

## Chairman's Annual Report

Thank you for taking the time to read this, it's just a brief outline of what we at the Parish Council and volunteers have achieved over the past 12 months for the greater community of this village.

Once again, the Community Litter Pickers, Dawn and Anne have given up their time to keep the village clear of litter and this remains one of our priorities going forward as the fines for littering and dog fouling have now been increased by NWLDC so please continue to assist in keeping the village free from litter and dog foul. Keep up the good work and thank you.

Speeding remains one of our main issues to deal with in the village. In Autumn of last year we had meetings with LCC, Enforcement, Police, Developers and farm contractors with concerns regarding speeding on Atherstone Road. Out of this eventually came the speed humps being installed in January '18 thankfully. Speed humps were also installed on New Street to help with residents concerns on this road. At this current time we await a permanent speed camera to be installed on Burton Road – once in place it will remain in situ for approximately 2 years.

Rumble strips were also finally installed at five lane ends at the top of the village and a speed reduction of 50 mph. This will hopefully prevent a serious accident at these junctions. One of our Councillors has first hand experience of this !!

Last year also saw the village get the defibrillators installed in several locations within the village all thanks to 'Christmas at Measham' for allowing this to happen with their generous funding. Fortunately several people have now had training on how to use these.

Planning applications we know, remain an issue for some residents. Sometimes however, we don't get the results we would like. HS2 is still in the forefront and Measham Parish Council still stand totally against HS2 altogether. HS2 representatives came to January's meeting to discuss concerns from Councillors. It's good to see Plastic Omnium and Bloor Homes expanding their businesses in the village with an increase capacity in extending their facility and workforce.

The village inevitably is still earmarked for a further 400 homes and we await planning applications in due course for wherever these may be. One area earmarked is between Leicester Road and Ashby Road for development.

Policing the village remains one of our high priorities, but thanks to PC Harrison and the team for all their continued hard work. We continue to work closely with Housing Departments, both District and Social, to try to get a better understanding of people's needs and issues.

Riverway SUDS Scheme has now begun on the River Mease at the bottom of Riverway to help with the drainage. Thanks to the River Trust for overseeing this.

Last November we were proud to join Youth Club representatives at Leicester City Football Club for an award ceremony where they won a prestigious award for their continued work and commitment.

Poppy planting took place at the commemorative service last November. Children from the village schools planted a metal poppy for the service men and women that died in conflict. This year we will be unveiling a bench to commemorate World War I Centenary.

We have continued to support the many groups and organisations in the village to the best of our ability and will continue to do so. Special thanks go to Measham Library who with their volunteers continue to keep our library functioning. Well done!

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Councillors for their hard work and support over the past year. Thanks to Dawn, Anthea, Alan and Andy for your hard work and effort over the past 12 months. We continue to do our best for the village as we have always done. This is undertaken on a purely voluntary basis so feel free to join us if you are committed to the destiny of the village like we are, elections are to be held next May.

*Colin Manifold*

## MORE GOOD NEWS!

As you may have heard Ashby Canal Association has recently been awarded a £10,000 grant to explore the remaining industrial archaeology at the Ilott Wharf site in Measham. In parallel we will be doing a social history study to find those people who have memories of Ilott Wharf in its heyday, which was at least 50 years ago.

Now we have had another piece of good news. The Leicestershire Archaeological and History Society has given us a grant of £1150 which will allow us to do some supervised hands-on archaeology. This is particularly pleasing since LAHS are experts in their field and they can see the potential of Measham's undiscovered history.

We intend to start the practical work next month. If anyone is interested in volunteering for some practical archaeology or has memories or memorabilia of Ilott Wharf, please get in touch with me Dr Orest Mulka on 272761.

All the work we are doing is in preparation for extending the Ashby Canal back into Measham.

## LATEST SPEED SIGN STATISTICS

The latest stats are from 18.04.18 — 09.05.18, on Ashby Road, lamppost no 3 facing incoming traffic.

Average speed : **33.3 mph**

Max recorded speed : **75 mph**

Total number of vehicles : **68721**

Last recorded average speed: **32.4 mph**.

## Fly-tipping is a crime



## Report fly-tippers

Note the vehicle registration number, description of the tipper, where and when it happened and report it via [www.lesswaste.org.uk/flytipping](http://www.lesswaste.org.uk/flytipping)

Fly-tipping, or illegal dumping of waste, is an unsightly blight on local communities that causes harm to the environment and can be costly to clear away.

## NEXT PARISH MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday June 7th at the Cemetery Boardroom on Bosworth Road at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome to come along to council meetings with a period of time set aside at the beginning to raise questions with members.

