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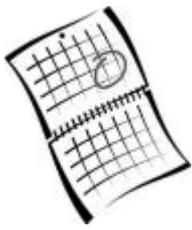
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# What's On?

Due to the lockdown, events are still few and far between. This is what we know about at the moment. Please share any others you have planned.

<b>Hepworth Coffee Morning</b>	1st & 3rd Thu@10, Hep. Pavilion See p8
<b>A Trail of Scarecrows</b>	28 - 29th August See p10 & p11
<b>Village Picnic</b>	29th Aug@1300 Hep. Pavilion - See p17
<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	2nd Sep@1930 Hepworth Pavilion
<b>Macmillan Coffee Morning</b>	24th Sep@1000 Highfield Farm. See p19

## Would you like to help?

Many village events are supported by **Hepworth2Enjoy**. This is an engaged, friendly collective of Hepworth villagers who come together to put on village events and to help others put on village events, providing people-power, experience, and bags of enthusiasm! We now have a small budget to help events on their way. Please contact Clare (250 660) or Sue (250 037).



## Recreation Hall Committee

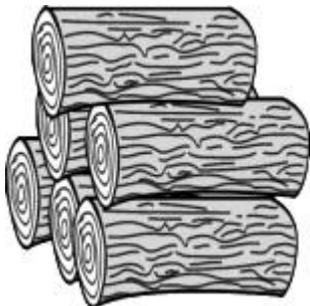
The Hepworth Pavilion and Recreation Ground Committee require a 5th member to join the newly elected committee. The position requires you to attend the occasional meeting and the Annual General Meeting. You will be helping make decisions on the general running of the Pavilion and you may be required to help in a practical way from time to time. Please contact Louise Robinson (secretary) on 251066 if you are interested.



Do join our Parish Council facebook page called "Hepworth Matters" which has up to date information about local matters of interest, notifications about village events and Parish Council information.

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## **Potatoes**

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Potato Stall open 7days a week.  
Tel: 01359 251157

## **Butchers**

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## **Fruit, Vegetables, Bread, Deli and Butchers**

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Tel: 01359 252307.

Please let us know if you would like to be added to this list in the future

## Device No. 1 at the A143 end of The Street

10 weeks from 25th April to 7th July.

Vehicles arriving into village from the A143:

Total number of vehicles:- **36269**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **33mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **12469 (34.38%)**

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- **44**

Highest speed recorded:- **66mph**



Vehicles leaving the village toward the A143

Total number of vehicles:- **33632**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **35mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **16688 (49.62%)**

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- **67**

Highest speed recorded:- **77mph**

## Device No. 2 at the Barningham end of The Street

10 weeks from 25th April to 7th July 2021.

Vehicles arriving into the village from Barningham

Total number of vehicles:- **24418**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **32mph**

Total number of vehicle speeds above 30 mph:- **5782 (23.68%)**

No. of incidents of 50mph and above:- **11**

Highest speed recorded:- **58mph**

Vehicles leaving the village toward Barningham

Total number of vehicles:- **24860**

Average speed for ALL vehicles:- **33mph**

Total number of vehicles speeding above 30 mph:- **7177 (28.87%)**

No. of incidents of 50 mph and above:- **36**

Highest speed recorded:- **59mph**

### Along The Street:

May 2021:	5 sessions	14 vehicles logged	max speed = 47 mph
June 2021:	4 sessions	10 vehicles logged	max speed = 45 mph

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## Did you know?

The Parish Council has prepared  
a Welcome Pack  
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# TRAVELS DOWNUNDER - A REMINISCENCE

## Part 3

We left our intrepid travellers heading inland after plotting out a route with the help of some 'Ten Pound Poms' who became lifelong friends...

One of the first places we passed through was Nimbin, which is known as the hippy capital of Australia. It's set in beautiful rolling hills and is a very small town, but over the years lots of people seeking an alternative lifestyle have ended up there. We stopped for coffee and walking down the main street we couldn't work out what the strange smell was. Being the innocents we are we were not familiar with the smell of cannabis, and the whole town reeked of it!!

Leaving Nimbin it soon became clear that we had a problem with the caravan as it was becoming very difficult to tow, especially up the many hills round there, and when I investigated I found the wheels were red hot as the brakes were binding on. The next place of any size was a town called Casino where we managed to find a garage who said they could fix it but not straight away as it was Melbourne Cup day, the biggest horse race in Australia, and the whole country comes to a standstill. We spent the night parked in the back yard of the garage surrounded by piles of old tyres and scrapped junk. Very salubrious!!

