

HEIGHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report 2025-26

It's been another busy and positive year for Heighington Parish Council, and we're proud to share some of our highlights with you.

A STRONG COUNCIL

We're pleased to report another year of positive feedback from both internal and external auditors. We said thank you to *Steve Catlow* and *Sarah Craig* for their service and warmly welcomed new councillors *Diane Raphael* and *Angie Driver*.

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Our free children's events continued to thrive, from creative workshops to the ever-popular Hoolahoop Megastructure and our new Giant Ball Run. Seasonal favourites like our VE80 Celebratory Tea, Festive Tea and Easter Tea were hugely enjoyed, with fantastic feedback from residents.

Councillors have continued to meet residents at Beckfield House coffee mornings, and we loved taking part in the movie-themed village scarecrow festival. The knitted poppies once again provided a moving Remembrance tribute and the knitted "Tree for all seasons" joined in with its own poppy display.

INVESTING IN PLAY AREAS

Station Road play area has seen great improvements, including new sensory boards, 'How Tall Are You?' panel, swings for older children, exercise signage and colourful benches. We're also close to securing the Almond Avenue play area lease renewal. All our play areas are inspected weekly, externally inspected annually and maintained to a high standard.

CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

We've installed new dual-use bins, added recycled plastic benches across the village, held community litter-picks and supported community planting projects like wildflower seed bombs and a new herb planter for residents to enjoy.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated volunteer litter picker, who contributed nearly 29 hours and collected 17 bags of rubbish this year.

IMPROVING OUR FACILITIES

Jubilee Hall and Station Road now benefit from upgraded CCTV and improved disabled toilet alarms. Guest Wi-Fi at Jubilee Hall has been enhanced, and the Station Road bowls lounge has been refreshed with new flooring and decoration.

KEEPING HEIGHINGTON SAFE

New "30MPH Watch Your Speed" signs have been installed around the village, and we'll soon be reviewing data from our solar speed sign. We also shared information on flood preparedness with residents, and our Community Emergency Response Team is ready when needed.

THANK YOU

We believe Heighington is a fantastic place to live, work and visit - and that's thanks to our residents, volunteers and community groups. Thank you for being part of it.

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Giant ball run



Station Road new swings, picnic bench and bin.



'How Tall Are You' sign



Festive Tea



VE80 Tea