

HIGHER DENHAM COMMUNITY



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WHAT'S ON AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

Some activities are returning to the Hall and you will have been contacted by your organiser with information on how these will operate safely within COVID-19 guidelines.

The Hall will be available to hire for parties after 21 June 2021, subject to Government regulations.

For any further information about hiring the Hall, Glebe Field and Misbourne Meeting Room please contact Jane Blyth:
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Dear Residents,

It has been a while since the last Newsletter was distributed, so I thought it would be useful to give you an update on what the CIO committee has been doing on your behalf since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. As lockdown happened the Hall income stopped overnight, however we have been very fortunate to secure two government Covid grants which have helped us to keep paying the Hall utility bills and maintenance of the gardens and field. As things are starting to reopen and we get back to some sort of normality, classes, parties and activities have started to resume in the Hall and on the field.

Although activities in the Hall had to stop during the lockdowns, we have been working on various projects and making sure all of our community facilities have been looked after and maintained. The CIO committee has continued to meet virtually, via Zoom, and last month we were able to hold our first face-to-face meeting since the start of the pandemic. These are some of the things we have been busy working on during the lockdowns.

- ◊ **CCTV project.** You should, by now, have received a separate communication from the CIO advising that we are now in a position to go ahead with the community CCTV and ANPR camera installation. We are delighted to get to this point. I know this has taken longer than expected, however it has been complex, ensuring we have the right equipment being installed in the right locations, covering all of the vehicle entrance and exit points to Higher Denham and that we have the infrastructure to power the equipment and that we meet the ICO guidelines. The communication has asked residents to honour the pledges that were made when we first gauged your interest in this project, so we do hope that you will show your support.
- ◊ **Footpath between Higher Denham and Tilehouse Lane.** I have been liaising with the Parish Council regarding an application for HS2 funding to resurface and possibly install lighting on the footpath that runs parallel with the train track between Higher Denham and Tilehouse Lane. We don't yet know the outcome, but we will update you as soon as we have some news.
- ◊ **Bollard replacement.** Those of you that use the footpath on Moor House Lane will have noticed one of the bollards at the bridleway leading up to Brokengate Lane was removed some time ago. The CIO organised the replacement of the bollard to deter trespassers. A resident from Upper Road kindly supplied and fitted the bollard at their own expense which we are very grateful for.
- ◊ **Adult gym equipment on the field.** A number of residents have contacted us to see if it is possible to have some adult gym equipment installed on the field and we are exploring this with support from Denham Parish Council, who have already done this in other parts of the Parish.
- ◊ A "Big Lunch" event is being organised on the community field on **Sunday 27th June, 12 noon - 4pm**. This is an opportunity for us to get together as a community and to enjoy an afternoon with Live Music from "Soul & Funktion". A BBQ, children's entertainment, a bouncy castle and an ice cream van will be available and the Social Club will be open for drinks, however you are welcome to bring your own drinks and picnics too. **Entry is free!** We hope to see many of you there.

I hope you have found this update useful and, as always, if you have any queries or suggestions please do get in contact by text or call to 07876 391349 or email chairmanhigherdehamcio@gmail.com

Kind regards,
Jacqui McGowan - Chair
Higher Denham Community CIO

Communicating with Residents

Producing and delivering the Newsletter hasn't been possible during the pandemic and we have found that the quickest way to cascade information to residents is via WhatsApp.

You may be aware there are two resident WhatsApp Groups. One is for updates from the CIO and covers news about the hall and field, security issues in the community, road closures etc. The second WhatsApp Group is a "Chat" group for residents and is used for trade recommendations, selling or giving away items, lost and found and all sorts of things!

Both groups have been a really useful form of communication during the pandemic and there are over 130 residents on each group. Therefore, going forward, the preferred method for the CIO to cascade information out to the community will be via the CIO WhatsApp group, with relevant updates added to the CIO website.

Newsletters will still be produced 2-3 times a year and will include notifications of the AGM, updates afterwards and any other items that we need to bring to your attention.

If you would like to be added to either, or both, of the WhatsApp groups please text your name and number to **07876 391349**.

A reminder that the CIO website can be found at :
www.hdca.org.uk

Trade/Service Recommendations

Residents regularly use the WhatsApp Chat group to ask for trade and service recommendations, eg plumbers, gardeners. This information has been collated and can be found on the CIO website under "Keeping you Informed". We hope you find it useful. If you have any recommendations that you would like to share with residents, please email them to:
chairmanhigherdenhamcio@gmail.com

Higher Denham Open Gardens



The recent Open Gardens Day on 23rd May was a huge success. Wind in the Willows and 5 Side Road opened their gardens to over 90 visitors on the day, raising £626 for charity.

Thank you to everyone that helped make the day a success.

The next Open Gardens event will be held on Sunday July 18th, 2pm - 5.30pm with three gardens opening, including Wind in the Willows. Tickets will cost £6.00 for admission to all the gardens and can be purchased from the Hall on the day. Teas and cakes will be served in the Hall, if the Covid restrictions allow at this time.

Please keep an eye out for the posters and a reminder on the WhatsApp groups nearer the time.

Pillowtalkhome & Friends Shopping Event

20th June 2021

10.00 am to 5.00 pm on The Glebe Field

You are all invited to join **Pillowtalkhome** and their friends at our first Higher Denham Community outdoor shopping event.

An opportunity to meet friends, indulge in a little retail therapy and support small local businesses.

Pillowtalkhome will be showcasing their ranges of soft furnishings, nursery décor, garden décor, crockery, home fragrance, gift ware and toys.

We are delighted to announce that **Pillowtalkhome** will be joined by friends and small businesses offering a range of shopping opportunities.

Hurstbrook Leathers: Hand crafted ranges of leather accessories, handbags and gifts, all made from the finest quality leather.

The Silk Merchant: Luxurious silk products to enhance your sleep.

Tony's Books: A huge selection of high quality books and stationary for all ages.

Hand crafted wooden boxes: A delightful range of handcrafted boxes, perfect for a variety of uses, gifts, storage or jewellery.

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