plants and produce). All the other income is down to a small number of individual donors. This fund pays for all the ongoing activities of the church including things like insurance, some administration and our contribution to the stipend, housing and professional training of a shared ordained C of E minister for Hardwick.

We spent a small amount on repairs to the listed church building last year but due to generous donations were able to top up the account. There was significant financial activity relating to the grant income and the expenditure for the build of the Cabin. Only reduced use of the Cabin was possible, so the Cabin is currently running at a loss and we have fallen back on money cautiously set aside to get it up and running.

A full annual report and set of accounts is available on request.

Revd Canon Alison Myers, May 2021

## Hardwick Evangelical Church – Report to Hardwick Parish Council AGM, 4 May 2021

Like everyone, we have had to do things differently over the past year. We still are not able to meet in person for church services, and may not be able to for some weeks, possibly months. However, that hasn't stopped us functioning. I'll just present a brief summary of some of the things we've been doing that may be of interest to this meeting.

*Our Sunday morning services* moved on to Zoom just before the official first lockdown, and have remained there ever since. As of Easter Sunday 2020, we have also sent a LiveStream of our Zoom service to youtube, and from Easter Sunday 2021, that moved to Facebook. Numbers attending our Sunday morning services (on Zoom) have remained stable at or slightly above our pre-covid numbers, as people have been able to join us who would not be able to join us in person, either for health reasons or because they have moved away from Hardwick. (We've even been joined by former Hardwick residents now in Australia and New Zealand).

We were active in helping set up *Hardwick Network* and held the finance for the *Food and Essential Items Fund* that the Network was successful in obtaining from SCDC as part of their emergency covid funding for community support initiatives. The Network has been very ably co-ordinated by Ruth Enge (not part of our church).

We built the outdoor nativity scene at Christmas again this year, but we had to modify our carol singing from previous years. This year we recorded (virtually) a Carol for Hardwick, facilitating contributions from various musicians, organisations and people in the village, and the video was shared on youtube and facebook. We also organised carol singing in groups of six along various Hardwick streets. And our "unscripted nativity" video narrated by local children had more than 4,000 views on facebook. In collaboration with the primary school, we again provided Christmas Hampers to families that the school thought would find it helpful, and were joined this year by Hardwick Network and others in this initiative.

The pop-up *Easter Garden* built on the corner outside the school, for 2 weeks over Easter, was another example of new creativity in these challenging times and received very positive feedback.

Pastorally, it has been challenging supporting people especially in illness and bereavement. We do what we can; regularly pray for the village residents, organisations and activities; and are cautiously looking forward to lockdown easing.



## Caroline Newton

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**From:** Carolyn Purser [cangpurser@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 04 May 2021 10:56  
**To:** a.gill@hardwick-cambs.org.uk; clerk@hardwick-cambs.org.uk  
**Subject:** Hardwick WI report 20/21

**Categories:** HPC IN

Hardwick WI report for Parish Council AGM 2020 to 2021

Modern technology has played a huge part in our lives over the last year and if we had not embraced it life would have been very lonely for some of our members. We started off with committee meetings on zoom and then in May we decided to take the bull by the horns and then there was no stopping us! Our monthly meetings took on a very different format and all of them on zoom.

During lockdown we have enjoyed a wide variety of speakers:

June - Tom Purser autism and the National Autistic Society July - Helen Evans speech and language therapy August - Grenville Chamberlain work as a district councillor September - Irena Spence her role as a street pastor October - Dan Lee wildlife gardens November - Bridget Davidson making Christmas wreaths from foraged plants December - Christmas social The committee had put together a goodie bags for every member which were delivered before the meeting, we opened them together and then played bingo January - Stephen Jones pulmonary fibrosis and lung transplant February - Lucy Lewis first female bomb disposal expert and first female Cambridge University Marshall March - AGM. After six years Anne Jones stood down as president and Carolyn Purser took over.

Unfortunately all planned events and social activities were cancelled so there was no fundraising for our WI or charity this year. However some of the speakers did not charge and we made donations to charities of their choice including the National Autistic Society, Dementia UK and Arthur Rank.

