



**Dickens Heath
Parish Council**

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Annual Report 2023-24

Richard Small (Chair)

So what did we
deliver in 2023-24



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Dickens Heath Parish Council Office & Meeting Space



Library (First Floor),
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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

Dickens Heath Community Youth Club Provision



**‘Investing in the wellbeing
of our young people’...**

Collaboration DHPC & SMBC

£15,000 joint funding 2024/25

Two Sessions per week

Themed – music prod – life skills

Regulated – supplier tender underway



Planning Advisory Group

BL1 Richborough site for 450 homes
Persimmon site for 90 homes

Blended representation specialists..
Planning, Ecology, Highways & 3 Cllr's

Challenging:

- lack of highways infra assessment
- lack of flooding assessment
- planning process (errors)

Public Engagement Campaign

“ we need your participation ”





Defibrillator for our Community & First Aid Training

July 23 was accepted by Councillors Small and Woodus
First Response have also delivered three training sessions free of charge
installed outside the library
Defibrillator has been used twice and is a vital resource for the community

Supporting our Library

- Two years of supporting the 'Warm Hub'
- Birmingham Mail Newspaper provision
- Successfully negotiated additional opening times (3.5 hours) with SMBC
- Community Events Planning
- Enliven Meetings with more digital technology
- 2nd Highest footfall of Libraries in Solihull
- Highest membership growth in Solihull.(thanks to Cathy & Amy) since covid.



Community Safety & Our Streetwatch Team



Our Partnership with the Streetwatch Team 😊

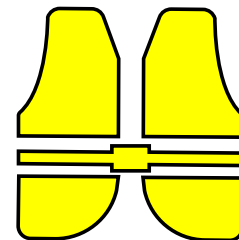
Thanks for your positive contribution for...

- Reductions in anti-social behavior particularly during Halloween
- For their continuing advice on crime prevention
- For their friendly and reassuring presence within the community
- If you're thinking of joining please SIGN UP!



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Kings Coronation Celebration – Delivered!



Community Playground – Year on Year Fun

- *“The use of the new playground has been phenomenal since it’s opening – it’s so lovely to see so many children and families enjoying the new play facilities on the village green”*



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Special Thank You....

To Our Amazing Parish Council Clerk....

Hannah Raithby 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

‘work ethic ‘ professionalism ‘

‘ going above and beyond ‘ 🏠



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And so much more delivered
& remembered...

Parish news

Parish Council News

August 2022

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th September, 6.30pm

Dickens Heath residents are always welcome to attend meetings, held in the library – now at the new, earlier time of 6.30pm. The next meeting will cover the latest car parking update and an input from Dickens Heath Community School Head Teacher, Jacqueline Nicholls about the 'The Hub' and its potential for being our next Village Youth Club!

Streetwatch helping to keep our community safe

It was great to meet members of the village Streetwatch group and our local Neighbourhood Police Team recently. The Streetwatch group currently have around 20 members, with teams of 6 to 8 carrying out regular weekly patrols. The group have dealt with fens, observed drugs drops, identified poorly lit areas, and reported abandoned vehicles in recent weeks, and are a great asset in keeping our Dickens Heath community safe.

Village Green Benches

Two new benches on the village green will also be installed in August to replace those previously vandalised. To minimise future damage, the new benches will be metal.

Village Green Goalposts

I am pleased to confirm that our much missed goal posts will be reinstalled on the Green in early August – yay!

Enjoy your summer holidays everyone!

Richard Small, Chair, Dickens Heath Parish Council

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