

Wick Community Council

NEWSLETTER – Summer 2020

Wick's Covid Volunteers

Wick Community Council would like to thank all those who responded to requests for help from the Community during the lockdown.

Fifteen residents responded to the Community Council's requests for volunteers and we are aware that there were many others who carried out a variety of tasks when asked by neighbours and friends.

We are very grateful to all those who helped out when the Community needed it most.

Wick Sports Pavilion Update

It is still the intention that the Community Council will take a 25-year lease on the Sports Pavilion, however, due to the pandemic, there has been a delay in the legal process. We have spoken to the Vale Council who have confirmed that the lease will be issued when the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

During the latter half of last year the defective roof on the Pavilion was replaced and a cleaning company engaged to clean it on a regular basis, however, in March we were ordered to close as part of the lockdown. We have now been informed that, with effect from 20th July, community buildings can now open but that social distancing rules apply so the purposes the Pavilion can be used for are limited. In particular communal changing and showers are not yet permitted.

Enquiries about booking the Pavilion can be made to wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com or phone 07710209437.

New Defibrillator Installed

There is now a public use defibrillator near the front door of the Pavilion. Should you have occasion to use please let the Community Council know. A refresher training course on the use of the defibrillator will be arranged as soon as lockdown restrictions allow

Play Rangers and activities for young people

The lockdown has been difficult for the whole community. Children and young people have seen their schools and clubs close and have only been allowed out of their homes in limited circumstances. They have especially missed meeting and playing with friends.

As the lockdown eases Wick Community Council is delighted to announce that there will be a programme of Covid safe activities run by the Play Rangers this year.



The Play Rangers will be running a slightly different format to comply with current regulations. Called Family Rangers their activities will be open to all ages and will consist of groups of up to six people taking part in a range of play activities. There will be up to 5 groups, a maximum of 30 people taking part.

Following the Play Ranger sessions Wick Youth Club will have sporting and leisure activities for young people including a BBQ and refreshments.

All of the activities will take place outdoors and so will be dependent on dry weather.

Play Rangers will run from 1.00pm until 3.00pm for four Tuesday afternoons starting 28th July and ending 18th August. The Youth Club sessions will follow on when Play Rangers finish at 3.00pm.

Due to the limit on numbers places should be booked by either calling 07732304570 or email

wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com. If numbers exceed 30 late comers may have to be turned away, we are sorry.

All of the activities have been risk assessed for safety, and hand sanitiser and PPE as required will be provided. Ask for details if at all concerned.

Up to date information on all of the Summer activities will be posted on the Wick, Broughton and Monkash Facebook page.

Multi Use Games Area and Rugby Field

Following on from the previous community mapping exercise we are delighted to announce that it has been agreed that a multi-use games area, similar to the one pictured below, will be installed on the carpark end of the Rugby Field.



Tenders have already been invited and it is anticipated that work will commence in September and be completed by November.

Once completed this will see a significant improvement in facilities for young people.

We are also in discussions with the Vale Council concerning the Rugby Field. For safety reasons the floodlights, which had fallen into disrepair, have been removed and work is underway to make safe some diseased trees around the field.

We will keep you informed as to any developments as they take place.

Sports Pavilion A Public Consultation

The current situation in respect of the Sports Pavilion was mentioned on the first page

Once the Community Council does take over responsibility for it we are very keen to find out what improvements the community would like to see to better reflect the needs of the Village.

Currently the kitchen and toilet facilities are poor. More than half of the building, the changing rooms and the showers, which were used three days a week when the Rugby Club were active, is barely used at all

The building is currently used regularly by Wick Youth Club and Wick Pensioners and occasionally by residents for meetings, craft and other activities.

However, it is mostly unused for six days of every week.

There were suggestions in the last community mapping exercise that it should include a community café but what do you think the best use of the Pavilion would be?

There are grants available to develop the use of the building but before we apply for them, we need a clear vision for the future use of the building.

Please let us know what you would like to see the Pavilion used for by completing the attached questionnaire.

When we have our answers there will be a public event to discuss the findings before any grant applications are made.

Please answer by following the Survey Monkey link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y3ZDKPD> or drop the completed form off to the Sports Pavilion any Tuesday afternoon between 28th July or the 18th August. Alternatively suggestions can be emailed to wickcommunitycouncil@gmail.com or telephone to 07732304570.