

Hazlerigg Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of the Hazlerigg Village Newsletter

Tackling Speeding

Hazlerigg Parish Council has joined forces with Northumbria Police to crack down on drivers breaking the 20mph speed limit on Coach Lane.

11 drivers were caught speeding in an hour during the first operation, with five exceeding 30mph in the 20mph zone.

Councillors Jan Young and Andrew Thorp have joined the operation, which will expand the monitoring of speeding drivers in our village. Any vehicles caught speeding will be reported to the Police.

More than 100 people signed a petition, started by Jan, against speeding in the village, which was presented to Newcastle City Council on Wednesday 2nd November at 6.30pm.

Police Support

Do you need to speak to our local Police Community Support Officers? Contact them by emailing:-

9071@northumbria.police.uk (Linda Smith) or Anthony.Blackie@northumbria.police.uk

Who is Hazlerigg Parish Council

The Parish Council is made up of seven councillors, who volunteer their time to improve the local environment and act in the interests of residents.

All meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public and are held on the last Thursday of every month (except August and December) 7.00pm at the Hazlerigg Community Centre.

For more information please contact the Clerk at hazleriggparishcouncil@gmail.com or visit our website at northumberlandparishes.uk/hazlerigg

Havannah Nature Reserve

'Newcastle Great Park Consortium' has applied to Newcastle City Council to widen footpaths and install lighting in and around the nature reserve. These paths will link to the new development in Cell A and B1 of the Great Park and will see loss of mature trees and hedgerows if approved.

The Parish Council has objected to the proposals on the grounds that the development would undermine Newcastle City Council's commitments to protecting trees, hedgerows and green infrastructure and result in a net loss of biodiversity.

The planning application can be viewed online at <https://tinyurl.com/3z77e7sj>. Objections can be sent by email to 'planning.control@newcastle.gov.uk' or in writing to 'Development Management, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne NE18QH'. Please include the planning reference:- 2022/1131/01/DET

The City Council will consider the application before the planning committee meeting.

Did you know Hazlerigg is in Castle Ward?

Your Castle Ward Councillors are:-

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Bus Service Disruption

Changes to Arriva's 43, 44 and 45 services are leaving village residents stranded.

The disruption is a result of Arriva cutting local services and closing the Jesmond Bus depot, as well as national driver shortages.

Nexus and Arriva will be taking questions from residents in Hazlerigg, Brunswick and Dinnington on Monday 7th November at Dinnington First School, 6.30pm. Everybody is welcome to attend.

A Cleaner, Greener Hazlerigg

Hazlerigg Parish Council and volunteers from the Community Centre are working together to reduce litter in the village.

In September they joined forces with local residents and volunteers from the Northumberland branch of 'Campaign to Protect Rural England' national charity to support a 'Green Clean', collecting 12 bags of litter and two buckets full of glass bottles.

Parish councillors also met with the North East Community Forest team to look at how Hazlerigg could benefit from more tree and hedgerow planting. If plans are approved it is hoped to create a Community Orchard, a 'Tiny Forest', a new hedgerow and plant further trees.

Last year 2,500 Spring flowering bulbs were planted with the support of National Highways. Crocuses and snowdrops flower early in the year, making the village prettier in Spring and providing nectar and pollen for bees and other pollinators that emerge early in the year.

Parish councillors regularly carry out litter picks in the village. If you would like to help you can borrow a litter picker from the Community Centre. Organised Litter Picks will be advertised via the Newsletter and on the Hazlerigg Parish Council's Facebook Page: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6ssvzz>

New Phone Mast

In September a new phone mast appeared in the village. The original plans were refused by Newcastle City Council after a number of objections were received. WHP Telecoms appealed Newcastle City Council's decision and the Planning Inspectorate overturned the City Council's decision, without the Parish Council knowing anything about the appeal.

The mast installation was reported in the 'Newcastle Chronicle' and 'The Sun'. An information session was held in the Community Centre in October on the health risks associated with living within 400 metres of a phone mast.

The Parish Council is now exploring options to have the mast relocated to an area that has less impact on the village. The mast could be relocated if enough residents object. Look out for more information or contact hazleriggparishcouncil@gmail.com

Hazlerigg Community Centre

The village community centre is open for everyone and hosts regular groups and activities from coffee mornings and fitness classes to youth clubs and markets.

Volunteers also run a weekly food bank on Thursdays.

If you are looking for somewhere to hold meetings, parties or events the hall is available for hire.

On 17th and 18th December Santa's Sled lands in Hazlerigg! Come meet him at the Centre!

To book an event or get involved call Louise on 07925127972.

Or visit the Facebook Page:-

www.facebook.com/hazleriggcommunitycentre

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