

# The HEX-PRESS

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## Hexthorpe the first to have Community Wardens

You may have already met Ruth and Charlie our new community wardens. Hexthorpe is the first area in Doncaster to have such appointments. The eyes of others will be on us to see how it works. Many people have been asking what their role is and so we have asked them to explain it to you themselves.

' We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and give a brief outline of some of the things we could be involved in.

- **Reducing crime and the fear of crime**
- **Providing a high visibility patrol throughout the area**
- **Reducing anti-social behaviour by responding to minor incidents of anti-social activity and neighbourhood disputes.**
- **Improve the environment by supporting projects outlined by the community**
- **Assist in housing management issues**
- **Encourage community development**

There is obviously a lot of hard work to be done, but with your help we can work together to build a better community for the future.

We have moved into 27 Hexthorpe Road and our contact number is 368130

We look forward to seeing you.'

The official launch was held in the Travis Centre when the Mayor of Doncaster, Councillor Maureen Edgar, was present. The Mayor was particularly pleased, because she is a former Hexthorpe resident, having attended Hexthorpe School.

Funding for the wardens was obtained from the government's Single Regeneration Budget Round 5 and South Yorkshire Police's Community Involvement Fund.

Ruth and Charlie say that their job can only be successful with the help of the community. They want people to contact them if there is a problem or if there is anything to report concerning the areas that are listed above.



In the photo are the Mayor of Doncaster with Charlie Tindall and Ruth Graham. In the back row are Superintendent John Brennan, Mick Muddiman, the chairman of the Community Development Board and Bob Baker from the Hexthorpe Quality of Life Group.

# WHO'S WHO

## Local Councillors

Charles Harrison, 81 Florence Avenue Tel: 858542  
John Hoare Tel: 751787  
Glyn Jones, 20 Lister Avenue, Balby DN4 8AR  
Tel: 816881

## Methodist Minister

John Wiltshire, 1 Cedar Road, Balby Tel: 852024

## Methodist Lay Worker

John Crawford, 61 Hexthorpe Road Tel: 349341

## Parish Priest

The Rev. J. Gilbert, The Vicarage, 132 Shadyside  
Tel: 852057

## Hexthorpe Community Constable

contact P.C. Peter Hartshorne Tel: 0114 220 2020

## Community Wardens

Ruth Graham

Charlie Tindall Tel: 368130

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Shadyside: (opp. Windle Rd)	10.05-10.35am
Eden Grove	10.40-11.10am
Shadyside (St Jude's Church)	11.15-11.45am

## Hexpress Comment

Some of you may have noticed the delay since our last Hexpress. At the moment we are having to reduce the number of editions because of the cost. If you have any bright ideas concerning the funding of the Hexpress then the editor would be pleased to hear from you.

## Recipe Corner

# Turkey Soup

### Ingredients

1 Turkey carcass  
2 lg onion  
2 good stock cubes ( e.g. Knorr chicken )  
1 tbs fresh herbs or 1 tsp dried herbs  
left over gravy  
left over stuffing  
salt and pepper  
for a thicker soup add left over veg, or better still fresh veg  
e.g. carrot, leek, potato

### Method

Peel and chop onions and put in a large pan with carcass, crumbled stock cubes, herbs, (gravy and stuffing if you have any )

# WEEKLY EVENTS

## Methodist Church Hall

### S.A.R.A Group (Stay and Rest Awhile)

Mums and Tots Group Thursday 9.45 – 11.45 am

### Mini-cruz

5 – 7 year olds Tuesday 5.30 – 7.00 pm

### Mega-cruz

7 – 11 year olds Wednesday 5.45 – 7.15pm

### Rock Solid Club

11 – 14 year olds Wednesday 7.45 – 9.01 pm

### You are invited on any Sunday to the Worship Services at Hexthorpe Methodist Church

10.30 am and 6.00 pm

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## At St Jude's Church Hall

Mums and Tots Monday 10.00 am – 12 noon

Tai Kwando Tuesday 6.00 – 8.00 pm

Thursday 6.15 – 8.15 pm

Yoga

Wednesday 6.30 – 8.30 pm

### Other events as advertised

### Sunday Services

Mass and Junior Church 10.00 am

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£15.00 according to the size.

