

## HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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### HAVING YOUR SAY

As always, the Parish Council are keen to receive input from parishioners and would remind you that while a discretionary public forum is held at the beginning of every meeting lawful items for discussion and decision have to be listed on the Parish Council's or Committees' Agendas. Therefore if there is something that you feel the Parish Council should consider, please put your concern or query in writing to the Parish Clerk  
Planning meetings (held twice monthly) are open to the public, and public opinion on planning applications is always welcomed either at the meetings or in writing. Copies of meeting Agendas are posted the previous week on the Parish Council's Henstridge & Yenston notice boards.

### MEET THE COUNCIL!

The Parish Council in Henstridge is made up of 13 Councillors.

Norman Symcox—Chair, HACC Representative  
Mickey Vincent—Full Council Vice Chair, Planning and Finance Chair, Yenston and Youth Representative  
Adam Temperton—Planning Vice Chair, Footpaths and Play area rep  
Paul Brighten—HALT Representative  
Pete Crocker—Highways representative  
James Day  
Chris Everill  
Jim Fitch  
Geoff Jarvis  
David Nicholls  
Malcolm Stobart—SALC and VHMC Representative  
Jean Oswick—VHMC Representative  
Paul White

Administration for the Council is dealt with by the Clerk and Proper officer to the Council, Rachel Walker, while Planning and Finance matters are handled by the Planning Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Tracey Watson. In the first instance all queries should be made to the Clerks.

The District Councillors are Tim Inglefield and William Wallace, who is also the County Councillor.

The meeting dates for the second quarter of 2009 will be:

#### FULL COUNCIL:

Monday 6th April  
Monday 11th May  
Monday 8th June

#### PLANNING

As above, plus Monday 20th April  
Monday 18th May  
Monday 22nd June.

Full Council Meetings take place at 7.30 in the Village Hall Lounge. The start times of planning meetings have some flexibility to reflect the number of applications, however they usually begin between 6.45 and 7.15 and times can be confirmed on the notice board, website or by calling the clerk.

# HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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**The Annual meeting for the Parish of Henstridge  
will be held at the Henstridge Village Hall  
on Monday 18th May 2009  
At 8.00pm**

**Coffee will be served from 7.30pm.**

Every English Parish must have a Parish meeting annually. This is not a Parish Council meeting, although it is the duty of the Parish Council to organise and provide funding for the meeting, rather it is a meeting for the village, in order to allow people to come together and celebrate activities that are going on and to discuss matters which affect the parish. There is also an open forum session in which comments on Village issues can be put forward and proposals can be put forward for inclusion on the agenda

and voted on at the meeting.

The Parish Council endeavour to ensure that all groups that we are aware of are invited to the Annual Parish meeting. However, if you, or a group you represent would like to be involved, if your groups contact has changed or if you feel that there is an issue which should be listed on the agenda for the Parish to discuss, then please contact the Clerk by Thursday 7th May 2009, on 01963 370388 or clerk@henstridgeparishcouncil.org.uk

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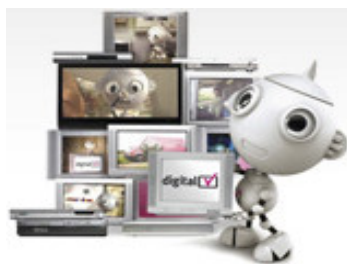
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## DIGITAL SWITCHOVER—ARE YOU PREPARED?

Did you know that some people are eligible for help in converting their TV sets to digital set up? If you are aged 75 or over, have lived in a care home for 6 months or more, get (or could get) certain disability benefits or are registered blind or partially sighted then the switchover help scheme can support you in ensuring that your television service is not affected by the digital switchover. To find out more details about the help available, call free on 0800 40 85 900 or visit [www.helpscheme.co.uk](http://www.helpscheme.co.uk)

For most of us in the Henstridge area, our television signal comes from the Mendip transmitter (the HTV region). The digital switchover for Mendip is not until March/April of 2010 and so there is still time to

make sure that you are fully prepared. If however you are in the West Country region and receive your signal from Stockland Hill, the switchover will happen this May. If you are unsure as to when you are affected then you can check, by entering your postcode at [www.digitaluk.co.uk](http://www.digitaluk.co.uk) or by ringing 08456 50 50 50. If you have concerns then please contact the Clerk and we will try to help you.



## THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW—PART 2!



Following a local reorganisation, the Parish Council were pleased to welcome our new PCSO John Winfield to the meeting in January.

PCSO Winfield advised the Council of his background and that he is a local man with local knowledge, who aims to be active in the commu-

nity with shifts from 8-5 and also from 3-midnight. He informed the Council that he is setting up a Farmwatch scheme,, is visiting all of the local pubs and primary schools, and hopes to attend a proportion of Parish Council meetings. The Parish Council wish him every success in his new post.

## ALLOTMENTS UPDATE—WANT TO GROW YOUR OWN?

The Parish Council currently have a planning application lodged with the District Council for the conversion of the upper part of the allotments site, adjacent to Centenary Gardens. The allotments are thriving and hopefully the addition of the water supply last year should help

to sustain this. We already have some names on the list for the proposed new plots, but if you would like to join them then please contact the Clerk to add your name to the list, as plots will be issued on a first come first served basis!

## SAVE MONEY AND STAY WARM

The Centre for Sustainable Energy is working with the District Council, to promote energy savings, grants and discounts throughout South Somerset.

The **Warm Streets** programme is just one of a number of schemes available to help residents heat their homes for less.

Funded by South Somerset District Council, **Warm Streets** offers free cavity wall (and in many cases loft) insulation to homeowners and private tenants over the age of 70 or in receipt of a qualifying benefit. Benefits include Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance.

Householders over 60 and families with children under 16 with a low income and low savings may also be entitled to free measures through a council grant. And for those households that don't qualify for free installation, considerable discounts can still apply.

Warm Streets manager, Helen Richardson says: "Insulating your walls and roof can

make a dramatic difference to both your fuel bills and the comfort of your home. An uninsulated house will lose approximately 35% of its heat through its walls and 25% of its heat straight through the roof!"

Other grants and discounts, such as Warm Front, Warm Front 300 and the Magic Boiler Scheme, are also available to help fund the installation of heating or repairs to existing systems.

If you would like further information on any of the above, or other energy-related matters, please contact the South West Energy Saving Trust advice centre on **0800 512 012**, who can help you access a range of local and national energy efficiency grants and discounts as well as offering free, impartial advice on reducing your fuel bills through low cost and no cost measures.

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