

Ravenshead Parish Council

Ravenshead Litter Force

Another successful litter pick took place on Saturday 6th April with 17 people taking part, comprising of residents, Parish Councillors and our local MP. In total, 45 bags of rubbish were collected from the verges of roads surrounding the village. As an example, four people collected 14 bags on Longdale Lane from the Kighill Lane junction to Rigg Lane. Thank you to all those who volunteered.

Ravenshead in Bloom

A meeting was held recently to gauge the enthusiasm for continuing to plant out the tubs in the precinct and at other sites within the village. 12 people attended, including residents and Parish Councillors. Most of the regular planters and waterers were thankfully happy to continue and a few new helpers have been enlisted. The planting of flowers in the precinct will this year be a joint effort, rather than leaving it all to one or two individuals as has been the case in recent years. Planting will take place on Saturday 1st June at 10.00am. If you would like to be involved in either planting or watering, please contact the Parish Clerks on 01623 490035 or office@ravensheadpc.org.uk

If you have any plants you may wish to donate or if you would like to sponsor a new planter, again, please do get in touch. We can certainly think of additional sites to for new tubs.

Best kept village competition

We have decided this year to enter the Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village competition. Judging will take place, unannounced, during June. There are numerous areas that the judges will be looking at including household front gardens, public spaces, planting of flowers, litter and business premises. Ravenshead residents always take pride in their village. so we are hopeful the judges will be impressed with what they see. Further details will be published next month.

Ravenshead Leisure Centre football pitches

Some residents will have seen on social media, calls for more space to play football. The Parish Council is sympathetic, but we literally do not either have the space, or the money to build a £2 million plus, artificial pitch, even with the assistance of grants. Interestingly, whilst some residents would like more football pitches, others have asked for a rugby pitch and a cricket square. We are all extremely proud and impressed with how much our two local football teams have grown, with over 25 teams being fielded. However, it was their decision to grow. The Leisure Centre site has now reached saturation point and cannot provide sufficient space for all of their teams.

The Parish Council is always happy to speak with residents about this and other issues and would prefer to engage in dialogue rather than see criticisms on social media.

As the weather continues to improve, it is fantastic to see so many residents making use of the facilities at the Leisure Centre. If you wish to play tennis, pétanque, badminton or any of the multitude of other activities on offer, take a look at the Leisure Centre website. www.ravensheadleisure.co.uk

Annual Parish meeting

Each year, the Parish council holds its annual Parish meeting where the work of the Council in the previous 12 months is reported on to any members of the public who wish to attend. It is also an opportunity to ask questions of Councillors and to hear a presentation about the Leisure Centre refurbishment. This year's meeting will be held at the Leisure Centre in the Lonergan Room at 7.00pm on Monday 20th May. All residents of Ravenshead are very welcome to attend. Again, please contact the Parish Clerks for any further details at office@ravensheadpc.org.uk

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