Cover the contents with water, but leave a space at the top of the pan. Bring to the boil and simmer for about two hours. Lid the pan, stir occasionally and top up liquid if necessary.

Cool a little and strain with salt and pepper to taste.

For a thicker soup add the vegetables, chopped-stirred fried a little if you can be bothered- and cook in the soup until tender.

For a creamy soup remove some or all of the cooked veg with a slotted spoon and put through the liquidizer before returning to the strained soup. Top with chopped parsley before serving.

## Handy Hint

Freeze the turkey or chicken carcass along with any other of the above mentioned left overs and make the soup at a later date. The bones will be easier to break and fit into the pan.

# Councillors Column

Your councillors have as usual been busy and are delighted at the appointment of the neighbourhood wardens and at the progress made towards the proposed Community Resource Centre. We do all we can to ensure that D.M.B.C. helps towards such projects.

A continuing problem with those areas developed around 30 years ago is the open plan arrangement. Hopefully one scheme to provide secure rear space in the Shadyside/Travis Gardens area will go ahead when we can find suitable quotations for the work. I can also tell you that a policy change should provide a small fund for more such improvements in future years.

I was asked about children out and about when they should be in school. Both Education Welfare Officers and police can challenge them, and if they have no proper excuse can return them to school. Government is keen to reduce truancy and Doncaster has its part to play in this. The problem arises where the children are not registered with any school—which has been the case with some serious trouble makers. This takes longer because action has to be taken against parents.

Good news! We have heard that the Indoors Bowls Centre now has its grant and work will start soon. If we can follow this with the Community Resources Centre, the derelict land at the centre of the community will be transformed.

I was asked about litter bins. Those on residential streets are emptied once weekly, the usual day being Wednesday; those on shopping streets are emptied daily. Environmental Services tell me that there were some problems in the summer but they hope they have now been resolved.

Urban Road markings – the old markings were burnt off but can still be seen. The engineers say that to burn them off more would damage the road surface and to paint them out in black would make them stand out more. Either way, they reckon it is best to let traffic wear out what is left.

John Hoare

Contact your local councillors – Charles Harrison (8585420), Glyn Jones (816881), John Hoare (751787).

## Hexpress Comment

We can often get into the habit of complaining and moaning about how things have changed from what they once were, no doubt with some justification. However many of us choose to live here and would live nowhere else. It is good to look and remind ourselves what is good in our community.

- It is still a community as opposed to a place where people just travel out from every day and come back at night and never meet anyone else. Some places are like that.
- Those who travel on the bus know that there is always a buzz of conversation, for many people still

know each other. There are still many old families living here.

- We still have the best park in Doncaster and there is good news about the future of it.
- We have an excellent school and a dedicated staff, a place where we know our children are safe.
- We have thriving community organisations, egs the Tenants and Residents, the Quality of Life Group, the Allotment Holders, the Friends of Hexthorpe School, Travis Garden Centre and the Crimpsall Centre; also we have thriving churches.
- There are many caring people in Hexthorpe. Many of us have been helped at times by caring neighbours, friends or wardens.
- This year has seen the appointment of Community Wardens. Hexthorpe is the first place in Doncaster to have such people.
- There are plans for the future and the fact that we now can see some progress gives us hope that such plans will soon be translated into action.

If you have any good news to share we would love to hear from you.

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# Pete's Patch

I hope that you enjoyed the interview in the last issue of the Hexpress concerning Ernie Jackson my ex sergeant who retired in March of this year. The new community sergeant is PS 25555 Marco Zalad who has spent most of his service in Doncaster and is well aware of the problems that occur in Hexthorpe. Anyone who wishes to speak with him about any matters please ring him in the usual number.

Whilst on my rounds I am asked for advice on a whole range of matters effecting the law and responsibilities concerning these issues.