The next day we eventually got the repairs done and headed off again and worked out that a days drive would get us to a very small town called Tabulam where our book said there were camping facilities at the local racecourse. (Many small towns in Australia have got a racecourse). Sadly, when we got there we discovered that those facilities were no longer available and it was too late to go any further. We were told we could stay for free overnight but as there were no facilities we could wash ourselves in the river. (Our caravan had no toilet or shower and so far we had always stayed at campsites with facilities). Hardened Aussie campers think nothing of this so with no alternative that is what we did.

Next day we hit the road again and headed down the New England Highway through Tenterfield, Glen Innes (very Scottish) Armidale and ending the day at Tamworth, the country music capital of Australia. Now, we've been to Nashville in America and this is nothing like Nashville, but there is an annual country music festival there and people come from all over Australia for it and to visit the Country Music Hall of Fame. It was in Tamworth that we saw our first "Big". All over Australia there are these "Big" things. Here it was the Big Golden Guitar. Other towns have the Big Prawn, the Big Pineapple, the Big Mower, the Big Avocado, etc etc, you get the idea, there are about 150 of them scattered around the country. Google it, you'll be amazed.

To be continued...

# HEPWORTH 2021

# A TRAIL OF SCARECROWS

August 28th / 29th



**ENTRIES IN BY FRIDAY AUGUST 20th PLEASE**

**HEPWORTH 2021**  
**A TRAIL OF SCARECROWS.**  
**ENTRY FORM.**  
**August 28<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup>.**

We are looking for inventive, amusing and interesting Scarecrows. Please display your creation in your front garden for all to see.

Judging will take place on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> and there will be prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best placed Scarecrows.

**The winner will receive the much coveted  
Worzel Gummidge Cup.** Prizes will be awarded at the Village Picnic on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Name.....

Address.....

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Name of Scarecrow.....

Please send your entries to Robin Shackleton,  
Maltings Farm, The Street, Hepworth. IP22 2PX  
[robinshackleton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:robinshackleton@hotmail.co.uk).

*Please make sure your entries are received by Friday  
August 20<sup>th</sup>.*

## **HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 5th of 2021**

An Extraordinary meeting of Hepworth Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on Thursday 27th May 2021. This meeting was held in the Pavilion, Hepworth Recreation Ground. The following items were discussed:

Persons Present: Mr G Bloomfield (Chair), Mr P Penn, Ms L Robinson, Mrs M MacPherson,

1. Apologies: Cllr R Shackleton, Ms H Corris (Clerk)

2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest

3. Dispensations: None

4. Planning Application DC/21/0920/FUL Coniston The Street Hepworth IP22 2PX Construction of turnout/riding area 40m x 20m: The Parish Council were concerned about the material used that is mixed with Silica sand. This is an ecology issue because these materials used as stabilising fibre are finely chopped plastics that can be mixed with manure and put onto fields. Is there another more eco-friendly alternative that can be used? There were no other concerns and the council support the application.

5 Other Applications :None received

6. Planning Application for Village sign: Planning permission to be submitted regarding the village sign at an advised cost of £66.

7. Questions to the Chair: Who decides on our planning application? Question to be raised with Cllr Bull.

Meeting concluded 8pm

## **HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 6th of 2021**

An Extraordinary meeting of Hepworth Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on Thursday 24th June 2021. This meeting was held in the Pavilion, Hepworth Recreation Ground.

The following items were discussed:

Persons Present: Mr G Bloomfield (Chair), Mr P Penn, Ms L Robinson, Mrs M MacPherson, Ms H Corris (Clerk)

No Members of Public.

1. Apologies: Cllr R Shackleton.

2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest

3. Dispensations: None

4. Planning Application DC/21/1177/LB School Cottage, The Street Hepworth, IP22 2PS Infill door on south elevation Listed building consent: Parish Council have no objections to this application. Supported.

5 Other Applications: None received

6. Village picnic expenditure, Speed watch equipment & Culvert fencing: Agreement was reached to hire the bouncy castle at a cost of £390. To purchase rechargeable batteries for the Speed watch equipment at a cost of £30. To wait and see if SCC will replace the culvert fencing as it has now been given a works number on their system, before purchasing it themselves.

