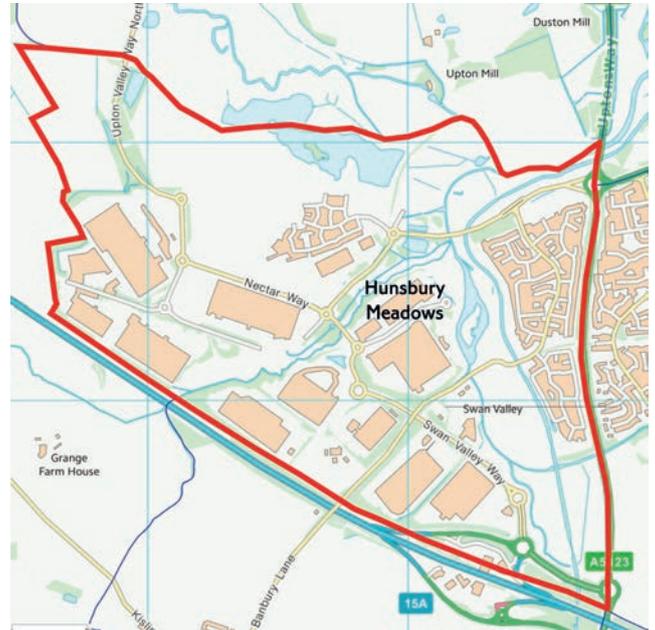


# Parish Boundaries

Accompanying this newsletter is a letter for Hunsbury Meadows Parishioners from the Parish Council Chairman, explaining why the Parish Council is seeking a review of its boundaries, primarily to include new housing estates at Pineham Village and the Pineham Barns School.

The Parish Council believes that this expansion of the Parish boundaries is an important next step in the development of our community and we encourage all residents to read the letter and to be prepared to sign the petition asking for a review of the Parish boundaries when it comes to your door. Unfortunately only people who are currently registered on the current electoral register can sign the petition. We need your support to make this happen.



# SpeedWatch

The Parish Council completed the second SpeedWatch session at the end of July 2017 and we have with a final session this year planned for October 2017. Unfortunately the summer results show that there has been no change in the speeds recorded along Banbury Lane. We recorded the same top speed and the average speed of drivers exceeding 35 mph was still 37 mph.

The aim of the programme is not to catch speeding drivers but to raise awareness of the problem of speeding along Banbury Lane. Already this year a number of family pets have been killed or injured.

683 Cars  
over 35mph **35**

Average  
Speed **37**

Maximum  
Speed **49**

Five ways to keep in touch with us, with regular updates and local news issues for Hunsbury Meadows.

Website: [www.hunsburymeadows.org.uk](http://www.hunsburymeadows.org.uk)

Email: [clerk@hunsburymeadows.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hunsburymeadows.org.uk)



Like us on Facebook /Hunsbury-Meadows-Community

Follow us on Twitter @HunsburyMeadows

Clerk: Mr Lalitkumar Patel, 52 Meadow Lane, Little Houghton, Northampton NN7 1AH Tel: 01604 891033

**CALL YOUR  
LOCAL  
POLICE**

**101**

**IN AN EMERGENCY  
ALWAYS CALL 999**

# Parish Maintenance

The Council has been active over the summer maintaining aspects of the Parish not falling under the remit of the Borough Council

- The vegetation on either side of the canal bridge has been cut back allowing the pedestrians to use the bridge without having to go on the road
- The trees overhanging the path to the canal tow-path by the canal bridge have been trimmed.

# Roadside Hedge Cutting

The new programme of work to control the brambles along side the Cycle Path on Banbury Lane has started and the work to cut back the hedgerows either side of the green space which runs parallel to the canal towpath and Ashpole Spinney/Samwell Way will now take place in Autumn/Winter 2017-18.

# Domestic Hedge Trimming

Overgrown hedgerows and large shrubs can cause a problem at this time of year as vigorous growth can mean that they encroach footpaths and can severely restrict the width of the paths making them difficult to use by pedestrians. If you have a hedge of this nature on your property, could we please request that you keep it trimmed, to avoid any accidents.



The Parish Council tries to ensure that hedges on our main roads, particularly Banbury Lane, which are not maintained by the Borough Council are looked after for the benefit of our residents.

Additionally, if there are any particular problem hedges elsewhere within the Parish, that are not within a household's property boundary, the Parish Council will look to see if it can deal with the problem.

