

## Useful Numbers

### Hayfield Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors

HAYFIELD WARD (8 seats)

Andrew Ramwell Chairman	744471
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John Harvey	747319
Eva Hodgson	743303
John McCall	742199
Sue McCall	742199
Margaret Platt	746940
Kathleen Waterhouse	747408

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FUTURE MEETINGS

All meetings begin at 7.15pm

4th March	St John's
1st April	Village Hall
6th May	St John's
3rd June	Village Hall

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## Useful Numbers

Emergency Services	999
Derbyshire Police (reporting crime and nuisance)	0345 123 33 33
United Utilities (leaks and supply problems)	0845 7462200
Severn Trent	0800 7834444
Powergen (gas)	0800 111 999
Powergen (electricity)	0800 375 375
Stagecoach	0871 200 2233
Bowers Coaches	01298 812204
Trains	0845 7484950
Medical Services:	
Sett Valley Practice	744246
Arden House Practice	745030

Allotment Society	744115
Angling Club	745429
Royal British Legion	749 282/573
1st Brownies	741316
2nd Brownies	743503
Civic Trust	743847
Concert Society	746292
Country Show	746580
Crafty Kids	749479
Cricket Club	742263
Digital Parish	747334
Football Club	746577
Guides & Rainbow	743503
History Archive	742020
May Queen	744471
Scouts	746940
Singers	756754
Village Hall	742814
Well Dressing	742112/745933
W I	740054
60+ Group	743648

St Matthew's Church	743350
St John's Church	742872
Hayfield Primary School	742357
Play School	746887
Kinder Kids	07748179831

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# Hayfield

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## Hayfield let's keep it healthy for our Children

Some people may find these images and words distasteful or distressing.

We apologise

But equally distressing and distasteful is the scene above when it happens to you or your child.

The Parish Council is having increasing numbers of complaints about the problems of dog fouling, and it is getting much worse.

We all love our pets, especially our dogs (and cats). But we must be responsible owners. Dogs can't read!

Your pet doesn't know where it is

unhygienic to do its business, or where it will cause a nuisance to others.

And it is downright dangerous and irresponsible to let your dog foul in children's play areas. Councillors and Council staff have received abuse from parents who think it is 'alright' to let the family pet play with their children in the sandpits or play areas.

IT ISN'T. It is dangerous and it is irresponsible, and if your dog fouls in these areas you could receive a fine of up to £1,000.

### Do they all live in Hayfield?

In 2003 to 2004 the population of dogs in the UK has been reported as between 6.5 million and 7.4 million. Dogs produce 1,000 tonnes of faeces every day. Other estimates calculate that daily faecal and urinary output per dog is 100 – 200g and 0.25 – 1.25 litres. In old money, that's just under half a pound of poo and over a pint of pee per dog per day.

### Disease from dog fouling

Apart from the mess, a serious disease can be transmitted by dog faeces, and this is toxocariasis.

### What are the symptoms of toxocariasis?

**Eye disorders are the most commonly reported complaint associated with toxocariasis.** This is by the transportation of larvae via the retinal artery to the eye, potentially causing blindness through the growth of non-malignant tumours or the development of detached retinas.

As the links to **flu-like symptoms** are not so obvious, it is very likely that a huge number of toxocariasis cases go unreported and unrecognised by either the public or by doctors. Other symptoms are **vague aches, dizziness and nausea, asthma and epileptic fits.**

### How many people suffer eye damage from toxocariasis?

In a report by Dr S. Gillespie, (November 1993), he noted approximately 100 cases diagnosed each year, with 50 having serious eye damage.

**Nearly all were children**, who had contracted the disease as toddlers. Are there any useful treatments or is there a cure? **No.**

### The solutions

If you have a garden, teach your dog to 'go' there, before you leave home. The faeces can then be bagged and put straight into your dustbin, burnt or digested in a sunken 'dog-loo'.

**Always** carry the means to clear up after your dog. Research shows that simple plastic bags are far more convenient, more effective and cheaper than any cumbersome poop scoops. Your bags should be as unforgettable as a lead when you take your dog out.

**Every time** your dog fouls, 'bag it and bin it' - whether it is in a park or a roadside gutter. Remember the rain does not wash the problem away, as some lazy, anti-social people think.

**Respect** your local authority's rules on dog-free areas. Dogs cannot read signs, so it is up to you to keep them away from children's play areas and sports pitches. Waste bins have been provided, use them.



**Get involved** when your local authority is considering new rules on dog access. Keep an eye on the announcements in your local paper, or find details of meetings on posters in your park. If positive views and opinions on dog ownership and the benefits dog walkers have to their communities are not presented, they will never be considered.

**Never** let your dog out alone to 'go to the loo'. This should go without saying, but does still happen. Apart from the fouling problem, you may never see your companion again.

**Get your dog wormed regularly.** Visit your veterinary surgery for advice on the products suitable for your pet and how often you will need them.

**Politely** but firmly encourage guilty owners you meet to do their duty. You do not need to be rude, simply offer them one of your bags. Embarrassment over their unacceptable behaviour gets better results and is often safer than abuse.

**Always** wash your hands after a walk or petting your dog and before eating. While Toxocara infections are very rare and are more likely to affect children (because of their play habits), remember however, adults can become ill too.

Above all, keep your dog on the **Path** and on a **Lead** on the Recreation Grounds the Old School Field and other areas where children play.

It is every owner's duty to clean up after their dog. There are no excuses. Fouling is unacceptable.

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