



Hetton Courier

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LOOK

Hetton is blooming as young enthusiasts work together to keep it looking good. See inside for full details....

Hetton Sparkles this Christmas... with real live reindeers!

Hetton Town Council this year are determined to banish the winter blues and light up the district with the Traditional Christmas Tree and Illuminations... and a special visit from Santa's Reindeers, Dancer and Prancer (Rudolph is in resting for the big night!)

On Friday 30th November from 6.00pm Christmas really begins and families can soak up free festive entertainment from 6.00pm at Barnard Park (opposite swimming baths) where a small funfair, choirs, music and children's entertainment will be available for all... together welcoming the arrival of Santa Claus, his sleigh and real live reindeer!

Then with a flick of the switch the Mayor of Hetton will light up the huge live Redwood Christmas Tree and the Town Centre Illuminations. The famous Redwood Tree was donated to the Town

many years ago by visitors from Canada.

Following the switch on, Christmas carols will be sung around the tree, just to get you in the full Christmas mood.

The Town Council have taken the decision to spread the Christmas cheer throughout the district.

Everyone enjoys the beautiful Christmas Tree provided by the Community at Easington Lane and illuminations at Market Street. However, it was decided that our other villages need support, therefore for the first time, Christmas Trees will be provided for the communities of East Rainton and Moorsley, work has been undertaken to provide power and appropriate sockets on both village greens for everyone to enjoy the trees!



Best Christmas House Decorations Competition 2012

Name of householder:

Address of property to be judged:

Nominated by:

Christmas Decorations

Many residents now enjoy their Christmas season by putting superb Christmas decorations on the outside of their properties for all to enjoy.

The district becomes brighter and more uplifted looking at the vast array of illuminated features and characters.

Hetton Town Council are delighted to encourage and support this initiative and therefore will award prizes for the best-dressed home, with first prize of a winner's trophy, plus three runner-up plaques, and Christmas vouchers for the four households.

Between Friday November 30 and

Friday December 14, Ward Councillors will tour their areas to view and judge the decorated homes situated in East Rainton and Moorsley, Easington Lane, Hetton-le-Hole and Eppleton, and a winner will be chosen from each district.

The Mayor of Hetton will then have the difficult task of choosing an overall winner of the best in the district.

If you would like your home to be judged, or wish to nominate another home, simply complete and return the attached slip to the Hetton Town Council Office at the Hetton Centre before November 30.



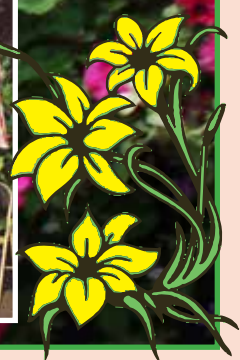
Hetton's Blooming Brilliant!

Once again Hetton maintained its impressive record in the annual Northumbria in Bloom 2012 competition. The displays in the Town Centre won a prestigious silver gift in the large town category, and Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve together with Hetton Lyons Country Park were also awarded commendations in the conservation section.

The Town Councillors are hoping to improve next year

and already preparations have begun, it is hoped that local businesses may sponsor a flower basket of plants to give the Town an 'X Factor' for visiting judges to see.

The photograph shows the Deputy Mayor Councillor Mrs Doris Turner, and the Leader of the Council Councillor Keith Hepple together with City Council representatives receiving the 2012 award from Lady Robson (Widow of the late Sir Bobby Robson)



Hetton Town Council... in action!



People often ask what matters the Town Councillors are busy working on to benefit the Town and Community, each year members examine issues and carefully decide the best way to commit the council resources (no increase in council tax to the residents has been levied for five years, therefore funds are obviously at a premium)

Recent projects in 2012 are as follows:-

You said.....

- Many complaints were received regarding the practice of persons parking 'cars for sale' on public grass verges causing a nuisance.
- The Easington Lane Memorial Clock Tower and Hetton Memorial Cross are in need of cleaning and maintenance.
- We enjoy using the new seats and litter bins provided.
- Concern was expressed regarding traffic management issues on the B182 North Road
- Many local groups and community organisations need support and assistance with development.
- We want to see how the Town Council operates and have our say on matters.

We did.....

- At Four Lane Ends a flower bed and rockery were created to prevent this anti-social practice, and similar projects will follow.
- In partnership with the City Council, a specialist contractor carried out the necessary work in time for Remembrance Day Sunday Services.
- Hetton Town Council continued to fund a programme of renewing street furniture.
- In consultation with the residents the City Council, following a request of Hetton Town Council, have proposed a series of measures to reduce speeding traffic.
- Hetton Town Council continue to make a full range of Community Grant Awards to more than 30 local groups each year.
- At each Town Council meeting there is a formal allocated time of 15 minutes to allow public participation.



"BIKEABILITY" For everyone's safety.

All of us will be familiar with our schooldays and "the cycling proficiency test".

Well, things have moved on, but the city council road safety team still visits schools to advise and help cycling in safety and care on the road.

Many Hetton and District school children will soon be receiving their certificate of completion following the

safety training and as a special award.

Hetton Town Council has funded a series of presentations in schools where star pupils will be presented by the Mayor of Hetton with the prizes of Cycle Safety Helmets, lights and other necessary equipment, with a special "well done" from all.



Council Meetings



The full formal meeting of the Town Council are now held in the Council Chamber, the Hetton Centre on the Third Monday of each month (except August) commencing at 7.15pm, and are open to the public.

