

Ravenshead Parish Council

Ravenshead Litter Force

Litter picking volunteers were out and about in the village on a very cold and damp Saturday recently. 14 residents and councillors collected 39 bags of rubbish and other debris in two hours, from road side verges surrounding the village. Two incidents of fly tipping were also reported. A further session is planned for Friday 28th March. Regular volunteers will be contacted with the details. However, if anyone else would like to offer two hours of their time to enhance our fantastic village, please contact the Parish Clerks on 01623 490035 or office@ravensheadpc.org.uk

Council Tax - village precept

At our January Parish Council meeting, Councillors were presented with several options regarding setting a balanced budget for 2025/26. A decision was made to put forward a proposal to increase the village element of the council tax by a modest amount. For a typical Band D property, this will result in an increase of 3.3p a week or £1.75 a year, at 2.97%. With inflation still running considerably higher, particularly for utility bills, this was considered by Parish Councillors to be a necessary increase. As mentioned previously, no financial support is given from Gedling Borough Council towards the cost of providing facilities within Ravenshead, this has to be found from the precept.

We believe that this provides excellent value for money, especially compared with other local villages. As an example, the precept charged in Calverton is more than double the amount charged in Ravenshead, around £60 more a year for a band D property.

Leisure Centre refurbishment

Further progress continues to be made on the refurbishment of the Leisure Centre. Asbestos was successfully removed from working areas, and demolition of the internal changing room walls has begun. The old flooring in the small sports hall has also been removed in preparation for the installation of a new sprung dance floor. The work is slightly ahead of schedule at the moment but a completion date in mid-June is still envisaged.

A big thank you goes to our regular users who have negotiated a slightly reduced car park and have managed with the temporary outside toilets.

Play Parks

The three play parks which are owned and managed by the Parish Council at Haddon Road, Abbey Gates and the Leisure Centre, have all passed their annual inspection with only a few bits of remedial work being necessary. We had already taken the unfortunate decision to remove the train from Haddon Road as it was beyond repair, having been in place for nearly 30 years. Funding is being sought to enable a replacement to be installed. With quotes coming in around £37,000, a staggering amount, it is money we currently do not have.

All of the areas have been recently pressure washed with painting of the equipment due to take place in the warmer months.

Martin Smith

Chairman Ravenshead Parish Council