## DOGS

- The owner of a dog must make sure that in a public place the dog wears a collar bearing the owner's name and address.
- It is an offence of the person in charge of the dog in a public place to allow the dog to be dangerously out of control. If the dog injures someone the owner/person in charge may be prosecuted at the Magistrates Court incurring a fine. The Magistrates may issue an order for the dog to be destroyed and/or the owner disqualified from keeping a dog for a period of time.
- The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 outlaws certain breeds of dogs. These breeds are Pit Bull Terriers, Japanese Tosas, Dogo Argentinos and Filo Brazileros unless they are neutered or spayed, tattooed with an identification number, implanted with an identification micro chip and covered by third party insurance. In public they must be muzzled, on a lead and under control of someone who is at least 16 years of age.
- **You will find the vast majority of dog owners are very responsible people and treat their dogs like one of the family. I ask the small minority to avoid using public areas for dog toiletry purposes particularly park and games areas. A small tip is to carry a plastic bag with you and pick up your dog's excrement. Keep your dog on a lead when in the street so that it is under control.**

## ABANDONED VEHICLES

- If a car is abandoned on private or council land then the vehicle will be subject to a 7 day removal notice. If the vehicle is not claimed it will be removed. If the owner is found the cost for removal can be charged to them.
- If a vehicle is in a dangerous condition and a danger to the public this can be removed immediately and costs of removal and storage charged to the owner.
- If the vehicle is found without a current excise licence the DVLA is informed and the vehicle is clamped. If the owner does not comply with the notice attached to

the vehicle within 24 hours then the vehicle will be removed and the cost of removal and storage charged to the owner.

- **In July this year 11 cars were clamped and removed by the DLVA in Hexthorpe. This exercise will be repeated in the near future.**

## KNIVES/SHARP POINTED INSTRUMENTS

- It is an offence to have with you in a public place anything with a blade or sharp point, unless that person has good reason or lawful authority to carry it.
- Folding pocket knives are allowed as long as the blade is less than 3ins long.
- It is a specific offence to carry an offensive weapon or knife on school premises unless that person has good reason or lawful authority.
- I appeal to any responsible parent not to allow young children to carry any sort of knife or other implement that may cause mischief like laser lights and spring loaded imitation hand guns that fire the small plastic pellets.

**Anyone who wants any clarification on any matter please give me a call.**

## HEXQOL

I was with the Hexqol ( Hexthorpe Quality of Life Group ) in August in the Police Community bus parked on the old school site off Shadyside. The team members were displaying the plans and a scale model of the proposed community resource centre to be built on the site. There were other small displays of interest, crime prevention, lifestyle sweets and balloons for the children. I was surprised at the poor turn out from local residents; this is a very important venture for the community and your views and ideas for the planning of the centre were welcomed. Members of the team are unpaid and work very hard in their spare time for you and deserve better credit in public response.

## CRIME NEWS IN BRIEF

Please be aware and lock up items in your gardens that can easily be stolen. I am continually taking reports of stolen bicycles left out all night, washing, mainly designer wear, left on washing lines at night. Vehicles are being broken into at night, please park them in well lit areas, remove property that can be seen and cover up radio cassettes. Fit car alarms and steering locks. I have steering locks for sale at a cost of £35, these have a 5 minute thief time test.

Until next time, bye.

# DEVELOPMENTS ON THE OLD SCHOOL SITE

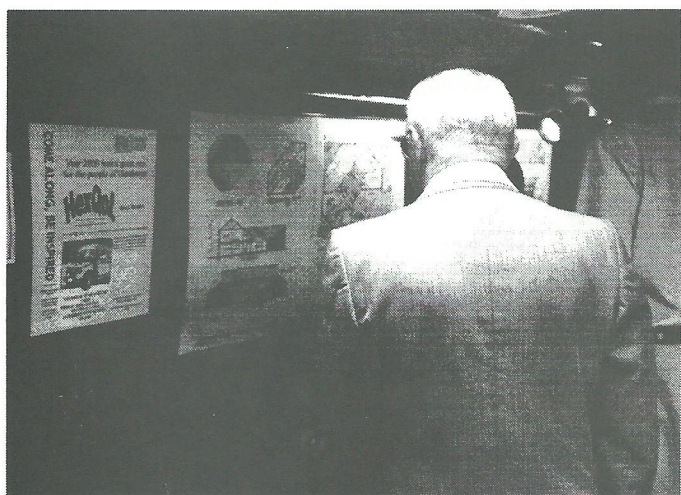
Work should have started on the site of the former **Hexthorpe School**. What is to be built there? That is still the question asked by some Hexthorpe people – even though there have been public meetings, newspaper coverage and open days on the site.