Where possible (when not discussing items of a confidential issue), all sub-committees of the Council are also open to the public.

Sub committees are-

- Finance and Resources
- Policy and Management
- Planning and Development
- Events and Community
- Activities

Meetings of the Sub-Committees are held as and when necessary. Notices of the meeting are posted in The Hetton Centre, five days prior to each meeting.

THE 'HETTON HERITAGE' Calendar 2013



HETTON TOWN COUNCIL



(Unknown lady on the platform of Hetton Station, circa 1920)

Photographs kindly loaned by Bob Moody from his personal collection

THE PROCEEDS OF ALL SALES FROM THE CALENDARS WILL BE DONATED TO THE MAYOR OF HETTON'S CHOSEN CHARITIES: MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY (REGIONAL) AND HETTON MEDICAL CENTRE (EQUIPMENT FUND)

The Hetton Heritage Calendar 2013 is now on sale, produced by Hetton Town Council, featuring pictures of the Town from a bygone age.

The photographs were loaned by Bob Moody from his own personal collection, and the proceeds of sales from the calendars will be donated to the Mayor of Hetton's chosen charity Cancer Research.

Calendars cost £4 each and are available from the Hetton Council Office in the Hetton Centre.

No one misses out...

Hetton Town Council aims to deliver the *Hetton Town Courier* to every household in its area.

If you know of someone who has not received their copy please contact:

Hetton Courier Deliveries, Hetton Town Council, The Hetton Centre, Welfare Road, Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne and Wear, DH5 9NE.

To help you...

The Hetton Town Courier will also be available to read on the Town Council's website -

www.hettontowncouncil.gov.uk

However, arrangements can be made to provide the publication in: Large print, Audio version and other languages.

If you need the publication in an alternative format, please contact the Town Clerk on (0191) 553 6600

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YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Working hard for you in
Hetton Town Council



Hetton-le-Hole



Cllr F Anderson



Cllr W L Glover



Cllr D Turner



Cllr C R Nairns



Cllr J Steel



Cllr A R Wilkinson

Easington Lane



Cllr J Blackburn



Cllr J Blackburn



Cllr D Todd



Cllr A Maddison



Cllr E Richardson



Cllr M A Adamson

Hetton Downs



Cllr G W K Hepple



Cllr J Heron



Cllr R Heron



Cllr W S Robinson



Cllr Alan Robson



Cllr R Meadows

East Rainton and Moorsley



Cllr D Storey



Cllr R D Tate



Cllr J Cummings



Hetton Town Council

COME ALONG AND MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

WARD SURGERY

at

St. Cuthbert's Church Hall,

East Rainton

on

Monday 10th December 2012

10am - 12noon

Hetton Town Council has four wards with members elected by you to represent your interests.

Full contact details of all the Councillors, including their addresses, are available in a special "Know Your Councillors" leaflet which you can pick up at Hetton Town Council Offices, Hetton and Easington Lane libraries, the Hetton Centre and at local doctors' surgeries. Or you can go online and visit the Council's website.

www.hettontowncouncil.gov.uk



2012 was a special year for everyone with the London Olympic Games and of course the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Hetton Town Council helped celebrate by arranging a superb children's painting competition depicting their view of the celebrations and Queen Elizabeth the Second, all schools in the Town entered and a fantastic exhibition was staged in The Hetton Centre during June, The Mayor and Mayoress of Hetton, had a difficult task of Judging the winning entries in all age groups. The Town Council presented prizes to the winners.

Every schoolchild in our district received a gift of a commemorative pen and special bookmark from the Town Council to keep as a reminder of the celebrations.

A special day was arranged where representatives of each school enjoyed a Jubilee Party in The Hetton Centre, courtesy of the Town Council more than 250 local youngsters enjoyed a special tea-party with food and gifts, together with an afternoon of games and professional entertainers... a day to remember forever!

Mayor's Festive Visits

During the weeks leading up to the festive break, the Mayor of Hetton Cllr Allen Maddison will be making the usual Mayoral Christmas visits to schools and residential homes in our district.

Local primary schools often host the Mayor at their nativity plays and Christmas parties, while mince pies are often on the menu for the Mayor when visiting the elderly in residential care.



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Council Meetings

Public Holidays

17 December 2012, 21 January 2013 and 18 February 2013 - 7.15 pm
Monday 20 May is the 2013 AGM



Council Meetings 2012/13 and Useful Telephone Numbers

Sunderland City Council	0191 520 5555
Housing and Council Tax Benefits	0191 520 5502
Neighbourhood Helpline	0300 100 0101
Street Lighting	0800 328 7658
Free School Meals	0191 553 1417
Environment Agency	0800 807 060
Homelessness Enquiries	0800 731 2963
Council Tax	0191 561 1144
Dog Warden	0191 561 1661
Health, Housing and Adult Services	0191 566 2000
Neighbourhood Police Team	0345 604 3043
Victim Support Helpline	0845 303 0900

Have your say...

Hetton Town Councils monthly meetings (every third Monday of the month commencing at 7.15pm) include an official item on the Agenda, that of Public Participation, where residents can come along to the meeting to discuss agenda items and have their say on issues that affect them. The Mayor who controls the meetings will allow a designated time slot for the points to be made.

Items raised may be discussed immediately, or noted and discussed at a subsequent meeting. If there are minor issues raised, or matters that need urgent attention (for example street lights not working or litter problems), attendees can leave a short written note detailing the issue, and leave it with the Town Clerk for attention.

