

**Spring
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Hawkwell Residents Association Established 1994 **Community Voice** Covering - Hawkwell, Ashingdon & Rochford

Hawkwell Parade Shopping Area

After complaints from our members two years ago about the poor state of Hawkwell Parade car park and walkways, we have written twice to the owners but have not receive a reply. Still no repairs have been done and the situation is getting worse. We have now asked Rochford District Council through the Central Area Committee if there is anything they can do, as there are a number of public safety issues.

Recycling

Rochford District Council gave Hawkwell Parish Council a presentation on recycling in our area. They have now agreed to repeat this for the public at the Hockley Residents Association meeting at 19.30 on the 8 June 2010 at Kilnfield House next to Hockley Station.

Police News

We attend the monthly Neighbourhood Action Panel (NAP) police meetings to receive the latest crime and traffic information and to put the concerns of our members to the police. At the moment the police are aiming to stop vehicles parking on pavements and verges by imposing a £30 fine.

A police office is now open at Wells Legal Homes 42B Spa Road, Hockley. It will be a base for the police in our area but will not be manned continuously.

NHS PCT News

We are informed from our regular meetings with Andrew Pike and his colleagues at the NHS Primary Care Trust (PCT) that cut backs in funding due to the financial climate mean that their 5 year plans will be severely affected. One of the main points for Hawkwell is that we will not be getting a new clinic in our area for a while although some improvements to the existing clinic in Hockley have not been ruled out.

The good news is that the contract has now been placed with the two surgeries in our area. The new group is called 'The Practice', which took over Dr Sen's surgeries in

Hawkwell and Rochford. Their website is: www.thepracticeplc.com.

The PCT placed additional NHS dental cover with the White Hart Lane surgery on a temporary basis while they went out to tender for permanent cover. This cover will run out in April 2010 but the permanent cover with a new practice may possibly not start until as late as September 2010. Unfortunately for existing patients that took up the temporary service at the White Hart Lane surgery this may require them to attend a practice in Rayleigh or Rochford on a temporary basis. We have now heard that the

new permanent practice will be run by Harunani & Co Group and will be located at Montrose House in Southend Road, Hockley. The White Hart Lane surgery will still see NHS patients that joined them before the temporary cover was added. The Hawkwell Residents Association were not happy with the way the PCT organised this contract and we did all we could with the Hockley Residents Association to keep the temporary cover with the White Hart Lane surgery until the permanent practice was opened but unfortunately we were unsuccessful.

“Help Us to Help You”

Rochford Expansion Update

The Public Inquiry into Rochford District Council's (RDC) proposed Core Strategy to build 175 new homes in Hawkwell is due to start on 10 May. We will be working with other local groups to try and ensure that the views of residents are fully heard.

The David Willson Homes planning application to build 300 plus homes on the Christmas Tree Farm area, which was turned down by RDC, is now awaiting a government appeal.

Southend Airport runway extension, which now has been given government approval, is bound to increase the traffic running through our area on the B1013.

A new plan for Hockley village centre is due out in May with apparently lessons learned from the Rayleigh plan. Hockley Residents Association, Hockley Under Threat and Hockley Parish Plan Group together carried out a short survey on changes residents would like for the centre of Hockley. As Hockley is for many residents in Hawkwell their nearest shopping centre, we asked Hawkwell residents to take the survey to also get their preferences for the area. The results of the survey were basically as little change as possible please. The results may be found on our website.

Please visit our website: www.hawkwell.org

Crossing in Main Road

We are very pleased that the new crossing has been started on Main Road but disappointed that it has not been located in the requested area for children walking to school between Thorpe Road and Tudor Way. Instead it has been located

south of Thorpe Road which would require school users walking further. This distance may only be an additional 20 metres or so in each direction but people do not like to walk further than they have to and may decide not to use it.

7 & 8 Bus Services

We have been informed that the 7 and 8 bus services will be returning to two per hour in May 2010. We have not seen timetables yet but this is good news and follows continued pressure from us and other local organisations. We are also pleased to see that timetables have been installed at all bus stops in our area. Unfortunately there will be no return of the number 8 evening service but we will keep pushing for it.

Coach trips with pickup points in Hawkwell

Hockley Residents Association has coach trips for 2010 with pickup points in Hawkwell:

Saturday 15th May – ‘The Producers’ at the Cliffs Pavilion.

Sunday 23rd May – Beaulieu.

Saturday 26th June – Hemingford Abbots.

Sunday 4th to Thursday 8th July – North Yorkshire Dales & Northumberland.

Friday 13th August – Otley Hall & Boat Trip.

Sunday 19th September – Chatham Dock Yard.

Sunday 31st October – Penshurst Place & Hever Castle.

Saturday 20th Nov - ‘Seven Brides for Seven Brothers’ at the Cliffs Pavilion.

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th December – Weekend Break.

For further details please visit Local News on our website at hawkwell.org or contact Brian O’shea. Phone: 01702 204334. We would like to congratulate Brian O’shea who has now been given a Highly Commended in the Rochford District Council’s Citizen of the Year Awards for 2010.

Thank you to our Newsletter Volunteers

We would like to thank our folders, distributors and deliverers that make our newsletter possible and affordable. We are always looking for volunteers to deliver to every home in our area. In order for this service to continue we need more help. If you are not already a deliverer and can spare an hour every 6 months we would be very grateful.

RDC Central Area Committee

We now attend the Rochford District Council (RDC) Central Area Committee meetings on a regular basis to put questions that we get from our members. Unfortunately most of the answers we get are not very helpful, claiming most items we ask are not their responsibility and they seem to be unwilling to take up the causes. The meetings are open to the general public and questions can be put before the meetings using the RDC website: www.rochford.gov.uk.

Local Farmers Markets

We now have Farmers Markets in Rochford and Hockley. Rochford Farmers Market is celebrating its tenth year! The organisation, which is run by volunteers aims to provide a choice of fresh food and attract people to visit and shop in Rochford. The market starts at 9.30am on the first Saturday of each month until November at the WI Hall, West Street and closes at approximately 12.30pm. Hockley monthly farmers market was started up in October 2009 and they are held on the second Saturday of each month at the Old Fire Station.

The Hawkwell Fayre

Hawkwell Village Summer Fayre will be held at Rochford Hundred Rugby Club on Saturday 3rd July 2010. Enjoy music, competitions, country crafts and more.

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Is there an issue in Hawkwell that you would like us to address or help you with?

I am Interested in joining the committee (please circle) **YES / NO**

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