

Brampton Ash Parish Council – Spring 2025 Update

Welcome to the Brampton Ash PC Spring Update. We hope you find the topics covered interesting & informative. As a Parish Council we have a role to improve and protect our village and we welcome any comments and thoughts you have, especially if you are on the outer areas of the parish. 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 passing through. 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.



Sheep & lambs outside St Mary's church



Speed cameras on Hermitage Road

The last occasion that the speed camera was installed was between 7 January to 5 February. Analysis of the data shows that the average speed was 17.8 mph, the highest speed was 39 mph and there were just over 16,121 vehicles passing through the village over the 30 days that the camera was installed, an average of 537 vehicles per day. The traffic flow was 61% coming from the A6 direction while 39% came from the A427. There was a spike of some 2,000 vehicles on the 24 January, possibly caused by a traffic accident on the A6.

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 six months ago the highways team made significant repairs to the road surface along the whole stretch which is a good outcome from our discussions with them. This is an ongoing process.

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



Road surface into the village

Spring daffodils and snow drops

About 10 years ago we had a planting campaign to sow over 2,000 daffodils in and around the village. Every spring since then the results of that effort can be seen with those daffodils welcoming



the spring back. They are spectacular and enhance the views of our village for those who pass down Hermitage Road. A year later we planted 500 hundred snow drops around the



village, however, only a few dozen of those have survived. It is our plan to undertake another snow drop planting exercise towards the end of the summer and hopefully we will all benefit from that display next spring.

As you may recall, North Northamptonshire Council no longer regularly mows the grass verges around our village. It is good to see that those of us that have grass verges facing the road mow and tidy them to help keep our village look neat and tidy. Thanks for your help here.

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 October, where villagers came together and collected twenty bags of rubbish together with eleven tyres and a flat screen tv. The next litter pick will be scheduled for the coming spring, keep any eye out on the notice board for the date & please feel free to join us.



Litter pick bags waiting to be collected

Parish Path Warden Scheme

We are pleased to announce that your Parish Council are signing up to this scheme. The main aim is to involve local councils & communities in reporting the condition of public footpaths around our village to ensure that routes are not obstructed and are properly maintained. If you find an issue, simply take a photo and email that to the Parish Council at the email account below. We will share that information with Kier who will work with North Northamptonshire Council on these issues.

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

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