The first buildings to appear will be those of the **Doncaster Indoor Bowls Club**. The Club has just had news that their application for a lottery grant for over half a million pounds has been successful. The grant of £585,502 has been received from the Sport England Lottery Fund.

The committee of the Bowls Club anticipate that building will have commenced before the end of the year. There will be indoor bowling rinks along with social facilities. A car park will be provided for 60 cars.



*A reminder of the site just before demolition*



*The Open Day held on the school site*

Members of the public will be able to book a rink. There will be a varied bowling programme of casual competitions and coaching sessions. There will be specific programmes for women, people with disabilities and young people.

There will also be a certain number of jobs available. We understand that these are to be advertised. It is hoped that the Club will be opened in May 2001

The **Shadyside end of the site has been earmarked for the Hexthorpe Resource Centre**. This is to include health, educational and social facilities for all members of the community. Also, it is hoped that there will be a community café and a creche. This has already been reported in the Hexpress.

Plans drawn up by Chris Cook, a community architect from York, have been submitted to the D.M.B.C. Planning

Department for approval.

Members of the Hexthorpe Quality of Life Group (HEXQOL) are now busy preparing applications for funding.

It is hoped that the building will be a quality building, having first class facilities. It will not be cheap-it is anticipated that the costs will come to over half a million pounds.

Every effort has been made to consult the local community, through surveys, the Hexpress, forum meetings and three open days on the site. Various Council Departments and Agencies are actively supporting the project. The HEXQOL steering group hope for your continued support and interest in bringing this exciting project to completion.

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## Floods in Hexthorpe

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The allotment holders were the ones to suffer most, as the allotments at the bottom of Bramworth Road were flooded. It became quite a tourist attraction as people came to see the flooded river!

The Dell was flooded. It is believed that this is caused by the water table rising as the river rises. Someone suggested that perhaps it is caused by underground pipes that were once used to keep the moat full of water.

There has been a lot of talk of global warming being responsible for the water levels recently. However, there must be local people who remember the floods of 1947, which spread more widely in Hexthorpe than this year's did. The Hexthorpe Saint James School Log Book for May 17th 1886 records 'Great flood over the district from Friday. Many scholars unable to get to school. All the children in Flowitt Street and beyond are absent. Where to

find them I don't know. Many are spread in Doncaster.'

If anyone has any memories regarding past floods we would be pleased to hear from you.

## A Thank You from the Friends of the School

*We have received the following letter from the Friends of Hexthorpe School.*

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Hexthorpe School to thank the local community for supporting our Autumn Fayre.

The Fayre was a very enjoyable event, raising £1,900. This money will be spent on giving the children a good Christmas in school.

I would also like to invite anyone interested in joining our 'merry band' to come along to the Staff Room any Wednesday afternoon, where we meet between 1.30 and 3.30p.m. Anyone with any skills will be welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat.

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Your faithfully

*Trish Clarke* (On behalf of the Friends of Hexthorpe School)

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### The Junction

The Junction on Hexthorpe Road continues to flourish. You are most welcome to drop in for a cup of tea or coffee and meet other people or just to come in for a rest. John Crawford, the manager, is pleased to talk to any one who wants help or who just needs a listening ear. If you are feeling lonely, particularly at this time of Christmas, then please call in. John and his wife Sue or one of the volunteers would be pleased to meet you.

### TARA

The Hexthorpe Tenants and Residents Meeting continues to be held every third Tuesday of the month. It meets at the school at 7.00p.m., the meeting usually lasts for about an hour. It is well attended and the local councillors are there to answer questions; often there is a visiting speaker who talks on a matter related to our local community. All residents of Hexthorpe are welcome to join the Association.

### The Flatts and The Dell

The November meeting of TARA was addressed by Mick Cooper. He explained what plans there were for the improvement of the Flatts and the Dell. A bid is being put in for lottery funding to develop a number of the parks in Doncaster.

