

Ravenshead Parish Council

Childrens Play Parks

As previously mentioned, the Parish Council is very keen to both upgrade and replace ageing equipment on our three play parks. Thanks to a sizeable grant last year from a waste management company, we were able to replace a large piece of equipment at the Leisure Centre park. Our attention has now turned to the Haddon Road Park where there are two pieces, the Train and the Wendy House, which are now beyond repair. Again, we will be submitting a bid for funding but would welcome as part of the bid, any feedback from residents to support the application, please contact Parish Clerks at office@ravensheadpc.org.uk

Ravenshead Litter Force

The March litter pick was unfortunately cancelled but there is another scheduled for 6th April. Regular members will be contacted but any further offers of help will be gratefully received. Please contact the Parish Clerks on 01623 490035 or office@ravensheadpc.org.uk Two young people have recently offered to help with litter picking around the village as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's award. Thank you to them.

Ravenshead in Bloom – help required

You will no doubt have seen the fantastic displays of crocuses around the village, primarily at road junctions, on the Ravenshead Common and on the Leisure Centre site. These have been planted by the St Peter's eco group over the last two years, with the bulbs being kindly donated by the Rotary club. The planters around the village too, are looking fantastic and a big thanks goes out to all the helpers.

We are holding a short meeting for all existing and hopefully new volunteers who will plant, water and maintain our planters across the village. If you feel able to help in any way at all, the meeting will be on 10th April in the Lonergan Room at the Leisure Centre at 2.00pm. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. Please contact the Parish Clerks if you require further details.

Ravenshead Post Office update

Whilst at the moment, the Sorting Office, based at the Post Office is secure, the concern has shifted to the viability of the Post office itself. Our Post Office may no longer be able to operate as a business unless more residents use it. There has been a steep decline in footfall since Christmas resulting in the reducing of opening hours. This has been put in place to reduce overheads. As always, **use it or lose it.**

New Tennis Court flood lights

New LED lights have recently been installed on our three tennis courts, resulting in much improved lighting as well as significantly reducing our energy consumption. For those who have not visited your village Leisure Centre recently, there are numerous activities and classes available for all ages. Our website is www.ravensheadleisure.co.uk

Leisure Centre driveway and car park

The Parish Council has been contacted recently about cars driving at excessive speed on the Leisure Centre driveway putting pedestrians in danger. We have been asked about installing both a footpath and lighting. Whilst that would be a nice project to undertake, the £25000 plus cost is unaffordable as well as being impossible as we do not own the driveway, we only have access rights. There are three other access points to the Leisure Centre site for pedestrians, one from Regina Crescent, again this path is not owned by the Parish Council. The other two short paths cross the Ravenshead Common from Swallow Crescent. Car drivers are urged not to exceed the 20mph speed limit on the drive and be on the lookout for pedestrians both on the driveway and in the car park.

Xmas Lights switch on 2024 – save the date

And finally, a date for your diary. The annual Christmas lights switch on will this year be held a few days earlier than usual, on Saturday 30th November at 5.00pm. Our previous food caterer is unable to attend this year and we are looking for perhaps a couple of different traders to stand on site that evening. If anyone has any suggestions or contacts, please do get in touch.

Martin Smith

Chairman, Ravenshead Parish Council