



Local Woods in Autumn
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Welcome to the September newsletter

The launch of our family-orientated monthly litter picks through the summer was a great success. On July 1st and August 5th, a group of local residents and Civic Society committee members helped tidy two areas within the town. Follow us on Facebook to find out more and for upcoming litter picking dates through the autumn. A big thanks to Mike Firth of the 'Eye' for helping us to publicise the work of the Civic Society.

Although the summer months tend to be a quieter time for us, there is still much going on which will have an impact on our area in the near future. In June a public inquiry into the planning application by INEOS to test drill for shale gas at Bramleymoor Lane took place over nine days at the Chesterfield Assembly Rooms. In July a decision should have been made by DCC about the cycle track alongside the B6057. This has now been delayed until late autumn. The Local Plan is under the scrutiny of a Planning Inspector. Public Hearings will take place in November and December with those who sent in representations being invited to attend. The Neighbourhood Plan is out for consultation until September 11th. Read more on these news items inside.

Our monthly talks resume through the autumn at the new start time of 7:30 p.m. Full programme details can be found on page 7. We are delighted that MP Lee Rowley has accepted an invitation to give the Dronfield Lecture in October. It is sure to be a fascinating account of what becoming a newly elected MP is all about.

John Fletcher—Chairman

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If you are a member and would like to join our committee, please get in touch.

New people bring fresh ideas; so whether you enjoy practical projects or paperwork, involvement with local schools or want to help out at monthly talks, please come forward.

Through this newsletter we like to share views and comments from our members. So drop us a line to the address on the header.

Working in Partnership to Fund Cost of War Memorial Repair Work



Former member of Dronfield Civic Society and local Tree Warden, Jim Barden (pictured) together with former Chairman of DCS, John Harvey, have been campaigning for the War Memorial to be cleaned in this, the centenary year marking the end of the First World War.

Jim attended the April and June Town Council meetings where disappointingly the Property Committee stated that they preferred its 'weathered appearance'. The Civic Society also wished to see it cleaned due to discoloration caused by its location below overhanging trees.

We were pleased that the Town Council then had a change of heart and the War Memorial was duly assessed by experts in early summer. The overall cost of the work was close to £1000. DCS agreed to match the original contribution of the Town Council of £325 and also agreed to underwrite the remaining cost so that the work could be done in time for the commemorations.

"As we reflect on the events of the First World War that saw so many people make the ultimate sacrifice, we believe it is vital that we ensure our memorials are fitting tributes to the fallen." Civic Voice



YOUR CIVIC SOCIETY RELIES ON VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP TO KEEP OUR TOWN AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO LIVE. HELP US TO KEEP THIS SHARED SPACE BEAUTIFUL FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. JOIN US!

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We are building quite a reputation for fixing things that no one else seems to take responsibility for. Several broken benches across town which were reported to us as being in need of a bit of TLC have been repaired and the area around them tidied up. We've added one of our little blue plaques to demonstrate our care for the local environment.



If you spot something that is in need of repair or a bit of a tidy up, contact us at the address on the header.



Bench Marks? 10 out of 10 A*

And here's another one just by the Cemetery Road mini roundabout. Reported... Fixed... Back in use...Thanks...



Having secured the necessary permissions to carry out the work, committee members David and Robert spent an hour or two clearing the ivy from the base of the cherry trees in the Lucas Gardens. The blossom was particularly beautiful this year and the trees are a lovely sight along this top end of Dronfield Bottom.

Discussions are being held concerning the poor state of the fence around the Lucas Gardens. Sections of the fence are missing and currently unsightly plastic red barriers act as a temporary replacement. Whilst some would welcome the removal of the fence in its entirety, others argue that it prevents vehicles parking on the grass and that it is important for the safety of those using the Gardens.



These self-set ash saplings would have caused damage to a retaining wall and had the potential to interfere with passing vehicles. We reported this to the local authority and some two weeks later they were removed.

Whilst out and about we also removed remnants of illegal advertising posters left by circuses visiting the town earlier in the year.



Monthly Sunday Big Litter Picks

We're all fully aware that litter is on the increase spoiling our town. There are problem areas, or litter hot spots that we have decided to tackle with the help and support of NEDDC. Although the first pick on July 1st was not as well supported as we would have liked, a good deal of litter was collected in the extreme heat, around the route of the Dronfield 10K and Fun Run. We were thanked for our efforts by the organisers of the race and for making a difference in particular to the area near the Pentland Road shops.

