



## Crime Report from 01-04-11 until 31-03-2012

This year has shown a decrease in the crimes recorded and dealt with in the Henstridge area. This year has also seen the response officers re-located to Somerton, I want to reassure the Council that Henstridge is still being Policed promptly and effectively 24 hours a day.

Due to cutbacks within the Police service we have lost several of our back office staff, however at this time it has had no impact on our front line policing in this area.

Sergeant HAWKINS is currently away on an attachment, however a replacement Sergeant will be appointed in May 2012.

*SGT DEAN HAMILTON REPLACEMENT, AS STATED 20 JUNE 2012.*

I look forward to working with the Council throughout the next year and please do not hesitate to contact me at Wincanton Police Station.

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There were 76 Crimes recorded in the Henstridge area between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, as detailed below. This is lower than the previous year, between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011, where 100 crimes were recorded.

Arson	1
Assault	19
Burg in a Dwelling	1
Burg Other Dwelling	4
Criminal Damage	11
Dog Complaints	2
Distraction Burglary	0
Drug	0
Drunk & Disorderly	0
Fraud/Forgery by False Rep	2
Harassment	3
Making off without Payment	0
Malicious Communication	4
Other	10
Theft	0
Theft of/from MV	12
Theft of Pedal Cycle	6
Threats to Destroy/Damage	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>

'Other' relates to crime related incidents (not actual crimes but incidents which needed recording) and incidents which were out of our force area, but reported to A&S.

There were 334 calls where the public called the Police. This also includes messages for officers and on occasions we have more than one report of an incident (i.e. An accident can generate up to 10 different calls).

## **Henstridge Annual Parish Meeting 2012**

### **Chairman's Statement**

Welcome to the Henstridge Annual Parish Meeting.

### **Parish Council**

This is the first year of the new council since last year's elections and I firstly want to thank the councillors for their attendance at meetings this year.

Zoe Godden the clerk has continued in her training and continues to support the parish council in its role. This role will be affected by the Localism act and Zoe will be attending a course on this and advise the council of its impact and any chances the council needs to make.

The Parish Council continues to strive to improve the amenities of the Village where it is within our remit. This includes the clerk in releasing monies held by ssdc from developments in the parish this includes the play area (where the school was invited to choose from 2 options) and changing rooms. The parish secured the long lease from the woodland trust after strong public concerns after the woodland was advertised for sale. The woodland is now subject to a maintenance plan and we hope to involve the community / school in planting of bluebells enhancing the woodland. The skate park has been well used and I again thank the Fundraisers for their hard work in making this happen. We have also held a litter picking weekend which saw 21 people attend over the weekend including one of our local primary school students Carenza Howell on both days. We would like to thank all who made the effort to come out and make the days a success. We will be doing this again and welcome the support of the entire parish. The parish council also after concerns around dog fouling have been working with Linda Jones to monitor and improve the issue. I would like to remind all dog walkers of their responsibilities and remind all parishioners that the enforcement of dog fouling even at the rec is the responsibility of SSDC and all information should be passed directly to the ssdc reporting line. We would like to thank Linda and her colleagues who have given their time freely to help with this issue. Their efforts are much appreciated.

### **Finance**

These are difficult times for everybody and with rising fuel costs, the Council have had to increase the precept by £3,000 to £27,000. The precept as you are aware is to meet the running costs of the Parish including Insurance, maintenance of the Council Burial ground, allotments and recreation areas, machinery, salaries and administration. Unfortunately costs have gone up and services provided by ssdc for free in the past are now being charged, we also needed to update the councils it system this year hence the above average rise this year but we are still per household well within the average range of similar sized parishes in south Somerset.

The Council sets aside budget for small donations to local projects/clubs to be granted in the current financial year. It should be noted however that major expenditure has to

be budgeted for the next financial year. Requests for consideration for expenditure need to be received by September for the financial year starting the following April.

### **Planning**

Planning matters are dealt with by the Planning Committee which meets every two weeks. The committee this year will once again comprise the whole of the Council.

Last year the Committee made recommendations on 39 planning applications, a 23% decrease over last year.

It is the requirement of planning laws for the local Planning authority to consult with Parish Councils. The majority of planning applications for the Parish are dealt with by South Somerset District Council.

It is not the role of this Parish Council to determine any application, however at the meeting the job of the Planning Committee is to agree on what the response should be given to the Planning authority, from a local point of view and to highlight the most important local issues surrounding a particular planning matter. In common with full Council meetings all planning meetings are open to the public and public opinion on planning applications is always welcomed by the Parish Council either at the meeting or in writing. For your information, copies of meeting agendas are posted on the Parish Council's Henstridge and Yenston notice boards and on the Parish Council website.

Thanks to Carolyn for helping with the refreshments and wish everyone well for the coming year.

Thank you

St Nicholas Henstridge

## **A report for the Annual Parish Meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012**



St Nicholas Church, Henstridge is part of the united benefice of Abbas & Templecombe, Henstridge and Horsington in the deanery of Bruton & Cary, and diocese of Bath & Wells. The Rector is Rev'd Peter Hallett, and the churchwardens are Mrs Jane Jeanes and Mr Richard Scambler.

