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Higher Kinnerton
Community Council

Your Monthly Higher Kinnerton Community Newsletter



COMMUNITY EVENING ***Higher Kinnerton Village Hall*** ***23rd March 2023 7.00pm - 9.00pm***

Higher Kinnerton Community Council would like to invite all residents, local community groups and local businesses to join us in the village hall for an informal community evening on 23rd March at 7pm.

This is an opportunity for residents to meet up with the Community Council, to find out what events we have planned in Higher Kinnerton during 2023, along with what our excellent local businesses and community groups have to offer, we welcome input from everyone.

A number of local businesses and community groups will be available on the evening if you would like more information about what they do.

The evening will also provide an opportunity to meet the volunteer group and environmental group and hopefully encourage residents to join and support both of these groups.

It's an informal evening, and everyone is welcome, so if you're free, call in for a glass of wine or a cup of tea and refreshments, and meet up with the Community Council, local businesses, groups & friends.

We look forward to seeing you.

If you would like any further information about the evening please contact Liz Corner, Clerk to HKCC via the following email address: liz@higherkinnerton.org.uk

The village hall has a maximum capacity of 150 people



Higher Kinnerton Pollinator Gardens Competition 2023

Following on from last year's pollinator gardens competition in the village the Community Council are running a similar competition again this year. The aim of the competition is threefold – to encourage people to attract birds, bees and butterflies into their gardens, to add a splash of colour to our gardens, and to enjoy your gardens. The format this year will be similar, with our councillors taking time to walk round the village in July looking at front gardens. Obviously some of you won't have front gardens or might prefer to concentrate on your back garden, in which case it's easy – just get in touch with us in July and let us know about your garden. Don't worry if you forget, we will remind you via the newsletter and Facebook nearer the time. As last year there will be a prize of a Grosvenor Garden Centre Gift Voucher for the winning garden.

To help get you started we have a number of pollinator flower seed packets to give away to residents on a first-come-first-served basis. There are two types of seeds, one specifically for bees and the other for butterflies, with a variety of flowers in each. We do require anyone taking a packet to enter the competition, and the seeds are only available for Higher Kinnerton residents. If you would like one of these packets to get you going they are available now from either Liz or Jason (contact details below).

There should be plenty of time to sow your seeds, plant out the seedlings and watch them grow. The plants should be flowering by the summer, ready for our team to wander round and see for themselves how good they look. Even if you don't wish to take advantage of the seed packet give-away, we would still love you to enter the competition and show off your gardens – the more the merrier. It will all help Higher Kinnerton to be a brighter more colourful place and, of course, the bees and butterflies will love it!

If you would like one of the seed packets then please contact either Liz or Jason by emailing them via seeds@higherkinnerton.org.uk, to arrange collection. If we have any packets left we will have them with us to give away at the village community meeting on March 23rd in the village hall (see elsewhere in the newsletter for full details of that event). So get cracking and let's all help to make Higher Kinnerton an even nicer, prettier and more colourful place to live.

Privacy Policy Any information you provide to enable you to participate in the competition may be processed to enable HKCC to host the competition and to communicate with you. HKCC will keep personal details for as long you are participating in the competition or otherwise to ensure we comply with our legal obligations. The full version of HKCC's full Privacy Policy can be obtained by contacting the Clerk to HKCC at liz@higherkinnerton.org.uk or by visiting our website at www.higherkinnerton.org.uk



Higher Kinnerton Environmental Group News

As you will be aware, the Higher Kinnerton Community Council are holding a community evening on the 23rd March at the Village Hall. We will be attending the event so please come and say hello and let us know if you would like to get involved. Whether your interests are in biodiversity, energy security, green spaces or climate change it would be great to meet you.

Kinnerton WI News

We would like to say thank you to Martin King for a fantastic talk at our February meeting about his epic Lands End to John O'Groats bike ride last summer.

