

Brampton Ash Parish Council – Autumn 2024 Update

Welcome to the Brampton Ash PC Autumn Update, we hope you find the topics covered interesting & informative. As a Parish Council we have a role to improve and protect our village, we welcome any comments and thoughts you have. Please feel free to contact us personally or at the email address at the base of this leaflet.

Traffic Management

You might have noticed that periodically there is a speed monitor installed in the village that displays the speed of the vehicles that are passing. The PC arranges for these to be installed twice a year for a two month period. They are installed just after the speed limit sign and are designed to encourage motorists to drive through our village at or below 30 miles an hour.



The sheep & lambs outside St Mary's church

Interestingly, this speed camera also captures a range of information that allows us to analyse traffic flows through our village.



Speed cameras on Hermitage Road

The last occasion that the speed camera was installed was on the 14 June. Analysis of that data shows that the average speed was 21.5 mph, the highest speed was 37 mph and there was just over 13,500 vehicles passing through the village over the 26 days that the camera was installed, an average of 520 vehicles per day. The traffic flow was 45% coming from the A6 direction while 55% came from the A427. The busiest time of the week is Monday, Tuesday & Friday at around 9am & 6pm, not surprisingly Saturday and Sundays are the quietest times of the week.

Hermitage Road

Whilst the Parish Council does not have responsibility for the state of the road running between the A427 and the A6 we do make regular reports to the North Northamptonshire highways team if there are any issues that might need their attention. About three months ago the highways team did significant repairs to the road surface along the whole stretch which is a good outcome from our discussions with them.



Road surface into the village

If you have any issues with the road conditions you can directly contact the North Northampton Council at www.northnorthants.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/report-potholes-or-highway-problem

Village Defibrillator

We discussed the installation of the village defibrillator in the Spring 2024 update. This is installed in the old telephone box at the entry to village. Should any resident within the village have a cardiac arrest then this defibrillator could be life-saving. Defibrillators are devices that apply an electric charge to the heart to restore a normal heartbeat. If the heart rhythm stops due to cardiac arrest, also known as sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), a defibrillator may help it start beating again.



There are detailed instructions in the casing of the defibrillator that

explains how to use a that defibrillator. In the case of an emergency please call 999 before using this defibrillator.



To make access to the village defibrillator easier and safer we have recently installed paving from Hermitage Road up to the door of the telephone box.

Litter Picking

We know that litter is always an issue along the roads around our village because some car drivers feel that it is fine to throw their rubbish out of their car windows. We usually arrange two litter picks a year, one in the spring and the other in the autumn to make our village look good to both villagers and those passing through our village environment.

The last litter pick was in April, where villagers came together and collected fourteen bags of rubbish, three tyres and surprisingly four hub caps. The next litter pick is scheduled for 27 October, meeting outside 3 Hermitage Road at 11:00, weather permitting, please feel free to join us.



Litter pick bags waiting to be collected

Village Beech Tree



We are pleased to announce that we have planted a beautiful Beech tree to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. It can be seen in the field at the entrance to the village from the A6. We have also erected a protective metal fence to stop both cattle and sheep from eating the leaves while the tree is this small.

For more information about your Parish Council please feel free to contact your councillors from the details below.

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