Within the constraints of lockdown and the rule of six we were able to arrange some meetings and gatherings in person when we were allowed or via zoom. These included Cuppa, cake and chat, a social event held once a fortnight Good Read, a book group An evening quiz Mindful colouring. We were also able to organise a few walks together

Talking to other WIs in the county we have done incredibly well to keep going, to provide a social network for our members and retain most of our numbers. Our members have been very grateful for WI life continuing almost as normal. Thanks must go to Anne Jones who motivated us all to carry on during these difficult times. We look forward to being able to hold our meetings in person hopefully by September.

Carolyn Purser May 2021

Sent from my iPad

## Caroline Newton

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**From:** Pat Portlock [pat@portlock.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 02 May 2021 09:42  
**To:** clerk@hardwick-cambs.org.uk  
**Subject:** Hardwick Litter Picking

**Categories:** HPC IN

Tuesday 4 May 2021.  
Hardwick Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm

Litter picking in Hardwick is usually organised for March and October.  
Due to Covid a village litter pick has not been organised to include village residents since 2020.

In March 2021, Pat Portlock of 65 St Neots Road, Hardwick was contacted by Gemma Coteman of Hardwick to loan litter picks, high viz jackets and black rubbish sacks. Gemma and her son have been litter picking in Hardwick.

On behalf of the village I would like to thank Susan Lunt of St Neots Road, Hardwick for keeping Hardwick village and verges clear of rubbish.

Susan has been given a high viz jacket, litter pick, gloves and black rubbish bags provided by South Cambs District Council.

Any rubbish collected is left by the red dog bin on St Neots Road and removed by South Cambs District Council.

Pat Portlock  
Sent from my iPad=

## **Hardwick Community Speed Watch: Report for Hardwick Annual Parish Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

On Covid 19 instructions from the Police, Speed Watch did not gather to carry out routine Speed Checks after March 2020 and only recently (1<sup>st</sup> May 2021) has that instruction been lifted though it is still down to Volunteers as to whether they wish to resume.

Just to recap, Speed Watch in Hardwick consists of 10 volunteers working on behalf of Cambridge Police checking for speed violations on our village main roads. We use equipment provided by the Parish Council and report the Registration numbers of vehicles exceeding the Speeds Limits set by Highways and the Police.

Speed Watch re-formed in 2018 after many years without a team. A key prompt was the Village Plan results to the question, "what would make you feel safer?". It revealed that 89% of respondents felt "traffic speed through the village should be tackled in some way". In sessions around the village lasting 1 to 2 hours, Speed Watch volunteers set about verifying that the Speed Limits were indeed being broken. However Speed Watch cannot be 24/7

Speed Watch recommended that the village apply for "Flashers" that would record on a 24/7 basis the number of speed violations and to what extent. These speed and traffic counts are a Parish Council responsibility to manage and the data is collected and sent to County Highways. At present Speed Watch volunteers are doing this for the Parish Council. We move the devices, change the batteries every two weeks, collect and sort the data for Highways returns. Its Highways who determine if anything needs to be done to tackle the speeds being recorded and if so what design that should take.

Data recorded by the "Flashers" on all our main roads have shown consistent disrespect for the village and disregard for the law. We are pleased to see the Parish Council acted on this information and have so far secured funding for Traffic Calming and Road Safety on Cambridge Road and St Neots Road.

**Some further thank you's to add.**

**Parish Council for funding the decent Speed Watch equipment**

**Pauline for being Speed Watch interface to the Parish Council and for being present at almost every Speed Watch check**

**Paul Crinson who remains the only Speed Watch volunteer with the muscles and the reach for moving the Flashers**

## Example of Results

### St Neots Road Latest 2021

4 weeks ending 2nd April 2021 Flasher by 77 St Neots Rd facing east	From Cambridge direction	Towards Cambridge
<b>Total Vehicles per 28 days</b>	46038	37863
Vehicles 41mph and over	<b>10772</b>	<b>18372</b>
Including Vehicles 46mph and over	<b>3683</b>	<b>7194</b>
Top Speeds recorded	<b>89mph</b>	<b>81mph</b>

