

Hatley Website Group

2021 / 2022 annual report

The 'new' website design (launched in April 2019) continues to serve Hatley very well. A few minor improvements have been made to the layout during the year.

The continuing coronavirus pandemic prevented Kim Wilde from undertaking training to enable her to add to and edit the website. Her successor Nicola Pearce is getting up to speed and may want to contribute. Peter Mann is willing to train her and any member of the Parish Council.

Peter has kept the website continually updated with essential **information from the Parish Council**. This included advertising meetings and adding agendas, minutes, statutory and financial documents and details of planning applications. Other items added were: a page based on a Parish Council newsletter on the Climate emergency declaration (December); details of the Croydon Hill road closure (January/February); and an advert for the vacancy for a clerk plus a piece by Micky Astor on the benefits of being a being a parish councillor (July). Consultations announced were for: SCDC's Local Plan (December-January); 'Making connections', Greater Cambridge Partnership's proposals to radically enhance bus and active travel journeys (November-December); and Ofcom's proposal to allow removal of public call boxes only under a strict set of criteria which will protect the boxes on which people still rely (November–January).

Events advertised and reported included two litter picks, Hatley's coffee mornings and pancake race, the church fête, the survey of bats emerging from St Denis' church, and the Ukraine pop-up cake sale. Events organised by the Wildlife Trust and local airfields, the 'Count the swifts' evening, and local shows were announced. Useful updates and reminders of wheelie bin collections are always given. The St Mary's Gamlingay, Hatley St George and St Mary's Everton [weekly newsletters](#) have been added to the site every week.

Peter put a lot of work into the '[Places to go](#)' section (July and Nov) and updated '[Places to eat](#)'. He has updated information on restoration work in St Denis' church. A few queries received via the website have been answered by Peter.

Nicola Jenkins contributed to the website, proofreading new material, updating details of waste recycling in council centres, charity banks and supermarkets, updating sections on schools and Gamlingay's shops and services, reporting the survey of bats emerging from St Denis' church, checking/updating information and weblinks in some other sections on an ad hoc basis, and contributing suggestions. We hope to find a free automatic method of checking for broken links.

As of 5 May 2022 Nicola is no longer a member of the Parish Council. **The Constitution** (March 2004) **specifies** that a representative of Hatley Parish Council is on the Hatley Website Group.

A [listing of plants and trees in St Denis' churchyard](#) compiled by Dr Jonathan Shanklin in March has been added to the website.

Thanks to Sarah Croft for contributing a report on the church fête (August) and to John O'Sullivan for writing an interesting article about the swallow's nest in village hall porch (September).

The popularity of social media may be lessening the use of the website by residents signed up to the Hatley Facebook page and the WhatsApp group (which is now extended to the whole of the parish). Peter Mann contributes to these and invites users to visit the Hatley website for more detailed information.

Peter keeps the website up to date and looking interesting, often refreshing sections with new photos and graphics. We are very grateful to him for devoting so much time and effort to the website and for his enthusiasm and interest in the parish.

As always, we welcome articles, news items and photographs relevant to Hatley from Parish Councillors and residents and value feedback on any aspect of the website.

Expenses

Expenditure this year was £131.98 + £26.40 VAT (total £158.36) for renewal of the security certificate (GeoTrust QuickSSL Premium Certificate) for hatley.info for two years and £219.99 + £44.00 VAT (£263.99 total) for renewal of the hosting fee (cPanel Professional) for hatley.info for two years, 30 June 2021. Both fees were paid to Namesco Ltd.

Nicola Jenkins and Peter Mann
30 May 2022