7. Questions to the Chair: Nil

Meeting concluded 8pm

## HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 7th of 2021

A meeting of the Hepworth Parish Council took place on Thursday 8th July 2021 at 7.30pm the meeting was conducted at the Village Hall and the following items were discussed.

Attendees G Bloomfield (Chair), Ms L Robinson, Mr P Penn, Mrs M MacPherson, Ms H Corris (Clerk), Cllr Spicer, Cllr Bull

One members of the public present.

1. Apologies: There were apologies from Cllr R Shackleton

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none

3. To Consider requests for dispensations: None received

4. Minutes of previous meetings: the minutes of the previous meetings held were agreed to be a true record.

5. Cllrs Reports: Cllr Bull; The Duke of Marlborough planning application was refused.

There were some issues around areas that had previously been designated as residential parking. This is expected to go to appeal.

The Parish Council forum is on the 14th July 2021. You are encouraged to attend (virtually) as there will be detail provided around the Local plan.

There is a grass cutting schedule for Parishes on the West Suffolk website. It is updated each week with details of cutting taking place the following week.

Cllr Bull now has some Locality funding available for small projects. The Community Chest is a bigger sum of money for which communities can bid. WSC also offer a lot of support to communities in relation to securing funding from other sources if the Community chest is not appropriate. She will circulate the details.

The Solar farm that was potentially going to be sited in Barningham is now on hold and unlikely to proceed for a variety of reasons, one of which being that the site is too far away from the main station.

The new hospital site is proposed to be Hardwick Manor. There is a public consultation period and can be accessed online.

Cllr Spicer; The meeting with members of the Hepworth Speedwatch group and the traffic engineer from Suffolk County Council went very well. His traffic calming plans for The Street in Hepworth were very well received and he was most helpful. Cllr Spicer expects an update soon.

Ditches (see 6b below)

Cllr Spicer will look into widespread concerns regarding the quality of aggregate used to resurface the byway at Weston Lane. It is wholly unsuitable and dangerous for horses. She will update us.

6. Progress reports: A) Village sign. Planning application has been completed by Cllr Shackleton and submitted online. Cllr Carol Bull will investigate the progress.

B) The flooding at Christmas was reported to the County Council Floods team. They are now investigating and have substantial resources and powers. SCC have written to the land owner where the ditch remains uncleared and is an area of concern. Further action will follow in relation to this ditch. There is believed to be a pipe underneath the bus shelter by the Havebury bungalows but it is likely to be either blocked or broken. Councillor Spicer will liaise with the floods team and report back to the Parish Council.

C) Quiet Lanes project is much as it was before; there is a six month delay regarding the traffic surveys. A public consultation is required, however we are holding off to establish what the deadlines are as we would like to do the consultation for all three of our requested lanes rather than just one. Cllr Spicer has not been able to progress the matter either.

D) Hepworth Recreation Ground: The AGM has been postponed to the 21st July due to the changed Covid restrictions. It is hoped the Village will respond in order to keep the hall running. There are now bookings coming in for the hall and it has been used for some children's parties. The Fire retardant has been applied to the new curtains. The Coffee mornings are now re-instated on the first and third morning of each month. The Art club restart on the last Monday in July.

E) Allotments. We are no further forward. In spite of extensive efforts no land has been found. West Suffolk Council cannot assist and their guidance would be to approach surrounding Parishes to see if we could use their allotments. We already have residents that utilise the Stanton Allotments.

F) Dog Waste Bin: It was agreed to purchase a dog waste bin for Market Weston Road to replace the original bin.

G) Culvert fencing Cllr Robinson It was agreed to purchase the fencing for around the Culvert. It is not the property of Suffolk County Council. Cllr Robinson will arrange the purchase.

