

WETWANG FOCUS

Autumn Newsletter

We hope to keep you up to date with projects, local events, advice and information. Content is welcomed and can be given to the Parish Clerk.

We would like to introduce our two new Councillors; Janette Hayes and Simon Miles. They join our other nine Councillors: Lynne Curtin, Lewis Clark (Vice Chair), Charlotte Dixon, Anthony Granville-Fall, Andrew McCormack (Chair), Julia Potts, Reena Scrowston, Brenda Taylor and Frank Wilson.

Wetwang Community Park

Planning permission has been granted for the new play park to be situated on Northfield Road. Children at the school have been asked for their opinion on the type and style of equipment they would like to see in the new park.

The groundwork contract will be awarded and preferred supplier contacted with the aim to have completion by spring 2020.

VILLAGE POND

Following last year's successful event the Parish Council have decided to arrange another tidy-up weekend around the pond. We are asking for volunteers for a variety of tasks; pruning trees, planting shrubs, litter picking (18+ for insurance purposes please). The event will take place over two days, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September from 10am onwards. Refreshments will be provided.

The memorial bench has been removed from next to the pond as it was unsafe. A new bench is under construction and will be in place in the near future. The surrounding railings have been painted, with thanks to the Community Payback Team.

Wetwang Active - This is the Parish Council's initiative to promote Health and Well Being for all residents of the village

Four village residents are now fully qualified 'Walking for Health' leaders and will be leading the hour-long walks every Tuesday from 10am meeting at the Community Hall. This walk is for people of all abilities and you're also welcome to bring along your dog if you so wish.

The council has agreed a lease extension with Sledmere Estate to 2024 for the existing play area site and it will be marked with a football pitch designed for six a side and walking football. We hope to source new goal posts and are exploring sporting grants with the aim of encourage people of all ages to get involved.

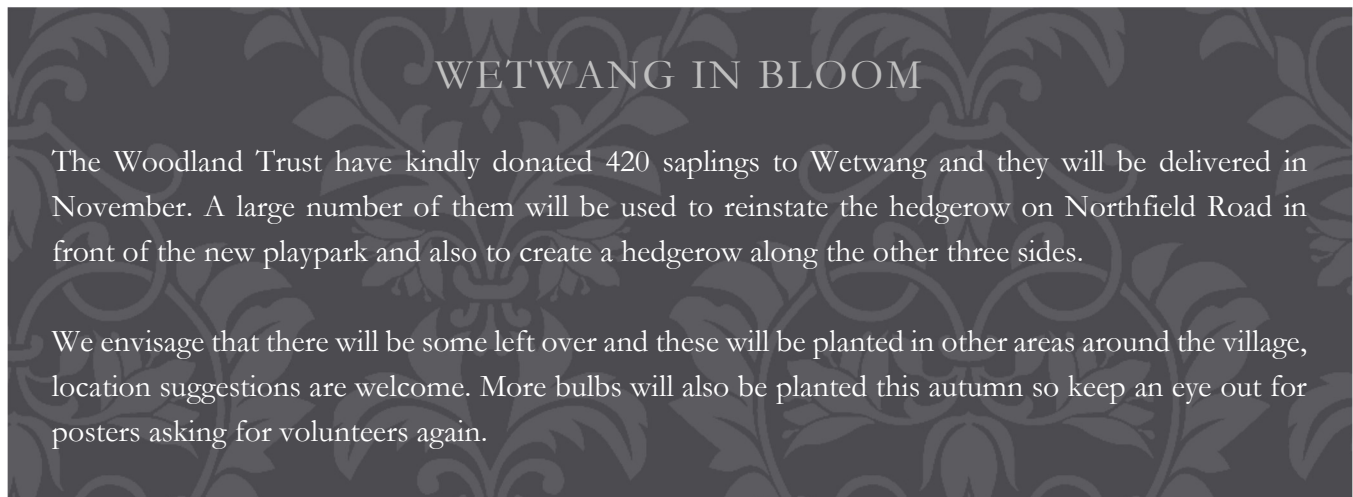
More activities are planned to improve health and wellbeing in the village through the Village Hall committee including badminton, indoor bowls and table tennis but if you have any suggestions please get in touch

Burial Ground

The field behind the burial ground is now vacant after being home to various flocks of sheep over the years. We would like to invite residents to suggest uses for the area. The possible options we have been asked to consider are additional allotments or a memorial garden. We are conscious that access is through the burial ground so any change of use must reflect the dignity of the burial ground. Improvements to the burial ground are also planned with a new bench having been placed recently.

Community Noticeboard

The Parish Council have provided a noticeboard to encourage communication for local activities, events and news. The Village Hall, School and Parish Council and St Nicholas Church are all key holders for the board so if you wish to post a notice please contact one of the organisations.



WETWANG IN BLOOM

The Woodland Trust have kindly donated 420 saplings to Wetwang and they will be delivered in November. A large number of them will be used to reinstate the hedgerow on Northfield Road in front of the new playpark and also to create a hedgerow along the other three sides.

We envisage that there will be some left over and these will be planted in other areas around the village, location suggestions are welcome. More bulbs will also be planted this autumn so keep an eye out for posters asking for volunteers again.

Village Show

The Village Show Committee are looking for new volunteers to join them in the continuing successful organising and running of the show each July. If you'd like to be involved or learn more about what is involved please contact the Community Hall.

Remembrance Service 2019

The service will be held on Sunday 10th November and the Parish Council would again like to ask for nominations for service personnel (either serving or retired) to lay the wreath at the war memorial. Please give your nominations to our Chair Andrew McCormack or the Parish Clerk.

Christmas Lights

The Christmas Light Committee have been working hard throughout the year to raise funds for this year's celebrations. They hosted a very successful day at St Crux in York and organised other fund raising events which have in total raised over £1000.

www.wetwangparishcouncil.org.uk

Contact details, burial ground fees, bus timetables, previous newsletters, Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes can be found on our website, along with other information.