In March we will welcome Mervyn Saunders who will talk to us about a brief history of entertainment.

In April Thelma Keegan will be visiting and talking to us about Natures Colours.

Also, by way of advance notice, in June we are having an open evening, during which Bernie Hollywood will talk to us about his row across the Atlantic. More details to follow.



The Return of the Macmillan Afternoon Tea

An important date for your diaries: **Tuesday 5th September 2023.**

This popular event is returning later this year. In past years Kinnerton residents have raised many thousands of pounds for Macmillan Cancer Support while enjoying an afternoon tea with friends and neighbours in the village hall.

Nearer to the date I will be asking if anyone would be available to help on the day, provide a raffle prize or make cakes.

For further information please contact Margie Edwards 01244 661090 or 07929369259.

Ysgol Derwen's Wellbeing Area

Our latest wellbeing area has recently been installed and is a fantastic addition to our outdoor environment. The children started using the area on Monday and have enjoyed spending quiet time during their play times. They were very excited to have a new area to explore.

We are very pleased with the way our outdoor environment has developed over the past twelve months to address the pupils wishes that they wanted more places to sit and relax during play times.

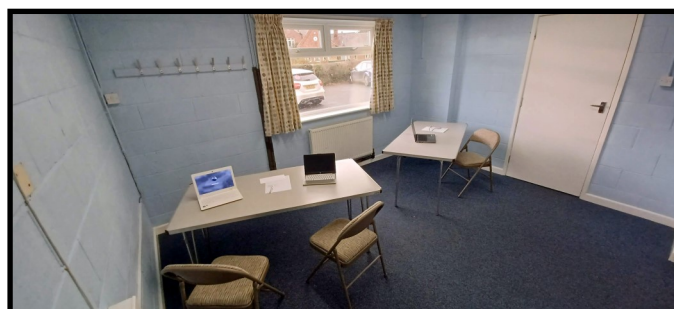
Children will now continue to develop the area by adding plants to help attract nature. We will also begin to develop a new wellbeing / sensory area on the school field.



Need extra space to work or study?

Did you know that Higher Kinnerton Village Hall has a committee room available for hire, Monday to Thursday at just £13.25 per day. Desks, chairs & a room divider are provided. You will also have use of the kitchen area and fridge.

If you would like more information, please contact me, Jason Mortimer (HKVH Booking Secretary) on 07703068545 or email me at hkhallbookings@aol.com



Biodiversity Blog: March

Springtime sees the arrival of the early butterflies such as peacock and small tortoise shell, along with queen bees and hedgehogs waking from their winter hibernation. Help the hedgehogs by leaving suitable food out for a few weeks to help them build up strength after the long winter sleep.

If you have ever found a bee on the pavement limp and lifeless you can also help them too. Sometimes bees just get hungry and exhausted but with a little sugar solution we can revive them and help them on their way. Worker bumble bees only live for a few weeks so in peak summer they may just be at the end of their life span, at this time it's best to just place them on a flower just in case. If its early or late in the season and there is not an abundance of nectar filled flowers around a quick fix of sugar solution can act like CPR to a tired bee. In spring a light solution is recommend of 1 part sugar to 2 parts water and in autumn reverse it to 2 parts sugar to one part water. Pick the bee up gently, don't be afraid they rarely sting, bring them indoors and place them on a plate and add a drop of the sugar solution close by. If you can, add some flowers such as grape hyacinth, dandelions etc to the plate so that once the sugar solution revives them, they can feed on some nutritious nectar. Once you see that they have perked up then take the plate outside so they can fly away when they are ready, and lastly, give yourself a pat on the back!



Higher Kinnerton Walking Group

February's walk was a 6.2 km circular walk commencing at Caffi Dai in Shotton. The walk took us alongside the River Dee to the docks at Connah's Quay and then up along the old railway line into Wepre and then back into Shotton.

