Hatley Website Group

2019 / 2020 annual report

The new website, launched on 6 April 2019, is working well. Pages are loading at a speed up to industry standards.

The few remaining technical issues have been improved. These include:

- Transfer of the hosting service to Namesco, which largely accounts for the better speed – although continuing to optimise every photo on the site to minimise file sizes also plays an important part.
- A new 'plugin' has made searches far more reliable and useful.
- A site map has been added.

Peter Mann has kept the website continually updated with essential information from the Parish Council and events in and around Hatley. Also added were news items on the East West Rail proposals, planning applications, fly tipping and wheelie bin collections (based on SCDC press releases).

More background detail has been put on the website about both our churches and progress of Hatley St George Church's task force, set up following Revd Hilary Young's talk to Hatley Parish Council in September, is being reported.

Articles have been added on occurrences of Hatley in various books, on William Butterfield, on the importance of built heritage (following reports in *Country Life* and *The Guardian*) and on how Matthew Parris is a convert to the Friends of Friendless Churches.

Village events advertised and reported, with photos, include the July fête, the October harvest festival, the pancake race, and two St Denis' churchyard sessions.

Peter has been putting extra effort into providing information to help us through the coronavirus pandemic. As most of the coverage was in April and May this will be reported in 2021.

Articles, news items and photographs relevant to Hatley are always welcome from any member of the public or Parish Council. We value feedback on any aspect of the website.

Expenditure

- Buzz Associates – Final payment for new village website – £450.00 (May 2019 minutes).
- Peter Mann – Reimbursement for website hosting transfer and SSL Certificate cost – £351.34 (July 2019 minutes).

NB The design element was a one off charge. The hosting and SSL certificate were for a two year period (ending 27 June 2021); the domain renewal is due on 20 September 2020 – it will be £43.99 for two years).

Our thanks go to Peter Mann this year for all his time and effort spent on the Hatley website.

Nicola Jenkins and Peter Mann
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