The churchwardens are elected annually at the annual meeting of parishioners. The parochial church council (PCC), are charged with co-operating with the Rector in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish of Henstridge the whole mission of the church: evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The parochial church council is comprised of elected lay representatives, who are elected at the annual parochial church meeting; and *ex officio* members, namely the Rector, churchwardens, and lay representatives who are elected to the deanery synod.

The church membership at the moment is 35 persons. A member for this purpose is someone who is 18 years or older and attends public worship at least once a month. This membership largely influences how much money this parish contributes to the diocesan budget. The vast majority of the diocesan budget goes to providing parish clergy (approx 80%) - but it also finances the diocesan administration and the people who support the parishes.

Although the membership of the church is about 35, the number attending a normal Sunday Service is somewhat less than that being in the mid-twenties. Significantly higher numbers attend on special occasions and festivals, viz Easter, Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance Sunday, and our Christmas Services when the congregation will approach or even exceed 100.

There are Services every Sunday to which all are warmly welcome. Because the Rector serves three parishes, he cannot always be present at the main Service every Sunday - on those occasions members of the laity lead the worship. We seek to provide a range of Services from the traditional to the quite informal.

The Rector is always willing to visit those who request it - and take holy communion to those unable to attend church because of age, infirmity or sickness.

We enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life - through baptism, weddings and funerals.

During 2011, as part of the PCC's duties to maintain and improve the church, the following projects were undertaken: the lighting in the body of the church has been replaced; Pew cushions have been fitted to increase the comfort of those attending the church; the winding mechanisms to the tower clock chimes have been electrified. During 2012 we the north chapel will be re-modelled and improved. A longer term aim is to install a servery and a toilet.

The PCC sponsors *Loose Ends* which meets in the Village Hall Lounge every Friday morning. With a grant from the parish council it produces *Wots On* a community magazine. It also sponsors such events as the *Jostle* - the village street fayre.

In 2011 it cost £22,481 to run our parish church, plus a further £7,992 of extra expenditure. This is raised by the committed giving of our members, and fund raising.

**Henstridge Village Hall  
Trustees Annual Meeting Report  
1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012**

**MAINTENANCE**

As the hall gets older it is even more important that we keep on top of the maintenance, this year we have managed to redecorate the main hall and made necessary repairs to the water heaters. In the Summer we experienced two flooding due to burst pipes in the kitchen, this damaged the flooring in the kitchen and took a long time to dry the hall out.

**FUNDRAISING**

Due to personal commitments of our members fundraising has been slower this year than usual, although funds of over £600 was raised via the Lions Christmas Float, stalls we held at the Jesters Jostle and a kind donation from the WI.

**NEW TRUSTEES**

The next financial year 2012/13 will be the last year that this committee will stand. At our next AGM in 2013 the majority of the current committee members will step down from their responsibility. So in the coming year we need people from the community to come forward and express their interest in joining the village hall committee, experience of booking keeping, chairing meetings would be an advantage although not essential, as training will be given to all new committee members. Please do get in touch if you have time to spare, we usually meet on a bi-monthly basis and also carry out a couple of fundraising events during the year.

**THANKS**

We would like to offer our thanks to our sponsors in the last year including the Parish Council, the WI & The Blackmore Vale Lions Club. Also thanks to John Hunt for examining our year-end accounts again. I would also like to thank all our Trustees who provide their time free of charge to ensure the smooth running of the hall. Last but not least we would like to say a big thank you to all our users for your loyalty and hope you have benefited from our hall over the past year and will continue to support the hall in the future.

**TRUSTEES - APRIL 2011 TO MARCH 2012**

Sam Best	Chairperson
Ann Frost	Treasurer
Lesley Best	Secretary
Bridget Hallett	Booking Clerk
Ruth Moody	
Liz Holbrook Council	Representative of Henstridge Parochial Church
Marris Trott	Representative of Henstridge Football Club
Jean Oswick	Representative of Henstridge Parish Council

Report produced by Sam Best - Chair - May 2012

Annual Parish council meeting 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

Henstridge Sports Club founded May 2008

Chairman Steve Penny.

Sports club formed in May 2008 its members being representatives of the Football, cricket, & Taekwondo clubs. Its aim is to collectively raise funds for sports & recreational facilities within the Village.

Both the Football & cricket clubs have represented the village for over 100 years-The football club have again won the Premier division of the Yeovil & District League ( the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running) and have also won 3 of the 4 cup competitions-A fantastic achievement by the youngsters of the village.

We know we have very good competitive & successful sports teams, but our changing facilities are considered one of the worse – This was confirmed by a recent health & safety review. The sports club, along with the support of the Parish council & village hall committee, have been investigating the possibility of having new facilities.

We originally looked at ‘stand alone’ facilities and later new changing rooms as part of a new village hall project. Whilst a new village hall would be the best way forward and benefit the whole village, this option is the most expensive and difficult to raise the required finance in the present economic downturn.

