

THE WALCOTE WORD

EDITION NO 17: SUMMER 2021

NEW HOTEL FOR VILLAGE

CAN YOU NAME IT? WILL YOU BUILD IT?

During half-term the Parish Council is planning to install a place for our smallest residents to live and thrive. Many species of insects are in serious

trouble, but our bug hotel on the Franks Road field will help stem this decline. If you would like to help, come along on **TUESDAY 1 JUNE AT 2PM**. All ages welcome, but children please bring an adult!

Whether or not you can help build our hotel, why not suggest a name? If you are under 12, please send your suggestion, along with your name, age and contact details to elizabethannmarsh@hotmail.co.uk . Prizes will be awarded!



REFERENDUM DAY – 3 JUNE 2021

The Neighbourhood Plan has been independently examined and goes to referendum on 3 June 2021 – a straight Yes or No vote. Residents throughout the parish have been working on this since 2017 and we'd love a really good turnout on the day. Your vote counts! If more than 50% of those voting say YES then it will become part of the Development Plan for the District and be reflected in planning decisions and conditions. If a simple majority say NO then the policies won't apply and Harborough District Council will make planning decisions for our parish on Harborough-wide and national policies. For more information visit: [Neighbourhood Planning - Misterton with Walcote Neighbourhood Plan | Harborough District Council](#)

THE WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND

Both schemes awarded funding this year reflect the wish to get out and exercise. At the request of a resident, funding has been awarded for four pieces of adult gym equipment to go on the Franks Road playing field including a sky stepper, a double slalom skier, an arm and pedal bicycle and a double health walker. The other award was made to complete the funding needed to replace the skateboard ramp. The Parish Council has received a number of other grants to help with the cost and we are grateful to Kate Green for her hard work on this. We'll keep you posted on progress.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS - an update

Following on from Mick Sifford's excellent work on the Memorial Walk the PC approached the County Council to see if funds could be provided to cover the cost of widening the bridleway to make it more wheelchair friendly. Sadly, we were not successful but we will keep looking.

Later this summer we plan to add more stone to the enclosed footpath section below the Church. Whilst we can't stop the Swift flooding, this should mean that the path becomes usable more quickly after the event. We'll continue to monitor the paths. If you spot anything, let us know but beware, we might ask you to help!

If you've used the path through Rye Close spinney recently, you'll have seen the boggy section at the west end. There was a boardwalk but at some stage it was removed for the ditch to be piped. As it is a permissive path we can't force the issue but we have sent a polite request to LCC that they reinstate it.

The Walcote Word is a quarterly newsletter sent out electronically by Misterton with Walcote Parish Council. We hope you've found it informative. If you've any news or photos, want to help or just unsubscribe, please contact: clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk. A hard copy will be placed on the Parish noticeboard but if you know someone who can't access a computer, let us know.

NEXT PC MEETING - Our next meeting is at 19:30 on Thursday 17 June at the Hall !!!