Bit of trivia: Did you know that the River Dee footpath is part of the 870 mile long Welsh Coastal Path and, when opened in 2012, was the first dedicated coast path in the world to cover the entire length of a country's coastline.

Caffi Dai (Dragon Cafe) was opened in June 2022 in the Deeside Enterprise Centre by Welsh middleweight boxing champion Gerome 'The Breadmaker' Warburton.



Higher Kinnerton in bloom

Introducing Higher Kinnerton's Tallest Sunflower Competition! Higher Kinnerton Community Council invites you to enter our tallest sunflower competition. We will be handing out seeds at the end of March to all those who wish to take part. Our judges will walk round the village to see all your lovely sunflowers just prior to our Village Day on **Saturday 29th July**. There will be prizes for the three tallest sunflowers.



These bright, cheerful flowers

are a joy to grow and, after flowering, the flower heads become a dinner table for the birds who love the seeds. If you would like to receive some seeds and enter the competition please email sunflowers@higherkinnerton.org.uk or phone Jane on 07401 369062. Alternatively green-fingered children attending Ysgol Derwen can ask for seeds at the school.



1st Kinnerton Scout Group

ADVANCE NOTICE: Some dates for your diary

We are really pleased to let you know that the Spring **Scout Group Jumble Sale** is on **Saturday 22nd April 2023** in the Scout Headquarters. If you have any items to donate they can be brought to the Scout HQ on the evening of Thursday 20th April or on Friday 21st April.

If you are unable to take your donations to the HQ, ring Julie on 01244 660907 or 07761 208742, or Lesley on 01244 660579 or 07817 131961 to arrange collection. Items will be collected after 1st April.

Our annual **Plant Delivery** of bedding plants will be on **Sunday 14th May**. Order forms will be in your April newsletter, along with details of how to order.

We have been offering plants sourced from our grower for many years and his quality is excellent. Your orders will be delivered directly to your door.

If you would like to help any of our fundraising either the Jumble Sale or the Plant Sale, we would be absolutely delighted. If you have any queries at all, just ring Lesley on the number above. The money raised from these fundraisers enables us to run the Scout building to benefit the youngsters of the village.

Thank you to everyone for your support of the young people of the village, all involved really appreciate it.

Creation of more wildflower sites in Higher Kinnerton

Flintshire County Council (FCC) are currently delivering Local Places for Nature funding from the Welsh government to provide biodiversity improvements throughout the county. These improvements generally include tree-planting, wildflower meadow creation through seeding or reduced mow management to allow seeds already in the soil to germinate, pond creation etc.

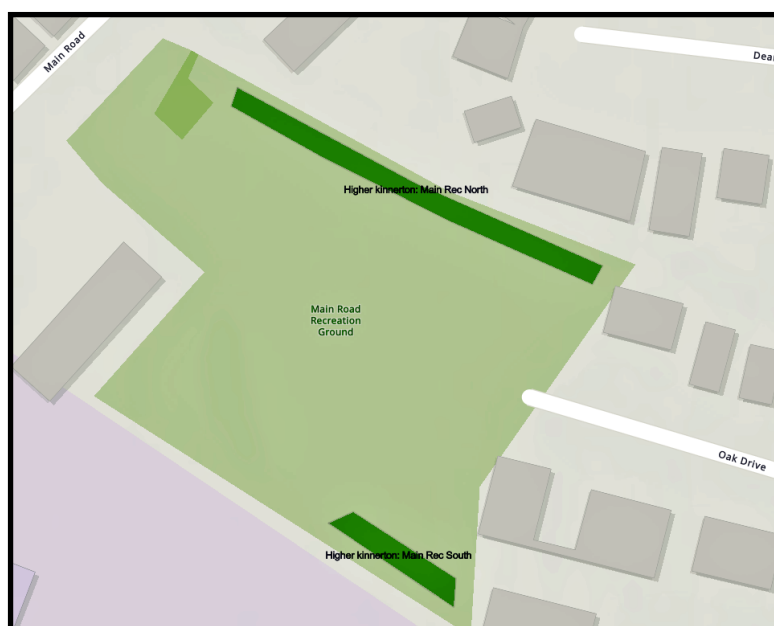
FCC together with the Community Council have identified a number of sites for improvements within the village with designated wildflower planting areas in Park Avenue Play Area first being developed in 2022 with some fantastic results.

