

★ ★ Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council Wins Top Award ★ ★



Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council are delighted to announce that they have received an award; The BHIB council of the year for Derbyshire excellence award, runner up for 2018. The council faced stiff opposition from many of the larger town councils throughout the whole of Derbyshire and only narrowly missed out on first place! Derbyshire Association of Local Councils representative, Glen Ingham, noted that the judges were particularly impressed with the council's aim to 'Promote Parish Pride' and local traditions were highlighted, ranging from taking

ownership of the well dressing shelter to the upkeep of the local tradition of 'Beating the Bounds'. Parish Council Chairman, Martin Thacker said 'the award is recognition of how the Council serves the community effectively. All Councillors are unpaid volunteers who work for the good of the Parish. Positive relationships with local people, groups and organisations lead to enhanced outcomes for all. We are grateful to all who engage with the Council and contributed to our Parish being recognised in this way'.



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**Holymoorside & Walton Parish Council
Allotment Awards 2018**

The annual allotment awards of Holymoorside and Walton Parish Council are an opportunity for the Council to demonstrate particular appreciation for local allotment holders who have worked tirelessly over the last twelve months. The Council acknowledges all who have spent time and energy in the pursuit of ensuring a bumper crop on their allotments. This year's awards were presented to: Mr. Terry Boyer for the best kept allotment and Mrs. Trudy Kinirons for most improved allotment.



Pictured are Mr. David Boyer (collecting on behalf of his brother) and Trudy Kinirons receiving their awards from the Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Martin Thacker (right)

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Pride of Parish Awards 2019

Would you like to nominate someone who you think deserves the annual Pride of Parish award for outstanding work for the parish, the promotion of well-being and community involvement? If so please contact the Clerk by 31st January 2019 via e-mail or letter of no more than 100 words. Please note that unsigned or anonymous nominations will not be considered. Award to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Parish scheduled for Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7.30 pm.

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A Fitting Tribute to Mark the End of World War One

In addition to the Remembrance Service, the Council staged a 'Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute' to mark a centenary of the end of the First World War. The event was in line with The Queen's Pageant Master's guidance for national commemoration.

Local residents gathered to hear a selection of music from Holymoorside Band that included a march entitled 'The Old Pals' and the poignant 'In Flanders Field.' Interspersed was a selection of War poetry and readings shared by people from the Parish. To signify the Peace was entertainment from the trio 'Bella Sempre', featuring rousing songs from 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' to 'Pack up Your Troubles'.

Following the sounding of the Last Post, the Parish Council Chairman lit a beacon in the Recreation Ground. The Parish beacon was among thousands of beacons lit across the U.K. on 11th November in commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war. At the same time a bell tolled at St.Peter's Church in the village.

Council Chairman Councillor Martin Thacker said: "The Parish is proud to be associated with 'Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute'. The event was a culmination of several the Council has organised over the last four years in respectful remembrance of those who gave their lives."



You may also may have noticed our two silhouettes in the parish, one on Walton Back Lane and one in the memorial garden. These were awarded to the parish council by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund and represent those lost in the First World War, whose names appear on our war memorial.

A local resident contacted the council to say 'I really think it's beautiful.

I drive by most days, & it really is humbling. My daughter & I have taken our soldier a remembrance wooden poppy today'.



Church Visit

Mr. Derek Estill and his wife Margaret (pictured photograph centre) visited the Parish in August. Mr. Estill is the lay Moderator of the United Reformed Church General Assembly. The primary reason for his visit was to lead worship at Holymoorside URC. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. Martin Thacker was invited to join a packed congregation for this occasion. Also pictured (left) is Reverend John Cook. Councillor Thacker took part in a service at St. Andrew's Church in September to bid a fond farewell to Reverend



Cook, who has now retired. The Council wishes him and his wife many years of happiness in their new home.

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Many residents and regular readers of the minutes will be well aware of the parish council's efforts to address the various traffic concerns in Holymoorside. These include meeting with Derbyshire County Council Councillor A Foster, and DCC officers, PCSO M Coates and Walton, Holymoorside School governors. Parking at the school was discussed in depth, as were general parking and speeding problems. Although DCC do not recommend any type of parking restriction around the school, they have, when funds allow, agreed to double yellow lines around The Bulls Head public house.

The parish council have also been investigating the community speed watch initiative and are keen to proceed with this as soon as possible. Volunteers are therefore being sought to become involved; training and all equipment will be provided so just a commitment to make our parish a safer place is needed! To register your interest please contact the Clerk.

Future council meetings are scheduled for;

Tuesday 8th January 2019

Tuesday 5th February 2019

Tuesday 5th March 2019

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Meetings commence at 7.30 pm in the village hall, Holymoorside.

The Queen's Canopy Project comes to Holymoorside

Holymoorside and Walton Parish was designated as a recipient of a tree as part of The Queen's Canopy project. The project's intention is to unite the whole Commonwealth family and save one of the world's most important natural habitats – forests. The project will also mark Her Majesty The Queen's service to the Commonwealth, while conserving indigenous forests for future generations.

The tree gifted to the Parish is a Rowan, a tree native to the U.K. Since ancient times people have been planting a Rowan beside their home, as in Celtic mythology it's known as the Tree of Life and symbolises courage, wisdom and protection.

The Member of Parliament for North East Derbyshire Lee Rowley M.P. brought the tree to the parish to be planted close to the Village Hall. A tree planting ceremony was held with children from Holymoorside Pre-School Playgroup being invited to participate.



Pictured planting the Rowan tree sapling are Lee Rowley M.P. and Councillor Martin Thacker

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Wi-Fi in the village hall

Your parish council has been successful in obtaining a 50% grant for the provision of wi-fi in the village hall for the benefit of everyone! All hirers are welcome to use this new facility and will just need the passcode to log in. Please contact either Marion on 569882 or Kate on 865566 to find out more.

Grit Bins - Your parish council continues to work in partnership with Derbyshire County Council to maintain both parish and county owned bins. All bins have now been restocked for winter and it is the council's aim to refill any low on stock within a week or so. However, this will always be dependent on the supply allowed from DCC.

All residents however, are kindly reminded that the grit supplied is for use on the public highway only and not for personal use.

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Village Hall Bookings

Mrs Marion Dale, The Village Hall, Holymoorside, Holymoorside, Chesterfield; Tel-569882. If the office is closed, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible, or e-mail; holymoorside@btconnect.com

The booking office for the village hall is open;
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WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 9.15 – 11.15 AM

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The parish council wishes everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and a prosperous 2019