### Cambridge Road 2020

Average over 6 x 4week reports ending 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 Flasher by Kesters facing north or outside 33 facing south	From the School	To the School
<b>Total vehicles per 28 days</b>	24602	27358
Vehicles 31 mph and over	<b>8810</b>	<b>11229</b>
including Vehicles 36 and over	<b>2566</b>	<b>3157</b>
Top Speeds recorded	<b>71mph</b>	<b>66mph</b>

### Main Street

4 weeks ending 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 (before footpath restrictions) Flasher by 100 Main St facing south	From Toft direction	Towards Toft
<b>Total Vehicles per 28 days</b>	19131	18138
Vehicles 41mph and over	<b>3233</b>	<b>6021</b>
Including Vehicles 46mph and over	<b>688</b>	<b>1668</b>
Top Speeds recorded	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>



## Hardwick Neighbourhood Watch

### Report to annual Parish Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

In the past year our numbers have gone slightly up and we are now 60+. This, I admit is not a high number considering our population. However I am contacted quite frequently and asked for help or advice. This we do. All these calls are from none members which makes no difference. Our group is here to help anyone in the village, not just with criminal acts but in any way possible. Especially anyone who is vulnerable or on their own. That is why we made ourselves available during this covid crisis.

I am sure people have contacted us because they have seen the articles in the Hardwick Happenings, which gives the point of contact. I am surprised by the number of people who say they do not know how to contact the police. This proves, that even though it is repetitive, it needs to go in the HH frequently. At this point I would like to thank Peter Cornwall and all at HH.

We have maintained monthly contact with the police, and we have passed on any information which may be helpful and at times they have asked for our help. They have sent us information and monthly reports which I have passed onto all Street coordinators and members and where appropriate posted onto Hardwick Facebook.

Our main aim is to try and keep the village a safe and a caring place and hope to do this by increasing numbers but also encouraging villagers to contact us and where necessary the police, no matter how small.

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**Caroline Newton**

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**From:** Chris Fuller [chris55fuller@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** 04 May 2021 13:27  
**To:** Ann Griffiths (LGS Services)  
**Subject:** Re: Invitation to Hardwick Annual Parish Meeting on 4 May 2021 at 7.00 pm via Zoom  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Red

Hi Ann, I have only got around to responding as the cricket season has kicked off and I am consequently very busy.

I am not available to attend the Zoom call tonight as I have been called out for a match. However, I would like to add the following from the cricket club.

The Cricket Club is very grateful for the financial support the Parish Council has given to allow us to get the cricket nets in operation last year and this. We had 450 bookings last year and this year will be even higher. We have been increasing the numbers of juniors this year and now have two teams running. We remain in a reasonable financial situation due to support from parents, the ECB and grants. We will keep a presence in Hardwick as the nets are here. It is quite possible that in the near future the recreation ground could be again used for cricket, but possibly for a lower team or juniors. However, this will need more volunteers than we have at present, but we do think it is possible

Chris Fuller  
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On Wed, 21 Apr 2021 at 14:00, Ann Griffiths (LGS Services) <[ann@lgs-services.co.uk](mailto:ann@lgs-services.co.uk)> wrote:

Good afternoon

Please find attached an agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting. Instructions for joining via Zoom are included on the agenda.

The draft minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting are available on the website:

<http://www.hardwick-cambs.org.uk/documents/parishcouncil/minutes/2019/190521%20HPC%20APM%20Minutes.pdf>

If you are a representative of a charity or village group or organisation shown on the agenda, it would be appreciated if you could present a report and/or accounts to the Annual Parish Meeting, and if possible please email the report/accounts to the Clerk at [clerk@hardwick-cambs.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hardwick-cambs.org.uk) in advance of the meeting. Reports and accounts will not be recorded in the minutes but instead all written reports will be appended to the minute book.

The meeting is open to all parishioners who may by law discuss all parish matters, ask questions, put forward views and pass resolutions.

If any village group wishes to apply for a small grant, application forms are available on the website at:

<https://www.hardwick-cambs.org.uk/grants/>

Many thanks

Kind regards

Ann Griffiths

On behalf of Gail Stoehr

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