In the plans for Hexthorpe is the creation of a corridor of

### The New Deal and Community Safety

A proposal has been suggested that New Deal money could be used to make the streets at the town end of Hexthorpe safer to live in. Residents have been circulated and the scheme explained to them. The idea is to put up gates at the ends of the passageways or backs; only residents would have access to the back of the houses. They would be provided with keys for their backs. Obviously, the emergency services would also have access. We understand that the scheme has had a good reception. The police are supportive of it and a number of people have visited similar schemes in Liverpool and Middlesbrough. The streets there have been made much safer, with a reduction in house break-ins.

facilities on the bowling green side of the Flatts. This would include the bowling green, tennis courts, basket ball, skateboarding, and rollerblading. It is suggested that a BMX track be built on the old golf course; this would be a purpose built track, able to host competitions. BMX clubs have shown an interest in the scheme. It is also hoped to provide a purpose built shelter-something like a bandstand- where young people could meet.

A firm has shown an interest in re-establishing a café. The pavilion that remains next to the old putting course would be used for the café, with the possibility of an outside area overlooking the grass.

English Heritage have visited a number of parks in South Yorkshire and the Dell is almost certain to be listed as an Historic Park. This would mean that it would be protected.

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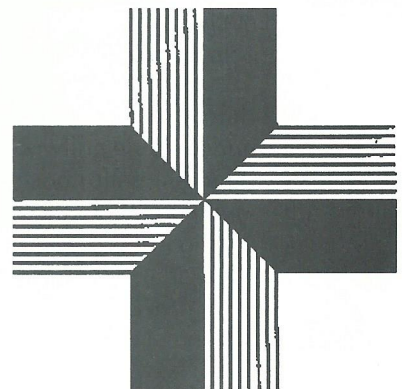
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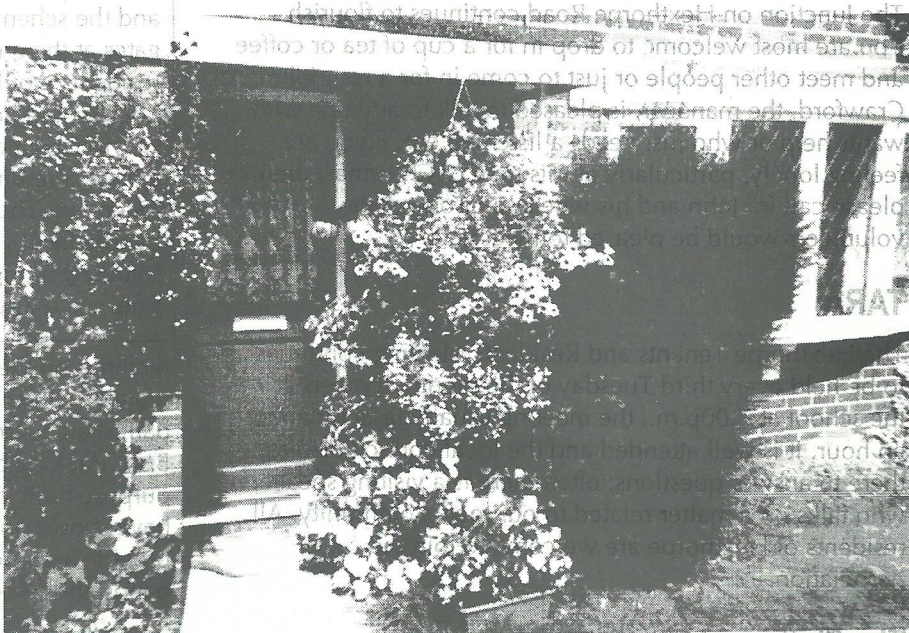
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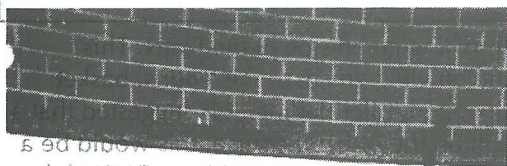


# GOOD DISPLAY OF HANGING BASKETS

There has been another good summer of hanging baskets on display in Hexthorpe. We show here a sample; they are the result of a lot of hard work and care. 198, Shadyside was particularly impressive.



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198 Shadyside

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