

Here's five things you can do in and around your own house to help the village win:

Weed the pavement and gutters

Pick up litter

Trim your hedge

Mow the verge

Enter the Most Improved Property Competition – see posters on village notice boards.

Neighbourliness

Whilst a few public-spirited citizens responded to our article in the winter newsletter with offers to join good neighbour schemes, extended neighbourhood watch and Speedwatch, numbers were nowhere near adequate to get things off the ground. Reluctantly, we'll have to leave these initiatives on the back burner for the time being.

Youth & Community Centre

We've been working with the police and other agencies to come up with ways of combating the mindless vandalism which has bedevilled the Youth & Community Centre in recent months. Hopefully a solution will soon be found. As is usually the case, a small number of out-of-control young people are ruining things for everyone else. So far this year they've cost the community many thousands of pounds – your money!

Last Word

Don't forget to come to the Annual Parish Meeting at the Church Room on Tuesday 8th May, 2007 at 7.30 p.m., when the annual Misterton Citizen of the Year Awards Ceremony will take place.

The next newsletter will be out in the summer, in which we'll give a full update of developments since this newsletter, but don't forget that it's now easy to pop into The Misterton Centre whenever it's open. You can also use the contact details below. We try to keep everyone up-to-date with significant developments using Parish News. You can also read agendas and approved minutes of meetings, etc. at The Misterton Centre, Library and Post Office, pubs, club, various shops and cafes and on the web site: www.misterton-notts-pc.gov.uk

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People

We're sorry to report that Mark Tillen has left the Parish Council, mainly owing to business commitments. Mark did an excellent job in the run-up to Quality accreditation, and has been a tremendous help with regard to sport – particularly cricket. The good news is that he's to remain a valued member of Misterton Cricket Club. The casual vacancy has been advertised, and we're hoping to fill it soon.

On the bright side, Andrea Sly has been appointed Receptionist at The Misterton Centre – see next item.

The Misterton Centre

Every household should by now have received a leaflet saying The Misterton Centre is open for business – if you haven't then please call in and collect one.

The Misterton Centre is a mini business centre/community one-stop shop operated in partnership by Bassetlaw District Council, Misterton Parish Council and Nottinghamshire Police. The seeds of the project were sown in 1999, when the Parish Council embarked on a bid to get a Police base in the village. Over the following years, the District Council became involved in the talks, and the concept of a joint, partnership enterprise evolved and took root. Our original intention was to convert The Old School House at the Youth & Community Centre site, but the estimated costs proved prohibitive. Then, just as the project appeared sunk, we became aware that the Co-op was planning to relocate to a new convenience store next-door to their existing shop. Talks began, with the outcome being conversion of the old shop to offices by the Co-op, with each of the three partners taking a ten-year lease.

As everyone knows, Misterton is a large, but remote village in the north of the county, surrounded by a number of smaller villages. This initiative is an attempt to make life easier for residents of these villages, avoiding the need to make a longish journey to Worksop or Retford to access facilities which are now on offer at the Centre, or will be in the near future.

In essence, we're there to act as a first point of contact for local government and police services generally. Our receptionist currently works from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm Tuesday to Saturday, although demand may lead to alteration

of these days and times in the future. If we can't deal with an enquiry, we can give advice as to the action necessary. A few specifics that we're already dealing with include applications for Council Tax and Housing Benefits, housing applications, bus pass applications, etc. A1 Housing Ltd. is running a weekly surgery and our MP and District Councillor are to have their surgeries there.

The Clerk to the Parish Council is spending most of his working week there, and now holds his weekly surgery on Friday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 am.

A video link to Bassetlaw District Council has been installed. This will allow people to hook up with District Council officers and staff from other organisations when they're not in attendance at the Centre.

Our local beat Police Officer, P.c. Chris Gregson, is using the Centre whilst on duty in the local area, and a new PCSO allocated to the area will also be using the Centre when his/her duty begins in the summer of 2007. An external police emergency telephone is situated on the south wall, available for public use, day and night.

Eventually we'd like to see the Centre fully used, and with this in mind, we're happy to offer our facilities to public and voluntary sector groups that may wish to provide a service in the local area.

Last but not least, we're very grateful firstly to our County Councillor, Ken Bullivant, who gave a contribution from his Local Initiative Fund to purchase some furniture and equipment, and secondly to the Lincolnshire Co-operative Society Ltd. without which none of this would have been possible.

Packet Inn Site

Unfortunately, this matter continues to drag on through no fault of ours. Hopefully it will be resolved soon with a sale of the common land.



Best Kept Village Competition

Please help the village to do well in this competition once again. If you want to help, please contact the Councillor responsible for your patch:

Val Batty

Soss Lane and Station Road

Hazel Brand

Amcott Avenue, Grove Wood Terrace, Grovewood Road, Orchard Grove, Wharf Court and Wharf Road

Barbara Boulby

Stockwith Road

Clive Burton

Fox Covert Lane

Sandra Farmer

Hillsyde Avenue, Prospect Mews and Swallow Court

Ian Keat

Colton Street, Debdhill Road, Fields End, Haxey Road, High Street (evens), Old Haxey Road, Pinfold Lane and Rooks Lane

Peter Marsden

Ashdown Way, Chapel Close, Deans Close, High Street (odds) Meadow Drive, Old Forge Road, Brewery Lane and Church Street

Jane Moffett

Gravelholes Lane, Gringley Road and Grove Park

Graham Shipley

Ashlea Crescent, Carr End, Carr Lane, Cattle Carr, Church Drive, Church Lane, Cornley Road, Minster Road, Orchard Grove, Park Avenue and Willow Avenue

Maurice Simmons

Station Street

Derrick Wheewall

Albion Terrace, Marsh Lane, York Terrace

David Wright – Clerk to the Council

Grange Avenue, Grange Close, Grange Drive, Grange Walk

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