

# HETHERSETT NEWSLETTER

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## Youth Has Its Say

LITTER and road safety were two of the major topics discussed when Hethersett Brownies met with members of the parish council.

Youngsters (pictured opposite) were keen to discuss numerous topics with councillors Stephen Slack, Jackie Sutton, Peter



Steward and Viv Hawes. The special evening was arranged as part of the Brownies' work towards their "Girls Matter: Hear our Voice" badges which Girl Guiding created to introduce them to government and politics.

The youngsters were forthright in their opinions and quick to point out that roads in the village need to be safer and more needs to be done to support the Hethersett Environmental Action Team's regular litter picks. The Brownies were invited to join in with a future pick. Other topics brought up by the youngsters included the setting up of cinema and art clubs, an increase in the amount of open space and play areas and more care for wildlife and the environment.

The council is keen to find a youth champion from amongst its ranks to work with young people in Hethersett. Meanwhile Adrienne Quinlan has been co-opted to the council with immediate effect.

**The council is also planning monthly public surgeries in the village library. These Parish Pop In events will give the public a chance to quiz councillors on a whole host of subjects affecting the village. The surgeries will be held from 2 until 4 pm on the second Monday of each month, beginning on January 11th, 2016.**

# Council Supports Health Hub

HETHERSETT Parish Council chair Jackie Sutton officially opened a new health and well being hub at Rowan House in Queen's Road.

"On behalf of Hethersett Parish Council and residents we welcome the opening of our new Health and Wellbeing Centre at Rowan House. Hethersett is a growing community with a thriving sports association whose objective is to improve the health and wellbeing of our community by encouraging residents to take up physical and social activities. As our health services face unprecedented demands for provision of health care, we should whenever possible take responsibility for our own well being and endeavour to adopt healthier life styles.

"The diverse complementary therapies offered at Rowan House will provide our community with local accessible services and support the ethos of our sports association. We wish the centre



every success," Ms Sutton said. The new centre will cater for a variety of health related therapies including physiotherapy, sports massage, osteopathy, hypnotherapy, counselling, meditation, baby massage, aromatherapy, pilates and much more. The new hub has its own Facebook page and website and anyone wanting further information can contact

**[info@rowanhousecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@rowanhousecentre.co.uk)**

Our photograph shows Business Manager Rachel Pailes with her parents Graham and Mary Tuddenham who own Rowan House

## Change of Contact Details for Parish Clerk

Please note that parish clerk Ian Weetman has a new address. He can be contacted at. 18, Haconsfield, Hethersett, NR9 3 AW. His telephone number remains the same at 01603 810915

# News From Your Council

The Parish Council is working with Hethersett Environmental Action Team in an attempt to cut back on dog fouling in the village. Both groups are keen to stress not only the anti-social aspects of owners not clearing up after their pets, but also the dangers to children from animal faeces which can spread disease.

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This year's Hethersett Open Gardens scheme organised by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team saw 21 gardens open to the public and raised £1,750 which will provide a commemorative World War One seat in the centre of the village on land close to the refurbished village sign. A donation has also been made to the Wymondham Nature Group.

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The council is urging cyclists to light up now that the nights are closing in. A number of cyclists have been seen without lights after dark. The council is urging cyclists to ensure they are lit up, wear a helmet and use cycle paths whenever they are available

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The council is keen to emphasise the need for residents to keep their hedges trimmed. Owners of unkempt hedges will receive a letter from the council pointing out the dangers of hedges overhanging paths and roads. This is a particular danger for pushchairs and wheelchair owners.

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The Parish Council is to arrange remedial work on the village skateboard park, designed to make it safe whilst decisions are taken on its future. The park is currently shut and off limits and will remain closed even after the remedial work has been completed. Hethersett and the Meltons Sports Association will be discussing the area's future at its next meeting in January.

**RETIRING** councillor Heather Williamson (pictured below left with council chair Jacky Sutton) was thanked for her service to the village at a special “Open Gardens” film show in the village hall.



Heather served on the parish council for 12 years during which time she worked tirelessly on behalf of the environment and older people: “Heather can be seen out in the village working in all weathers irrespective of whether it’s the heat of summer or the cold of winter,” chair Jackie Sutton said. She presented Mrs Williamson with a bouquet. Councillor Jim Bartram has taken on the role of champion of the elderly vacated by Heather.

## Opposing Library Cuts

HETHERSETT Parish Council will strongly oppose any attempts to close the village library. The council has also received assurances from its county councillor Judith Virgo that she will also fight to keep the library open: “We will not agree to any fire service or library cuts. I know how precious Hethersett Library is and how important it is to the village,” she said referring to the views of the Conservative Party on Norfolk County Council.

## IN NEED?

Are you aware there are funds available in the village?

We may be able to offer help or assistance to you or someone you know who lives in Hethersett.

All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.

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