This Spring two more sites are being developed within Main Road Recreation Ground (marked in dark green) and the two existing sites in Park Avenue Play Area will also be enhanced with shade tolerant wildflower seed. All the wildflower areas will be left to grow throughout the Spring and Summer, with mown borders and visibility cuts maintained throughout this time period followed by a single cut, collect and removal of the cuttings in Autumn.

These areas provide important habitat for our pollinators, natural habitat steppingstones through settlements, and can improve the look and use of an area by the local community. They are also important in

helping us tackle the climate and ecological emergency. So, keep your eyes peeled for an explosion of colour this summer on these new mini meadows.

If you would like any further information about the wildflower planting project please contact the Environment department for Flintshire County Council via the following email address: biodiversity@flintshire.gov.uk.



Higher Kinnerton Indoor Bowls news

Higher Kinnerton Indoor Bowls evenings will be finishing at the end of March. The new season will start again in September. We have had a good turn out on our Wednesday evening bowls night, an average of 18 bowlers, and the Tuesday League team finished playing on the 21st February. Currently we don't know if we will have enough players for a team next season so if there's anyone interested in playing please come along in September.

It's now the start of the outdoor bowls season from April so enjoy your bowls.

All Saints Church news

Church Services

Sunday 5th March, 9.30 am – Morning Worship, led by Rev. Robin Mosley.

Sunday 12th March, 9.30 am – Holy Communion, Rev. Denise Williams

Sunday 19th March, 10.00 am – Mothering Sunday Service, Mrs Jill Griffiths

Come and join us as we celebrate the special ladies in our lives.

Sunday 26th March, 9.30 am – Holy Communion, Rev. Elizabeth Inall

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 15th March, 10.30am-12.00noon

Seniors Lunch

Thursday 16th March, invitations will be sent out.

Lent Lunch

Our Lent Lunch will be on Wednesday 29th March, from 12.00 til 1.00pm

Soup, sandwiches, shortbread, tea or coffee. Cost is £6.

There will be Gifts, Books and Fairtrade stalls and a Raffle.

Everyone welcome.

Flintshire Foodbank Collection

Sunday 26th March, between 10.30am and 12.00 noon, outside the church,

All donations welcome.

Future events to look out for:

'Easter Bingo' with Kinnerton Scout Group – Friday 31st March, at Scout Headquarters

King Charles III Coronation Celebration. Details to follow.

PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH NOTICEBOARD FOR DETAILS

Coming soon!

Easter nests and chicks for sale, carefully knitted by our Kinnerton Crafters

All proceeds towards Church Funds

All Saints Church 100 Club

If you would like to join the 100 Club for a payment of just £12 a year, please contact Helen Francis on 01244 660588

Higher Kinnerton Craft Group News

Members have returned to Craft Group in large numbers after the Christmas break, eager to meet up with friends and try something new.

In January we brought along adult colouring books and, whilst chatting and discussing our plans for the year, we brought the pictures to life. On completion the pictures can be resized and photocopied to produce unique birthday cards.

Our next project was to make paper roses from recycled paperback pages, which are very effective after a couple of hours work.

We are now trying something new to us, in producing a mosaic pot stand. We will complete this over a few weeks so we await the results of our creations. .



Why not give us a try, you don't have to commit to every session just pop in and meet friends old and new. Our session dates are on the notice boards. For more information contact Margie 01244 661090.



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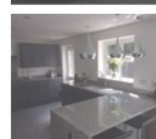


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