We have therefore looked into replacing the existing changing facilities at a lower cost – drawings & quotes have been supplied and an application submitted for funds already allocated for sports & recreational facilities in the Village. The cost is likely to be approx £28000 including VAT which can be claimed back. If our application is successful and with the funds raised by the sports club, we should have sufficient finance to proceed.

We will keep you up to date with progress via the Henstridge Village news letter.

Many thanks

Steve.



Annual Parish Meeting 28 May 2012

## Henstridge WI Report.

The WI has had another busy and eventful year with our own, group, and federation meetings. Membership remains steady, two members left but we gained three new members. We have had a few visitors. This year we have vouchers for one free visit to a WI for anyone who wants to attend a meeting (women only, sorry gentlemen).

A variety of topics are covered at our meetings throughout the year which reflect the WI's interest in a range of different subjects. Our monthly competitions carry on the tradition of the WI by being related to food and crafts.

The talks have included a cheese tasting and information about different cheeses and the making of them; a demonstration of cooking a fish stew by Martyn Else and eating the delicious result. Health was covered by a talk and demonstration on reflexology, the history of the hospice movement and St. Margaret's hospice, and autism.

Gold club membership continues with Castle Gardens, in January we had a talk and demonstration on low maintenance gardening, a subject we are all interested in as we get older.

Fundraising events included the Village Hall Quiz in January, the money raised going to the Village Hall and the Air Ambulance.

Although six resolutions were put forward to all WI's by the National Federation only one has been put forward to take to the National AGM in June, and that was the employment of more midwives.

Henstridge, this year, hosted the Group business meeting and Group Social and we have joined in with events put on by other WI's in the group.

The Group social was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012, the theme being the Diamond Jubilee. An excellent evening including the music of the 1950's and '60's provided by Adelaide Brown on the flute and Liz Holbrook on the keyboard was followed by a buffet meal.

Of course, being a WI event we had a competition. Each WI provided a handmade crown with handmade adornments. Wincanton won first prize, Henstridge second and Milborne Port third.

The inter group skittle matches have started and also the croquet which will culminate in an inter group match in September.

We are looking forward to a trip to Winchester in June, and ten pin bowling in August.

Future talks are "My life as a Dairy Farmer"; "The Bobby on the beat in the 1960's" and "Angels – ancient and modern".

Somerset Federation has changed the date of the AGM's held in November to May from next year to coincide with the resolution meeting.

Many other events which members can join in with are advertised in the monthly County News.

Margaret Hunt  
Secretary Henstridge WI

## St Nicholas Church of England Primary School – Report on 28.05.12

The village school continues to grow and develop in many ways. Number on role will creep in to the 80s in September and County's forecasts show that this will continue to rise. Currently we are planning the provision of a new classroom – temporary building on the school field. County have written to neighbouring homes explaining the work that is to be completed on 24<sup>th</sup> August – if all goes according to plan.

Staff continue to develop and enhance the learning experiences for all of the children and standards remain high as acknowledged by County's standards and assessment team. To date, the children have enjoyed a range of indoor and outdoor activities – some of the highlights are:

- Environmental week – building our cob pizza oven using clay from the school field. The children can now enjoy outdoor cooking of our home grown vegetables.
- Work continues in our learning garden – Mrs Howell takes charge of this and comes in on a weekly basis to teach the children new skills from planting to pruning.
- Class trips – Brass concert in St Nicholas Church, den building and fire making at Carymoor, weekly swimming sessions for all pupils (Reception to Year 6 pupils) and this incoming term will see our older pupils have lots of fun at a new high ropes course in Taunton. One of the highlights of course was taking the children to see Her Majesty The Queen in Crewkerne. (Well done to Chloe in Year 5 who brought us a letter that her brother received from The Queen herself.) On Thursday – our special jubilee meal with hats, presentation coins etc.
- Visitors to school include – weekly assemblies by Peter Hallett which the children thoroughly enjoy (this term learning all about Moses and his journey from humility to greatness), sports coaches – tennis, multi-sports etc, John Allen who ran an Olympic Stadium construction day with Year 4, 5 and 6. We also enjoyed Ian Jackson, a local illustrator, who came in to work with the children to compose their own story books.

We also enjoyed a visit from PCSO, John Winfield, who came in and spoke to the children about being a good member of the community – how each individual can play a huge part in keep Henstridge a safe, happy place for all.

This is a light snapshot of all the work we are doing. St Nicholas place much value of working as a team and I would like to thank you as members of our community for helping us on our journey – Mrs Ann Frost for coming in to help with reading each week, Roy Schofield for emailing response to events, and numerous members of the village who have dropped off milk bottle tops for our recycling/charity work with Project Romania.

As our school evolves and builds on past and current successes, we are continually looking for helping hands. If you feel you have a talent or an interest in working in school (inside or outside), please do come in and see us.

Our mission statement is:

We provide a space for your child to grow, and if it's big they will grow tall.

You are most welcome to join our space.

Mrs Alison Shearer (Headteacher)

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Ann Frost	Village Hall Comms
Angus Bunter	Cricket Club
David French	Citizen
Anna Lamburn	Explorers Pre-school
Hannah Cackallador	Explorers
Mr. Holloway	
Alison Shearer	Village School