A second pick followed on Sunday August 5th. This time we cleared an area near Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School where the athletic field adjoins the footpath between Stonelow Road and Callywhite Lane and along the top side of Cliffe Park. Enough rubbish was collected to fill eight sacks. As usual it was drinks cans, bottles and items of fast food packaging. This is a real problem area and disappointingly it was only a short time ago that the Hilltop Cubs helped clear the same patch.

Further events are planned through the autumn. Why not contact us via our Facebook page to suggest more places in need of attention? Equipment including litter picking tools, sacks and high viz jackets is provided.

You do not need to be a DCS member to come along. Everyone is welcome. Picks take one to one and a half hours, but if you can just spare half an hour, that would be great. We look forward to seeing you next time.

A DCS Fun Friendly Family Activity



Volunteers Wanted for Autumn Bulb Planting

If you would like to get involved in planting bulbs around the town this autumn, please contact us.

As many of you know, working with other groups and volunteers, DCS takes a real pride in planting bulbs to create lovely spring displays along our roadside verges. We've been working with Steve Brunt of NEDDC's Streetscene to come up with a schedule of where we've planted, how to plant for the future and when the Council will undertake cutting the verges so as to maximise the flowering of the bulbs the following year.

A compromise has been reached to "strike a balance between creating a short period of bright spring colour, whilst not to the detriment of creating large areas of long grass which some residents may view as being neglected by the Council".

As a goodwill gesture so as to reduce the risk of 'Crocus blind flowering' at spring 2019, NEDDC will provide 1000 mixed Crocus bulbs to better ensure spring colour will be afforded. These will be an early flowering variety to be planted within the areas identified at a meeting with Steve on a town walkabout. It has also been agreed to allow a 4-6 week regeneration period for Crocus at the Chesterfield Road Lay-By and 6-8 weeks for Daffodils whilst maintaining 1.5m around verge perimeters and visibility/sightline splays at junctions.

The Operations Director of EweMove emailed the Civic Society for advice about the use of appropriate colours on upcoming business premises on Chesterfield Road. The company would wish to use colours that are sympathetic to the area.

As we all know, business premises and shop fronts along Dronfield Bottom vary considerably and we probably all have ideas about what is good practice and what is not. Chairman John Fletcher responded to Andy Turner of EweMove providing a few examples of what is and isn't appropriate, and mentioned that the Society rewards good practice through our annual John Robert Clough Awards.

Nice to be Asked

EweMove^{.COM}
Sales and Lettings

A November to Remember



Much is planned across Dronfield and district to commemorate those lost in the First World War. A hundred years on from the end of the War to end all Wars, events promise to be truly memorable.

Dronfield Hall Barn will host an exhibition created by the Dronfield Heritage Trust History Research Group entitled 'Untold Stories: Dronfield and the First World War'.

Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School is planning a follow-on project from their wonderful Poppy Embankment of last year which was Highly Commended in this year's John Robert Clough Awards. It was created with more than 300 poppies made by students in design and technology classes.

St Mary's Church Unstone will be hosting a special commemorative weekend from Thursday 8th through to Sunday 11th, with a remembrance concert by the Dronfield Genquip Band, wartime afternoon teas and an exhibition and publication entitled 'Unstone Remembers' which will commemorate those lost in both World Wars from Unstone, Apperknowle, Hundall and nearby hamlets. Thanks to all those who knitted poppies to create what will be a truly spectacular and memorable display in the church.

Did You Know?

There are several War Graves in Dronfield Cemetery, two in Barlow Churchyard and one in Holmesfield Churchyard. The only one in Dronfield Churchyard is that of John William Wornes. It lies on the left under the wall after you pass through the Lychgate.

John William Wornes was born in 1886 in Troway. At the time of the 1891 and 1901 censuses, the family lived in Dronfield Woodhouse. John was employed as a Coal Carter. John joined the 4th Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment. His rank was Private. His regimental number was 55901. He later transferred to the 411th Agricultural Company of the Labour Corps. John died on 6 December 1918 and was laid to rest in the grounds of Dronfield Church.

