

## THE WALCOTE WORD

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### THE PARISH REMEMBERS



**1914**

**1918**

The Parish came together over the week-end of 10 and 11 November to commemorate forces personnel who served in two World Wars and in more recent conflicts. In particular we remembered those who fell in the First World War. Between the vintage tea room and the exhibition at the Memorial Hall and the Church with its family workshops and artefacts a memorial walk was created to shed light on the thirteen men whose names appear on the two memorials. They were aged between 21 and 31. We were pleased that some of their descendants were able to join us. The money raised in the Church and the Hall will be divided between the Royal British Legion, Help for Heroes and Combat Stress. Thank you.

### LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

#### A unitary authority?

LCC is consulting on dispensing with the District Councils and becoming a unitary authority. The Parish Council now understands that the County's MPs met with the Secretary of State and agreed that the proposals were "wholly unnecessary" and should be halted. As a result, Harborough DC has halted its review of the proposed changes. We also understand that the County Council is still proceeding and seeking comments.

#### WELCOME

Welcome to this edition of The Walcote Word, a quarterly newsletter sent out electronically by the Misterton with Walcote Parish Council. If you have any news or photos that would be of interest to others, want to help or just unsubscribe, please contact:

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## THE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY – the results are in

In brief, 75% of residents were in support of a small number of homes to meet local needs and the results showed a need for a few homes currently. Of those who believed more homes were needed, the most popular choices were small family homes (38%), homes for young people (32%) and homes for elderly people (30%). Thank you to everyone who took part. The results will help us draft appropriate policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

### SOME UPDATES:

#### Rye Close and Winterfield Spinneys

Clearance and drainage works took place in the woods over the Summer but a wet start to the year and ground water issuing from springs delayed matters. The dry Summer then prevented the burning of brash but restocking begins now with over 3500 saplings being planted, including 1433 aspen, 1089 oak, 485 sycamore and 374 alder. It is hoped that coppice growth and natural regeneration of willow, along with retention of dead wood on site, will provide a habitat for willow tits.

#### Lutterworth East

The Local Plan examination took place in public in October. The Inspector expressed concern in particular about the lack of connectivity between the new development and the existing town. The developers were asked to take his concerns into account and modify their proposals. We're told that the revised plan has now largely been completed and is ready to undergo environmental assessment. A further public consultation event is to be held in early January 2019 with the applicants working towards the submission of a planning application by February 2019.

## DO YOU HAVE A PROJECT THAT NEEDS FUNDING?

### Have you considered applying for a grant from the Wind Farm Community Fund?

If you wish to know more, visit [www.mistertonwithwalcote.org](http://www.mistertonwithwalcote.org). Applications need to be submitted by midnight on 28 February 2019. To stand the best chance of success your project should be sustainable and benefit the community through enhancing community cohesion and well-being, or bringing shared social, economic and environmental improvements to the area. We are looking for schemes that have tried to raised some of the funds from other sources. Funding decisions will be made during April 2019.