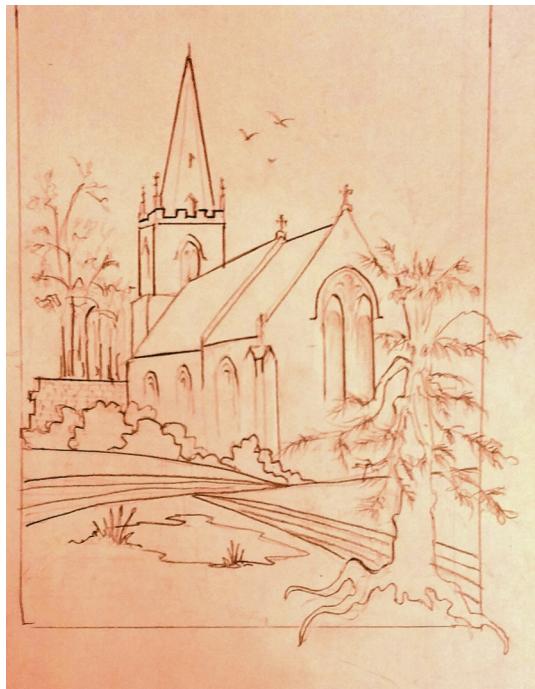


# Heads - Up !

*The newsletter for Headon, Upton, Grove & Stakeham*

*May 2021*

## Grove Village Sign — Update



A successful virtual meeting was held in early April to discuss our upcoming village signs and the results of the survey of residents.

Overwhelmingly villagers said that they preferred 2 gateway signs at the entrance to the village instead of a central village sign and that they should celebrate our heritage and natural world. We felt that the sign should definitely feature Grove church, Grove Hall and woodland but we may have space for 2-3 other things including an animal and a rural skill. What ideas do you have?

We also have great news that the Parish Council has agreed to fund 25% of the sign meaning that, with the grants already received, we have 75% funding and just need to raise £2000 ourselves. We'd like to propose a voluntary donation from villagers to a GoFundMe page of whatever you're willing to contribute and we're suggesting £20 per bedroom as a possible level. We hope villagers see this as an investment as village signs will improve the desirability of Grove and possibly improve house prices. What are your reactions?

Next steps are to continue the sketches of ideas and finalise the design ideas before sharing the final results with the villagers.

Feel free to feed back to [ben@wielgus.co.uk](mailto:ben@wielgus.co.uk)

## Litter Picking....looking after your local environment

We currently have a small group of volunteers from Headon and Upton who feel strongly about keeping our local area litter free. The group initially met in Spring 2019 to carry out an organised litter pick but have not managed to meet as a group since, mainly due to the pandemic. Individuals have however continued to collect litter on and off since then.

The group is looking for more volunteers with the idea that people could take responsibility for specific roadside verges. The more people who join in the easier the task will be and it means that volunteers can collect litter when it suits them and for the time being it also avoids meeting up in a larger group. Covid restrictions may ease and make larger groups possible at some stage.

Safety is paramount and there is guidance on keeping safe from the County Council which can be shared with volunteers. The Parish Council has also been approached with regard to the purchase of metal litter pickers and they are currently looking into this so hopefully these can be issued once we have re-established a list of interested parties.

If anyone is interested in joining the group please contact Jill Walker on 01777 248285 or email [walkerjilly@outlook.com](mailto:walkerjilly@outlook.com)

# **Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council.**

## **Notes from the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

The meeting was informed that new building work is taking place at Headon Camp, the Parish Council have contacted Bassetlaw District Council Planning Department.

Cllr Harvey thanked District Cllr Coulte for the recent £200 grant that will be spent towards the development of a parish walking map.

All the parish defibrillator batteries have been replaced in line with the manufacturer's recommendations.

A response has been received from Via that following a consultation with the Principal Officer at the Nottinghamshire CC Local Transport Planning team (LTP), it has been agreed that a review of the speed limit along Greenspotts Lane, Nether Headon will be undertaken by the LTP team. Whilst their initial view is that a 30mph limit would be too low for this road there may be a case for a reduction to a 40mph limit. However, they will need to await the findings of their review and once that has been completed a final decision will be made and the Parish Council will be notified of the outcome.

A report of increased HGV traffic through Grove has been received, the possible increase of traffic may have been as a result of a recent diversion. Grove Parish Councillors Wielgus and Smith who live in the village will monitor traffic through the village and report back the council.

Grove War Memorial, the War Memorial Trust requires three quotations to be submitted with the funding application. Four site meetings with contractors have taken place. Once all the quotations have been received a full grant submission will be sent to the War Memorial Trust.

The Parish Council are investigating the possibility of obtaining litter picking equipment donations.

A recent survey of Grove residents was carried out with a 30% response. The result of the survey is that Grove residents favour village gateway signs as opposed to a central village sign. A Grove resident has come forward to offer to produce sign designs depicting the natural and as-built environment of the village. Another Grove resident has offered to fabricate the sign faces. Cllr Wielgus informed the meeting that as a benchmark cost comparison, he has received a quotation for the signs with an anticipated timeframe of later in the year. The Parish Council have already secured £3,680 external funding towards the cost of the signs a discussion took place regarding further sign funding.

