

Hermitage Parish Council Update

❄️ It's that time of year again and Christmas tree lights are being switched on everywhere. Friday 6th December is the date for the Hermitage lights at 6.30pm. Come along to the car park at The Fox pub and join in the carol singing and maybe a mince pie or two. The more the merrier to raise voices into the evening sky.

When you have finished with your own Christmas tree, don't forget to put it out on green bin collection day for collection and shredding.

❄️ At its November meeting the parish council considered the lit signage plan for the new coop. They consist of a coop sign on the store fascia and a tall sign near the footpath, similar to that a petrol station has and all signs will be off when the store is closed.

❄️ This is the last call for applications for a grant from HPC. The parish clerk will provide all information and forms on request. The final date for grant requests to be received is Monday 6th January.

❄️ There was a bumper turnout of 23 volunteers from the West Berkshire Countryside Society in November. Work was carried out around Furze Hill consisting of removing more brambles from the butterfly meadow, including regrowth after their summer visit, and clearing ivy from tree trunks ready for the health and safety inspection in 2020.

Bat boxes have been spotted near the motor way.

❄️ If your hedge is overhanging any public footpath or right of way please could you arrange for it to be cut back. Narrowing of pavements by wide hedges is annoying for walkers and it is your responsibility to see this doesn't happen. Similarly for road signs, please keep them clear of hedge growth.

❄️ Sadly, vandalism continues around Pinewood Park and the scout hut. The electric meter cupboard has been demolished leaving it in a dangerous condition. Thames Valley Police have been informed – you may have seen their message on facebook – and anyone with any information about this should please contact them.

❄️ The date of the next parish council meeting is Thursday December 12th then January 16th. All monthly meetings are held in the Adelaide Room at the rear of the church and begin at 7.30pm. Agendas, minutes and information about the council are posted on notice boards throughout the village and on www.hermitage.org.uk.

❄️ Hermitage Parish Council can be contacted through the clerk, Nicky Pierce, by emailing hermitagepc@outlook.com.

Hermitage Parish Council wishes everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.