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COMMUNITY IN BLOOM 2008

Following the success of the 2007 competition, the Council will be hold a 'Community in Bloom' competition this summer, with judging taking place in June. Details of entry categories and how to enter the competition will appear in future newsletters and on www.hawardencommunitycouncil.gov.uk

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for Councillors to serve on the Community Council will take place on 1 May 2008, the nomination period commencing on 25 March 2008. The seventeen successful candidates will serve on the Council until May 2012.

HAWARDEN CARNIVAL 2008

Arrangements are now in hand for the 2008 Carnival which will take place on Saturday 12 July at Gladstone Playing Fields, Hawarden. Anyone interested in assisting with the organisation of the Carnival or wishing to participate in it should contact Helen Gambino on 01244 528907.

JUNIOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

With support from Hawarden High School and other organisations working with young people the Community Council is establishing a Junior Council which will focus on issues affecting the youth of our Community. It is expected that the first meeting of the Junior Council will take place in May 2008.



HAWARDEN VILLAGE TRAIL

The popular Hawarden Village Trail booklet has been reprinted and is available from the Council's Office, Hawarden Village Stores and Hawarden Post Office. The booklet leads walkers on a tour of the village highlighting the many historical buildings of interest.

COMMUNITY APPRAISAL

As residents will be aware the Council undertook a Community Appraisal exercise in December 2007, in order to gather the public's views on the services it provides and those of other agencies, including the County Council and the Police. In total more than one thousand households completed questionnaires.

A copy of the report of the findings of the exercise and a breakdown of responses by electoral ward can be viewed at local Libraries or by accessing www.hawardencommunitycouncil.gov.uk

The Council is grateful to all those who completed questionnaires.

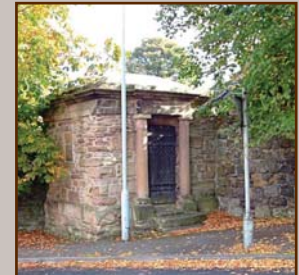
COUNCIL EXPENDITURE 2008/2009

The Council's budget for 2008/2009 allows for expenditure of £377,100 compared to £355,270 in 2007/2008. To facilitate this the Community Council's element of the total Council Tax bill will be £31.48 on an average Band 'D' property.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

The Council has recently awarded the following grants:-

- Hawarden Institute - £1,550
- Level Road Community Centre - £1,550
- Mancot Village Hall - £1,550
- Aston Community Centre - £1,550
- Woodside Senior Citizen's Club - £200
- Hawarden Cricket Club - £200
- Mancot Parents & Toddlers - £290
- Friends of Penarlag CP - £200
- Highway Playdays - £200
- Mancot OAP's - £200
- Mancot Bowling Club - £150
- Gladstone Bowling Club - £200
- Aston Bowling Club - £300



DID YOU KNOW?

The House of Correction, at the top of Cross Tree Lane, Hawarden was built in the middle of the eighteenth century to house prisoners before trial or their removal to the County gaol at Flint. Adjacent to it was the site of the parish stocks and whipping post.

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