Parish Noticeboards, tenders have been sent out to three noticeboard manufacturers and two have returned quotations. The council is to consider the returned quotations.

Have you tried the new parish bench between Headon and Upton? As a result of material donations, zero cost fabrication and no installation cost, the bench was installed free of charge. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 19:30hr**. Please note that the current restrictions imposed as a result of Corona Virus dictate that the next meeting will be a virtual meeting.

The Zoom log in detail is: -

<https://zoom.us/j/99890455886?pwd=RVZwM3dGRnorQVpnQVFCSWp2ME1qZz09>  
By phone +44 203 901 7895  
Meeting ID: 998 9045 5886  
Passcode: 063126

The Parish Council.  
headonpc@gmail.com

## Puzzle Corner

The letters in the names of five capital cities have been replaced by the digits 1-9. The replacement digits are consistent throughout. Can you work out where this international traveller has been?

1. 1 2 3 1
2. 2 4 1 5 3
3. 6 7 5 2 2 4 3 2
4. 8 1 3 1 9 6 1
5. 7 1 9 4

Answer on the bottom of the last page.

## Headon Village Hall

From Friday 21st May the Village Hall social evening will start again. We are keeping all procedures that were put in place before the current lock down; seating only and table service etc. We will keep updating the restrictions going forward in line with Government guidance.

Tuesday 18th May is our AGM, starting at 7.30pm, all are welcome.

## St Peter's Church at Headon

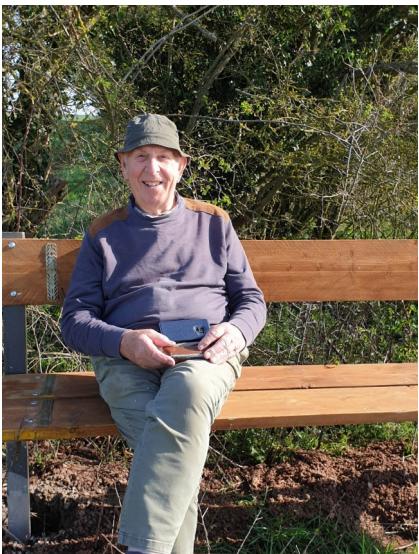
The Church has been closed for over a year but it is hoped that it can open for Services quite soon.

The Church is in need of a Spring Clean and all volunteers are most welcome with a hoover or a dustpan and brush or polish or just a pair of willing hands.

The date set for a cleaning session is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am to 12.00noon.

All help will be most welcome.

## Headon Cum Upton Village Bench



The Parish Council has recently undertaken to provide a bench for the use of local residents and other walkers. It is situated at the junction of Brigg Lane and Clover Close Lane, the lanes which connect Thorpe Street in Headon to Drayton Road in Upton.

It provides a pleasant place to have a break during a walk, and it is hoped that it will prove useful to many. The materials used, and the time and effort to install the bench, have all been generously donated by various councillors and residents and I would say a huge 'Thank you' to all those involved.

Julia Harvey, Chairman Parish Council

*Parish Councillor John Mosley pictured taking advantage of the new bench in the recent sunshine.*

**The Parish of The Rivers, Retford. "Living Water for Living LIFE"**  
**Services & Events for 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
**ALL SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS AND AVAILABILITY OF CHURCHES**  
No services at Grove, Rampton or Stokeham at present

	St Nicholas Askham	St Peter East Drayton	St John the Baptist East Markham	St Peter Headon	St Peter Laneham	St John the Baptist Treswell
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**2<sup>nd</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 10.30 am St John the Baptist, East Markham Benefice Holy Communion for everyone**

9 <sup>th</sup> May 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter			10.30 am <i>Holy Communion</i>		9.00 am <i>Holy Communion</i>	
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**13<sup>th</sup> May, Ascension Day 7.30 pm CHURCH to be advised Benefice Holy Communion for everyone**

16 <sup>th</sup> May 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.30 am <i>Holy Communion</i>		10.30 am <i>All-Age Worship</i>	9.00 am <i>Holy Communion</i>		
23 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>PENTECOST</b>		10.30 am <i>Holy Communion</i>	8.00am <i>BCP Holy Communion</i> 10.30am <i>Songs of Praise</i>		10.30 am <i>Morning worship</i>	9.00am <i>Holy Communion</i>

**30<sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday 10.30 am CHURCH to be advised Benefice Holy Communion**

**6<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity 10.30 am St Peter East Drayton Benefice Holy Communion**

As the COVID road map starts to open up society again, so we are now starting to re-open our church buildings. During the last 12 months we have seen fewer people at the major festivals like Harvest, Christmas and Easter. This was mainly because of social distancing and the limitation on numbers but also because congregational singing was not (and still isn't) allowed in church; it isn't just choristers who like "a good sing"! We can sing outside in the churchyard now (as we did in Laneham churchyard at Christmas) and it may be that we can do that again, but in the sunshine. Whatever the weather, however, we are hopeful that as restrictions ease and the numbers of people being vaccinated increase, we will start to see more people again for "in-person" worship, returners and new folk alike.

If you would like to know how we are continuing to be Church in the Parish of The Rivers Retford, please contact the Rector, The Revd Canon Bronwen Gamble, to receive our weekly notices.

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by email: [brongamble@hotmail.com](mailto:brongamble@hotmail.com) or phone: 01777 870848.

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