More information about those from Dronfield who lost their lives in both World Wars, can be found in 'Neither Silent Nor Faceless' by Dronfield and District Family History Group



Protecting our War Memorials

Civic Voice, the national charity for the civic movement has been championing the conservation, protection and listing of the nation's war memorials. Volunteers have undertaken training courses to enable them to accurately assess the condition of their local war memorials. The aim of the project is to engage new audiences and retain involvement in the historic environment whilst ensuring that as many war memorials as possible are in good condition by November 2018. Judith Vernier attended one of the meetings in Derby at the beginning of August on our behalf and reports back on the success of the project so far. Currently there are 39,727 war memorials recorded and condition surveys have been carried out on 30,248. The aim is to get 2500 listed. Currently 2413 are listed.

The War Memorials Trust which was set up as a charity in 1992 because of growing concern about War Memorials, described its aims to monitor, protect and conserve. They also aim to engage with young people to ensure custodians for the future. The Imperial War Museum Register was set up in the 1980s when memorials were disappearing. The Register includes many types of memorial, not only monuments but Rolls of Honour, windows, plaques in workplaces, collieries, working men's clubs, organs, memorial halls, gardens, all of which can and should be entered on their record.

A representative from Historic England spoke of the need for listing of memorials to give protection, to recognise significance and to celebrate.

So what should happen to the memorials, plaques and Rolls of Honour in Dronfield and district? The War Memorial should be added to the Historic England register and all other memorials should be listed on the Imperial War Museum Register. It is likely that DCS will be working with DTC to achieve this.

In the meantime, we celebrate the cleaning of the town's War Memorial, so that it is a fitting tribute to the fallen in this important centenary year.



Work This Way.....

The Civic Society has recently supported the newly launched Dronfield Barn Rotary Walk by providing a donation of £250 towards the restoration and repair of stiles, gates, fences and bridges. A small group of volunteers have been working on parts of the route, which has had very little maintenance since the millennium.

The donation has meant that much needed timber and fixings could be purchased as well as a supply of heavy timber for future repairs. One of the sections to benefit lies between Dobbin Lane and Cartledge Lane where repair work included restoration of an old clapper bridge, repairs to a stile and fencing damaged by winter floods and a new gateway.

Next time you are out and about on this walk, please notice the little blue DCS plaques which indicate where the money was spent. A big thanks to our hands-on Treasurer Mick Kirk for all his efforts on this project.

Scrubbed-Up Nicely

It was recently brought to our attention by a resident in Coal Aston that the Dronfield Town Map at the junction of Eckington Road and Drury Lane was in an unsightly condition and would be particularly unattractive to those who visited the nearby well-dressing.



A further sign board which had no map due to vandalism at Unstone/Dronfield Lay-by was further vandalised by being sawn off and simply left upon the grass verge. DCS committee members responded by clearing the board and then tidied the site.

A new guide book for the walk is available to purchase from The Barn, Dronfield Library and Steel's Hardware on Dronfield Bottom.



Mick and David set about cleaning it and they also removed the old Rotary Walk board which was in danger of collapse. 'Walks at the Barn' will be addressing whether to replace the remaining large boards around town with an updated map based on a new publication which relaunched the walk in May.

Coming Soon A Brand New DCS Website

Is it really four years since we launched our last website? Yes it is and in that time websites have become more graphic, simpler and less static. So we have been working with a local designer to give us a bit of a facelift with new colours, fewer pages and a simpler navigation menu. Our web address remains the same as before: www.dronfieldcivicsociety.org.uk and you will still be able to contact us through two dedicated email addresses; one for enquiries and the other for membership.

We'll aim to keep you more up to date with all the DCS news, projects and events.

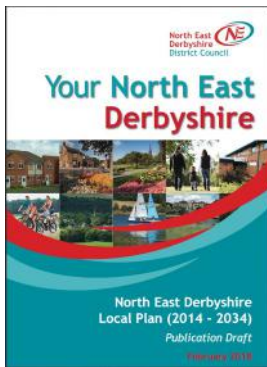


Dronfield Civic Society is 30 years old next year. What better way to take us into the next decade than a fresh, new look?

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With many thanks to All Round Web Design for excellent service in managing and maintaining our previous website.

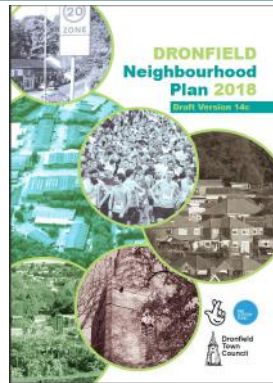
Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plan, Cycle Track, Fracking.....Updates



As many of you will know, Dronfield residents have been asked for their comments on two occasions about the Local Plan which is being developed by NEDDC. Public drop-in sessions for the Neighbourhood Plan which is the responsibility of the Town Council were held at a similar time. Then we had public meetings and questionnaires about proposals for a cycle track from the Cemetery Road mini roundabout through to the Peak Resort facility at the southern end of Unstone Green. So where are we now with regard to these plans and proposals?

