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Parish Council

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# Annual Report 2024-25

Clr Richard Small  
Chair, DHPC



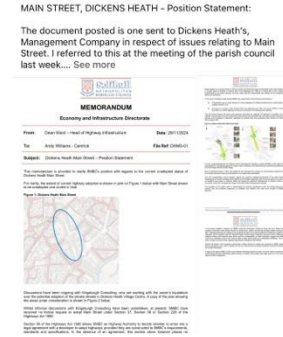
# Dickens Heath Youth Club...

- **Successful in applying for and securing Grant Funding via SMBC £12,000.00**
- **Preferred Supplier Awarded**
- **DHPC contributed funding for The Hub to host YC activities**
- **Immediate success! One group over subscribed with a significant waiting list.**



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# DHPC Planning Advisory Group

- Subject Matter Expertise – pushing for consistency in line with NPPF
- Challenging sustainability and infrastructure
- Holding developers to account and positively influencing development proposals
- Developing user friendly response wizard in support of community based submissions – thanks Adam!
- PÁG representing the feedback of the community both locally and nationally
- Special thanks to PÁG Members and Jean Walter's 😊



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# Summer Fund Raising & Community Event on The Green...



Well done to you all for organising such a lovely event, it was a lovely to come along to support such a beautiful family for an amazing cause

[Acorns Children's Hospice](#) ❤️ ❤️

Truly wonderful day Well done to Julie & Claire and everyone who helped organised and all the people who came along xx

Another great afternoon illustrating the strength of the DH community. Thank you to everyone involved in making it happen.



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**DICKENS HEATH FUN DAY**

**SATURDAY 31ST AUG 12PM TO 5PM**

On Dickens Heath Village Green

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Boogaloo Babes
- Bouncy Castle
- Face Painting
- DJ
- Pizza
- Ice Cream
- Cake
- Indian food

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..the community spirit continued into the afternoon...

Thanks to  
Comms & Events  
Committee





📣📣📣 We have new tables in the library!  
😊 These have been kindly gifted by Dickens Heath Parish Council who were awarded funding from Heart of England Community Foundation.  
🍀 The tables are on lockable wheels with flip tops, meaning we can easily adapt the space depending on use.  
♟️📖 As a result, we have been able to move a table over to 'The Board Room', giving customers more space for chess, reading or tackling the daily crossword!  
😊 A huge thank you to our friends at Dickens Heath Parish Council!

17:50



Investing in our Library...

huge thanks to Liz & Mike...& Stewart we ❤️ you!



# You said... we listened... we delivered!





One of our fabulous volunteers with our first Summer Reading Challenge sign up!



Recognising the amazing contributions of our community volunteers & (those who wish to remain anonymous)







**REMEMBRANCE  
SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**10.50AM  
AT THE VILLAGE CENTRE**

**INCLUDING A PARADE BY  
THE VILLAGE SCOUTS**



Another Successful  
Remembrance Sunday





# Christmas in Dickens Heath

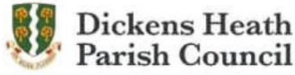


# Updating our play area



Good Morning Lovely Dickens Heath Residents 🤗  
The playground has had a little TLC today, we hope you enjoy it in the sunshine! 🚗





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## Dickens Heath Parish Council Office & Meeting Space



Library (First Floor),  
Old Dickens Heath Road,  
Dickens Heath,  
Sollihull  
B90 1SD



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If you would like to meet a Parish Councillor or the Clerk in person,  
please make an appointment in advance by email or phone.

## Your Parish Council has responsibility for the provision of:

### The Village Green, including:



Playground



Benches



Goalposts



Bins and  
dog poo bins



Tree planting



Events held on  
the Village Green



Floral and  
Christmas decorations



Upkeep  
of planters



Enhanced  
litter picking



Welcome  
Gates



Noticeboard  
outside Mortons



Defibrillator  
Access Points

## Your Parish Council works in partnership with:



Streetwatch  
& PCSOs



The Hub at Dickens Heath  
Community Primary School



Library Coffee Mornings for  
retired residents (Tuesdays)



"In Bloom" &  
Gardening Competition



Remembrance Sunday  
commemoration



Village Green  
Christmas Tree  
provision



Occasional  
events



Local SMBC councillors, including acting as a  
'statutory consultee' in response to planning applications  
and Sollihull Local Plan & Development Proposals



Local MP  
for Meriden

## Your Parish Council acts as a liaison point with:



Management companies for  
shared spaces, private roadways  
and parking areas



DHMC / Centrick  
- car parking



SMBC regarding lighting,  
hedge-cutting, pavements,  
highways, yellow lines,  
speed limits and maintenance



Dickens Heath  
Primary School  
events



Village Hall

None of this could have been achieved without the daily professional contributions and skillful coordination of our Parish Council Clerk... Thank you Hannah... You have been amazing





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*....and we will continue to listen,  
collaborate & deliver for every  
member of our community!*