

Dear Residents,

Welcome to the new year, we hope it will bring good health and happiness to all.

EVENTS: Held on the first Friday in December, the Carol singing on the green in Denham Village, went down very well - as did the hot chocolate for the children supplied by the Co-op in Denham Green. Our grateful thanks to all those who participated in this joyful event, including the Buckinghamshire Golf Club for providing the Christmas Tree and particular thanks go to Martin Baker Aircraft Co who gave a large donation to our charity fund and covered the costs of the event. We did have some enquiries about why we didn't run the Christmas stalls and funfair event this year in Denham Green. Unfortunately, we asked for some volunteers to assist us in pulling this together but only received a very luke warm response. If you read this and think 'that's a shame, we were looking forward to it' then please, please contact us so that we know the effort your parish councillors put into arranging this event is worthwhile.

BEFRIENDING: This time of year, can be a very sad time for many people, particularly those on their own, and if you are aware of someone that you feel could benefit from a visit or just a regular phone call to enquire how they are, then please let us know as our Good Neighbour Scheme is finally moving forward. This is thanks to our new Associate Marilyn Hagon who found the time to hold a start-up meeting for us at the beginning of December. This session eventually resulted in a group of eight volunteers and we have agreed to launch the Befriender scheme from this month. We will visit anyone who is unwell, housebound or in need of company or maybe just want a simple chat to someone on the telephone. It will be interesting to see how well this scheme is received. Our volunteers are to meet again in January to go through their role and begin our journey of Befriending. Would you like to join us? We need to expand our list of volunteers and would love to hear from you.

FUNDING: We applied to the government for funds from the HS2 project and the A412 footway, from Denham Station to Village Road, should be fit soon. However, the path still floods in parts despite 't'fb' working on it and we need to investigate further on how to resolve this. Thanks to money from the Local Area Funds chaired by County Cllr R Reed, we have been able to improve the entrances to our playing field at Knighton Way Lane. We have also secured some LAF funding towards refurbishing the Scout Hut for our befriending scheme if we manage to lease it in time.

LIGHTING: All street lighting, barring a problematic one or two and some in the conservation area still waiting for the special heads, have been converted to LED thus drastically cutting our running and maintenance costs.

Our NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN is slowly coming together. The first public consultation, put together by councillors and residents who volunteered to join us on this journey, should be ready in the next couple of months. We are not sure how this will be addressed but would ask that you respond. **YOUR VIEW COUNTS**

Please help us to help you and keep sending in your views to this Parish Council about what you feel matters in Denham.

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