7. Proposed Traffic calming strategy for The Street: The plans for the traffic calming in The Street are extensive and detailed. The master plan will be displayed in the Village Hall and an article will go into the July Herald. The Parish will be invited to view the plans at the Village picnic on the 29th August 2021. Councillor Spicer will be funding the traffic calming.
8. Village Picnic & Scarecrow competition: Cllr Shackleton will advertise the Scarecrow competition and provide the prizes. The judging will be conducted over the bank holiday weekend and the winner awarded a prize at the Village picnic on 29th August 2021. There will be live music from Mick the Baker, a burger van, a bouncy castle and possibly children's races. A risk assessment has been completed, adequate insurance cover is in place and an overflow car park provided if required on the day. Residents will be invited to bring their own food and drink and enjoy the afternoon. Timings 1pm to 5pm. Clerk to arrange the cover of the Herald to advertise the event. Laminated posters will be created and posts etc provided. A further planning meeting will be arranged 10th August 1930hrs
9. Internal Audit Review: The internal audit report for 2020/21 was reviewed and the recommendations considered. The budgetary process for the forthcoming 2022/23 financial year will be rigorous and an explanatory document detailing the decision making will be provided along with the figures. The village website does not comply with the latest WAG2 and accessibility regulations. It was decided that it is time to invest in a stand- alone website for Parish Council matters. Clerk to investigate [www.myparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.myparishcouncil.co.uk) as these seem to offer good value for money and an efficient service.

10. Queen'

s Jubilee 2022 celebrations: Resolution to commission a village beacon for lighting at the jubilee celebrations. Further plans will be discussed at a later meeting

11. Joint Planning and development group Following communication from Ixworth Parish Council a joint committee of Councillors from surrounding Parishes will be formed in order to monitor future building developments. Hepworth have registered an interest and will have a nominated Councillor.

12. Clerks/RFO report: Bank Balances: Community account: £10546.88; Business Saver Account: £1837.38. Receipts: 0. Payments: Cheque 1021 SALC Audit fee £189.60; Cheque 1022 Bus shelter refurb £355.00; Cheque 1023 PCC Donation (LGA 1972); Cheque 1024 Suffolk Accident Rescue Service donation (SEC137 LGA 1972) £100.00; Cheque 1025 Castle Capers deposit £117.00; Cheque 1026 Cllr Shackleton expenses £100.00 (Plants and pot Old Plinth); Cheque 1027 Clerks PAYE HMRC £249.75; Cheque 1028 Clerks June pay & expenses including additional hours £692.77; Debit card payment Information Commissioners Office renewal £40.00; Debit card payment TEN Application £21.00

13. Planning Application DC/21/1292/FUL Single storey office building (following demolition of existing building) Avanti gas Shepherd's Grove Industrial Estate: Parish council support this application. Comments to be submitted on the WSC planning portal

14. Questions to the Chair: Nil

Meeting concluded 2145hrs. Next meeting 2/09/21 1930hrs

### **HEPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 8th of 2021**

An Extraordinary meeting of Hepworth Parish Council took place at 7.30pm on Thursday 22ND July 2021. This meeting was held in the Pavilion, Hepworth Recreation Ground.

The following items were discussed:

Persons Present: Mr G Bloomfield (Chair), Mr P Penn, Ms H Corris (Clerk), Mr R Shackleton, Mrs M MacPherson, Mr J Seldis

There were no members of the public

1. Apologies: Cllr L Robinson

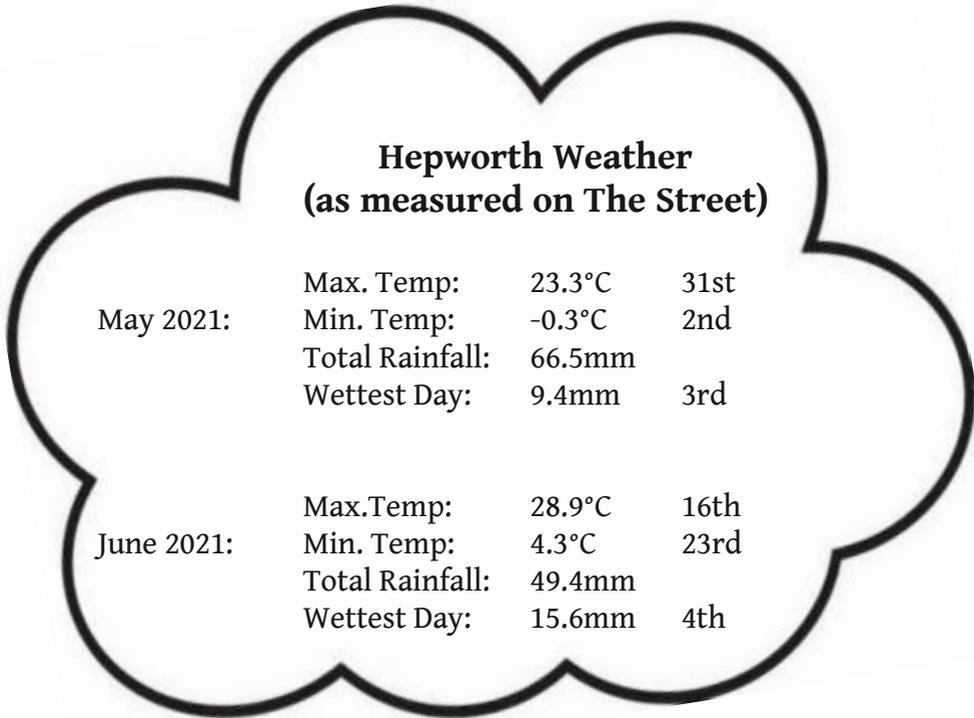
2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest

