

# Chairman's Annual Report 2020/2021

## St Nicholas Hurst Parish Council

Parish Meeting - May 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

My fifteenth report as Chairman of St Nicholas Hurst Parish Council.

Due to the Covid pandemic, we had to run the whole year by virtual meetings. Despite the remote working, our Clerk Maria was quick to re-arrange us and embrace this new way of working.

Part of reaching out to our large, and in parts, remote parish, was our volunteer leaflet. This helped us to support the community throughout this very difficult period.

Other groups to mention are firstly the team on the Hurst Community Facebook page - this provided a one stop shop for information and help, and secondly, Chocoholics for providing gifts of goodie bags to our elderly and vulnerable - well done all!

Our village shop and Post Office have been a lifeline to many residents, again the team provided an essential service to many in the village.

## Hurst COVID 19 Volunteer and resident support leaflet

 St Nicholas Hurst  
Parish Council

 **Hurst Village Society**

### HURST COVID 19

*In addition to support being provided by Wokingham Borough Council, working with various charities around the borough, Hurst have over 60 volunteers (listed overleaf) available to offer help should you need it for shopping, collecting medications or just someone to have a chat with during these difficult times.*

*Any queries please contact either myself or Maria Bradshaw details below.*

*Cllr. Wayne Smith*

### **If you need support . . .**

If you need help, the first thing to try is a family member, friend or trusted neighbour. Or, if you have a charity you already work with, contact them. If neither of those work for you, contact the Wokingham Borough Community Response by contacting Citizens Advice Wokingham: <https://citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk> or call 0300 330 1189 (entering 0118 978 7258 if prompted). Phone lines will be staffed Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm.

Citizens Advice Wokingham is the 'front door' for our community response. They are taking calls and emails from residents and putting them in contact with the people and organisations they need; for example the Wokingham Volunteer Centre can help collect medicines. First Days is running a food distribution hub to deliver food parcels and essential toiletries and the LINK Visiting Scheme will make regular welfare checks.

Wokingham Borough Council is working with the organisations above, as well as our parish council. Involve Community Services is communicating with the many voluntary sector organisations in the borough so we have an integrated response to those most in need.

***Please check for regular updates :***



Hurst Residents Coronavirus Action Group

Website: <https://woodedhill.uk>

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## The following wonderful people have volunteered to help in a ZONE near you:

### Barber Close / Sawpit Road / Martineau Lane areas

Becky	07584 567 442
Caroline	07787 514 508
Caroline	07767 730 186 / 0118 934 4663
Michelle	07515 736 415
Owen	07818 792 240
Sophie	07720 899 097

### Broadcommon Road / Lane areas

Pauline	07764 673 621
Sarah	07810 121 746
Teresa	07971 080 347
Theresa & Jason	07971 342 175

### Broadwater Lane areas

Anna	07771 594 052
Claire	07823 440 167
Janet	0118 934 2438
Laura	07884 181 788
Maria	07748 766 393
Martin	0118 932 0624

### Church Hill area

Bruce & Jane	07771 533 935 / 07951 587 690
Helen	07748 300 897

### Davis Street / Dunt Lane areas

Ann	07753 604 190
Ben	07701 026 921
Chantal	07867 131 936
Claire	07920 824 480
Jean & Mike	07941 493 079
Matthew	07948 336 656
Robin	07799 660 235
Sally & Darren	07733 408 217
Simon	07980 234 597
Vikki	07946 281 943

### Forest Road / Ashridge area

Michael	07799 135 003
Sally	07703 166 467

### Hinton Road area

Fiona	07912 105 898
Natasha	07711 910 928
Rebecca	07809 148 922
Surangi	07813 806 305
Suzy	07747 457 212

### Lodge Road area

Denise	07834 071 894
Jackie	07590 916 252
Liz	07981 013 049
Liz	07775 804 135
Pat	0118 934 4771 / 07979 952 880

### School Road area

James	07909 913 614
Lou	07973 909 579
Peter & Tina	07971 023 462
Richard	07980 872 034
Sandy	0118 934 3870

### The Street / Wards Cross

Jan	07803 938 957 / 0118 934 0745
June	0118 934 4245
Paul	0118 934 5203 / 07413 953 716

### Tape Lane area

Amanda	0118 932 0310 / 07977 079 123
Gavin	0118 934 4485
Jackie	0118 934 3830 / 07952 866 548
Rachel	0118 977 2071 / 07703 165 140
Vicky	07789 888 487

### Wokingham Road area

Neil & Suzanne	07941 672 137 / 0118 934 5009
Pippa	07759 344 431
Simon	07590 976 551

### St. Nicholas Church

Sue	07909 915 516
Jenny	07850 072 096

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**Note:** Some volunteers have offered to have a chat on the phone, some have offered to collect any medication and some to shop. If the volunteer cannot help, they can contact another volunteer for you.

## Precept (Hurst Parish Council tax) for 21/22

Annual amount went from £43,400 to £44,700 - increase of £1.48 per resident, per annum.

### Grants

Hurst Bowling Club	£1,000
Keep Mobile	£500
Citizen's advice bureau	£500

## Community Orchard

Great to see so many residents using the Orchard during lockdown.

We have now completed phase 2, with additional trees along the boundary, areas of wild flower meadow have been planted and our new sign.

We are planning a log hive with St Nicholas Primary school which will be completed during June.



## Allotments



Councillor Curry took over the running of the allotments for the PC, following the sad death of Howard Larkin. A memorial bench for Howard is currently in production and will be placed in the allotments.

During the year we have made various improvements to the area, including new gates alterations to the entrance and tidying up of the compost area.

Works should be complete in June.

## St Nicholas night

With no activities permitted, St Nicholas night celebrations were cancelled, although we still went ahead with the Christmas tree and lights. Many thanks to Suzy and Reddy Watt for donating the tree this year.



## **Speed monitoring**

We continued to carry out “speed watch”, working with councillors and residents. My thanks to Paul Palmer and Ken Curry for their help and support.

We also purchased a new display device that is designed to give instant results. The unit has been operational in Lodge Road, The Street and Hinton Road. A great reaction from residents has been received.

Images from Forest Road, Hinton Road, Wokingham Road /A321 and Davis Street.



## Bulb Planting

During November we planted around 5000 daffodil bulbs with the help of residents. Locations include our entrance signs, around the pond area, the entrance into Hurst from Twyford and the Community Orchard.



Finally, I would like to say, on behalf of the residents, a huge thankyou to all councillors who volunteer their time in providing an essential service to the community.

Sadly, four councillors decided not to stand again in this year's election. So, on behalf of the Parish Council and Hurst, we would like to express our appreciation and thanks to Councillors Mansfield, Pilgrim, Stephenson and Turvey.

Wayne Smith