The Local Plan is currently under scrutiny by Independent Planning Inspector Sarah Housden. She will determine whether it has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements. A Public Hearing on the document will take place on weeks commencing 12th November, 19th November and 3rd December when those residents who sent in representations and who opted to speak at the Hearing will be invited to do so. You can read a letter from the Inspector giving an initial overview of the Plan by using the web address below.

www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/index.php/local-plan-examination



The Dronfield Neighbourhood Plan has been published for consultation for 8 weeks from 17 July to 11 September 2018. The results of the consultation will be considered very carefully and used to finalise and amend the Plan. The revised Neighbourhood Plan will then be submitted to North East Derbyshire District Council with background documents. The Council will undertake a further public consultation on the Plan for 6 weeks before the Plan is subjected to an independent examination. A referendum will be held, and if successful the Plan will be "made" and used to help determine planning applications at local level.

It is likely that the Plan will be formerly adopted in June 2019. Whilst a Neighbourhood Plan cannot reduce the housing allocations proposed for Dronfield by NEDDC in the Local Plan, it can provide documentary evidence of the type of housing needed for the town and brownfield sites put forward by residents can be listed. Green spaces within the town are also listed together with Character Buildings and Structures.

Hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan are available to view at Dronfield Town Council Office and Dronfield Library. To view online or download:
www.dronfield.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan.html

To use the online response form to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan: <http://www.dronfield.gov.uk/uploads/2018-07-consultation-response-form.pdf>



A well-attended public meeting, organised by Councillor Alex Dale took place at Unstone Village Hall in May about the proposals for a cycle track alongside the B6057. Two public exhibitions were held earlier in the year and a questionnaire was circulated to around 500 residents who would be directly affected by the scheme. Safety issues were highlighted due to adjacent speeding traffic and the volume of traffic which can be in excess of 10,000 vehicle movements a day, with many HGVs to and from Callywhite Lane. Residents of Unstone raised concerns because a satisfactory width for a non-segregated shared space is only achievable on two-thirds of the route. It is feared that the installation will cause disruption for local businesses.

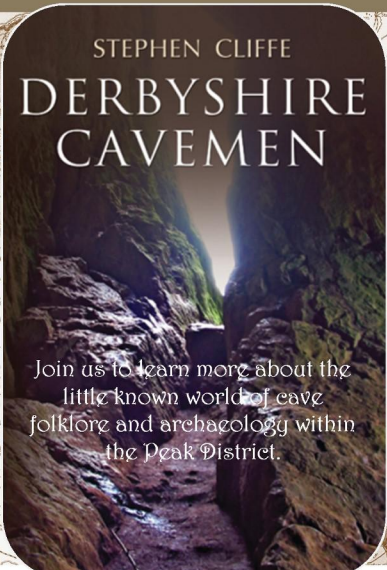
The decision on this facility has seen delay after delay. It is now likely to be taken some time during the autumn.

Find out more on:
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/transport-plans/transport-studies/chesterfield-cycle-network/chesterfield-proposed-cycle-network.aspx

Controversial plans to carry out exploratory drilling in Marsh Lane were approved on 16th August. The Planning Inspectorate granted Ineos permission to drill a vertical hydrocarbon exploratory core well on land off Bramley Moor Lane, in order to extract rock samples for testing to see if it is viable to extract gas by fracking. Local opposition to the proposals centred around increased traffic through Coal Aston and unacceptable noise pollution particularly at night for nearby Marsh Lane residents. Other considerations related to inappropriate industrialisation of the rural landscape, pollution of ground water, the close proximity of the drilling rig to Apperknowle Air Field, access difficulties and temporary loss of an area of Green Belt. The Inspector said that the benefits of the exploration in terms of its potential to improve energy resources would outweigh the slight harm caused to neighbouring occupiers and that on all other matters the impact of the drilling would be neutral. She added that the conditions attached to the decision would ensure that the development would be carried out in an acceptable manner.

New Season...Events...New Time...7:30 pm...Events...Autumn

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STEPHEN CLIFFE
DERBYSHIRE CAVEMEN

Join us to learn more about the little known world of cave folklore and archaeology within the Peak District.