3. Dispensations: None

4. Planning Application DC/21/1354/ADV Application for advertisement consent - one non-illuminated village sign: Parish Council support this application. The population of Hepworth were part of a public poll last year and elected to replace the old sign with a new one and re-position it as per this application. The resident's chose the design and have had involvement throughout. There have been no objections received at the planning meeting.

5 Other Applications: None received

6. Questions to the Chair: Byway Weston Lane has not been dealt with by highways and remains hazardous to horses and other animals. PC will display warning notices to riders and walkers whilst this is chased up.



### Hepworth Weather (as measured on The Street)

May 2021:	Max. Temp:	23.3°C	31st
	Min. Temp:	-0.3°C	2nd
	Total Rainfall:	66.5mm	
	Wettest Day:	9.4mm	3rd

June 2021:	Max.Temp:	28.9°C	16th
	Min. Temp:	4.3°C	23rd
	Total Rainfall:	49.4mm	
	Wettest Day:	15.6mm	4th

**May 2021:** A cold, dull, wet May, except for the last 4 days of the month. On the 4th an ‘unnamed’ deep low pressure gave some very strong winds and a gust of 55mph here.

**June 2021:** A warm, rather dry month overall. Very warm and dry first half, followed by a cooler, changeable, wetter second half. The months highest max. (28.9°C, 16th) and lowest max. (14.5°C, 18th) occurred within 48 hours of each other, during a complete ‘pattern change’ of weather.

Kindly provided by Richard Hinton. See the latest weather and historical Hepworth weather data at <http://j.mp/HepworthWS>



**29th August**

**Recreation Ground**

**1pm to 5pm**

To celebrate the end of Covid 19 lockdown, the Parish Council invite you to Hepworth's Village Picnic. There is something for everyone on this special day.

Bring a picnic and enjoy music from Mick The Baker and his band or have fun on the Bouncy Castle/ Assault course for children and adults and a Face Painting artist.

There will be Burger Off Burger van and other refreshments available.

There is also an opportunity for you to see the proposed speed reduction plans for Hepworth which will be displayed in the Pavilion.

The announcement of the winners of the 2021 Scarecrow competition and presentation of the Worzel Gummidge cup will be at around 3pm.

Come and join in the fun.

Please note, in the interest of hygiene and an intact picnic, no dogs allowed at this event.

**Deadline for all copy (contents and adverts) for the October edition of Hepworth Herald is 17th September 2021. Please email all requests to [hepworthherald@gmail.com](mailto:hepworthherald@gmail.com)**

### **Hepworth Pavilion and Recreation Ground**

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## Macmillan coffee morning



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**Friday, 24th September**

10am onwards

Highfield Farm

David and Carol would like to thank you for your fabulous support at their 2020 coffee morning for Macmillan and they would like to invite you all to come along to this year's Coffee Morning

Everyone welcome.



**REDUCE SPEED  
NOW**

Hepworth Parish Council are delighted that Suffolk County Council have submitted traffic calming proposals for The Street. Following several traffic surveys, the average speed through the village was considered to be at an extremely dangerous level with speeds higher than 70mph being recorded.

Suffolk County Councillor Joanna Spicer has been working together with both the Parish Council and Suffolk highways to address this serious matter. The full plans are now available and will be displayed in the Pavilion for all to see at the Village Picnic on Sunday 29th August 2021 between 1pm & 5pm.



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