# **Hawthorn Parish Council: Information March 2021**

This is a brief update of what the Parish Council are doing in the current pandemic.



### **Meetings of the Parish Council**

These continue to be held 'remotely' using ZOOM in line with Government Legislation and Advice. The agendas will continue to be posted on the noticeboards.

Residents are able to join the meeting via computer, tablet or iphone. The Zoom link is shown on each agenda, the website and in the Hawthorn Community Round Up. Or e mail <a href="mailto:clerk@hawthornparish.co.uk">clerk@hawthornparish.co.uk</a> to request the invitation link. Residents are able to participate during 'Public Participation'.

We are awaiting information from the government as to arrangements for meetings after the elctions in May.

### **Local Council Elections Thursday May 6th**

The Parish Council local elections will be held on Thursday May 6th

If you are thinking of standing then you can access an online nomination form at Parish & Town Council Nomination Requests.

The nomination pack will then be mailed directly to you by Electoral Services in late Feb.

The link will expire on 1 April at noon to allow for papers to go out in the post before the closing date for nominations on Thurs 8 April at 4pm.

Anyone wanting a nomination form between 1–8 April would have to contact <u>electoralservices@durham.gov.uk</u> directly.

For more information, call 03000 261 212 or email electoralservices@durham.gov.uk

The Hawthorn Community Round Up as shown left, continues to be our primary method of communication with you. E mail

<u>clerk@hawthornparish.co.uk</u> to sign up.

#### Local Award for Hawthorn Parish Council

#### Hawthorn Parish Council are 'Highly Commended'



The Parish Council have been awarded as Highly Commended in the recent County Durham Environmental Awards.

This is for the work the Parish Council has done in becoming one of the first 'paperless' councils in the country. Everything, other than the official Council Minutes and the Annual Return / Accounts are now held digitally.

# Local Issues discussed at the last meeting

### Dog poo bags



Please make sure you deposit dog poo bags in the existing bin provided between Western Park and Glencot, and not left in the bushes.

Thank you

## Parking around the corner of the green onto West Lane.



DCC are now looking to install white lines around this corner advising poeple not to park on the pavement and cause an obstruction to pedestrians and people with pushchairs and wheelchairs.

# Stockton Road : Speed Signs

Officers from DCC and the Police have agreed to look at the speed limit on the B1432.

Watch out for more information.