Wednesday 19th September at 7:30 p.m.
St Andrew's Church, Pentland Road
Members £3 Non-Members £5
To include refreshments


**Wednesday September 19th 7:30 p.m.
at St. Andrew's
Derbyshire Cavemen**

A presentation by Stephen Cliffe. The little known world of cave folklore and archaeology within the Peak District will be explored including the Dovedale cave where some very rare Celtic gold coins were found in a recent dig.

MORE INFORMATION AND UPDATES ABOUT THESE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

**Friday October 12th 7:30 p.m.
A Ticketed Event at the Peel Centre
The Dronfield Lecture**

We are delighted that Lee Rowley MP has accepted our invitation to talk about what it is like to be a relatively newly elected Member of Parliament. Join us for this event which won't be about politics!



**WESTMINSTER:
THE FIRST YEAR**


Lee Rowley, North East Derbyshire's Member of Parliament since 2017, will talk about his first year in Westminster.

**DRONFIELD ANNUAL LECTURE 2018
FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER 7:30 P.M.
AT THE PEEL CENTRE**

Tickets £8.00 to include refreshments
Available from the Barn Café or Peel Centre Office

Organised jointly by the Peel Centre Team and Dronfield Civic Society

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Norton's Flying Legacy

A presentation by Ian Rotherham & Chris Percy of the Landscape Heritage Research Foundation

Join us to find out about 33(HQ) Sqn which flew the BE2e aircraft during WWI. They were a training squadron by day and a fighter squadron by night. A detachment of the squadron was stationed at the newly acquired airfield and Night Landing Ground at Coal Aston until October 1916.

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Ian Rotherham and Chris Percy of the Landscape Heritage Research Foundation will provide an insight into this very interesting local topic.

THIS EVENT IS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH RATHER THAN THE THIRD DUE TO SPEAKER AVAILABILITY

**PLEASE NOTE NEW START TIME
MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS WELCOME
ENTRY £3 AND £5
TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS**

HAVEN'T RENEWED OR COLLECTED YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD YET?

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY JO WILL ISSUE CARDS, HELP YOU JOIN OR RENEW AT ALL OUR EVENTS

Meet the Winners



In May we celebrated improvement and initiative in our town through the presentation of the annual John Robert Clough Awards. With thanks to Mayor Philip Wright for presenting the certificates. Chair John Fletcher gave an excellent review of our year and the evening concluded with wine and nibbles.

Nominations begin again in January, so have a look around Dronfield and district for potential candidates. There is a nomination form on our website which includes a list of previous winners.



IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO RENEW OR REJOIN THE CIVIC SOCIETY IF MEMBERSHIP HAS LAPSED. WE WELCOME ALL NEW MEMBERS AND ENCOURAGE LAPSED MEMBERS TO REJOIN. IF YOU MISSED THE 1ST APRIL RENEWAL DATE, CONTACT JO WRIGHT AND SHE WILL RESET YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND ISSUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD. WE CAN NOW TAKE PAYMENT BY BACS. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS. JUST A REMINDER TO CHANGE YOUR PAYMENTS AND STANDING ORDERS TO THE NEW RATES PLEASE.



An Invitation to Renew Your Membership 2018-19

From April 1st, Dronfield Civic Society invites you to renew your membership. Annual subscription charges are **£10.00 singles, £15.00 couples/families** and £25.00 for small businesses/schools and associations.

Our Membership Secretary is Josephine Wright who will be pleased to receive the slip below with your payment by cheque to:
Dronfield Civic Society

Please send to: Mrs J Wright DCS Membership Secretary 11 Moorgate Crescent, Dronfield S18 1YF
For any membership queries you can contact Jo on dcsmembership@gmail.com

If you currently pay by Standing Order, you will need to make your bank aware of the new rates. Life membership remains at £60.00 single and £100.00 joint. Small business/school/association remains at £25.00.

Did you know you can now pay by BACS? Our sort code is 60-40-09 and account number 09430342.



Please renew my membership of Dronfield Civic Society from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

Name.....

Address.....

Email.....

Membership: (please circle) Single Couple/Family Business/School/Association

I enclose a cheque made payable to Dronfield Civic Society for £.....

Members receive reduced price entry to DCS talks and either a quarterly e-newsletter or a printed copy. PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS AS IT SAVES THE COST OF POSTAGE AND PRINTING



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