The maintenance of the hedges and trees on the Pineham Lock Estate is now the responsibility of the Management Company, Chamonix.

# Banbury Lane Playground

In the summer the Parish Council paid for new play equipment for the playground. A multi-sport system along with an appropriate hard surface was installed.



Also the Parish Council paid to have the existing climbing frame, benches and railings refurbished and re-painted.



# CAR PARKING

This the which issue is raised at virtually every Parish meeting. Can residents please be sensible about parking their cars.

If you have to park your car with two wheels on the pavement, please be sure that you leave sufficient room for a person with a push-chair to get through. Completely blocking the footpath is an offence.

Use any garages, driveways and parking spaces provided. If possible, please park commercial vehicles away from the estates. Remember that emergency vehicles must be able to get through. It is not acceptable just to leave a gap that a private car struggles to get by. The police will take action against offenders.

# Pineham Lock

Responsibility for the grounds maintenance on the Pineham Lock Estate has recently passed from David Wilson Homes to its managing agents Chamonix Estates.

Residents on Pineham Lock should consequently raise any estate maintenance issues such as grass cutting, tree maintenance, car parking, litter, etc. with Chamonix.

Residents of Pineham Lock will be aware that they become liable for Service Charges to Chamonix upon this transfer of responsibility

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# Canal Safety

During warm weather the canal can look attractive to young children and teenagers. We would urge all parents to remind their children to keep out of the canal. Apart from hidden dangers below the surface, the canal is a known carrier of Weil's disease (Leptospirosis), caught from rat's urine.

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# Cycling Safety

Over the summer there have been a number of teenage cyclists riding their cycles in a very dangerous manner on some of the roads in the Parish.

Doing "wheelies" along the centre of Banbury Lane, causing vehicles to swerve, is very dangerous not only to the riders themselves, but also to other road users. Can parents please talk to their children about road safety and the consequences of a road accident.

The police have already spoken to one teenager and further instances will be reported.

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# Crime

Over the summer there have been a number of break-ins and thefts from both cars and houses. Hunsbury Meadows is a very low crime area but occasionally it is targeted. Especially in the warm weather please take care with leaving valuables in the your car and doors and windows open at home.

Northampton Police have a useful section on their website on protecting yourself and your property against theft.

<http://www.northants.police.uk/information/crime-prevention>

# Litter Pick

The Council is arranging another litter pick for the spring and has selected Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October as the date. Please assemble in the children's playground on Banbury Lane at 10.30am. Gloves and litter pickers will be provided. The more people who come along, the greater the area we can cover.



***Please Join In!***



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# Parkrun



Mick Turner from Riverstone Way and a group of volunteers are trying to set up a weekly Parkrun at Upton Country Park, similar to the one run at the Racecourse in Northampton. Parkruns are free, weekly, 5km timed runs. They are open to everyone, free, and are safe and easy to take part in

He is looking for support and anyone who is interested in knowing more or supporting Mick, in any way, should contact him on 01604 752288 or email [mickturner1000@gmail.com](mailto:mickturner1000@gmail.com)

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# Canal Bridge

After discussions with the Highways Agency it has become clear that improving the footpaths leading up to the canal bridge on Banbury Lane was not technically feasible without effectively demolishing the bridge and footpaths and starting from scratch.

The Parish Council will ensure the approaches to the bridge are kept clear and we urge pedestrians crossing the canal to take extra care.

## USEFUL NUMBERS

### Emergency Numbers

Police, fire or ambulance	999
Electricity	0800 028 0247
Gas (24 hr)	0800 111 999
Water (24 hr)	08457 145145
The Samaritans	08457 90 90 90
Social Services (out of hours)	01604 626938

### Advice & Information

Age UK	01604 611200
Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555
Citizens Advice Bureau	0844 4111 4444
Crime Stoppers	0800 555 111
National Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
NHS 111	111
General Hospital	01604 634700
Sleeping Rough	01604 629804
Community Law Service	01604 621038

### Northampton Borough Council

All Council Services (Standard Rate)	0300 330 7000
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Waste and recycling collections are provided for Northampton Borough Council by Enterprise Managed Services.  
[recycling@northampton.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@northampton.gov.uk) or visit  
[www.northampton.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.northampton.gov.uk/recycling)

### Out-of-hours

Stray dog out-of-hours 01604 837999  
To report other complaints eg noise ring 01604 838000 to leave a message. This will be dealt with on the next working day

### Northamptonshire County Council

Switchboard	0300 126 1000
School transport	01604 236132
Street Doctor (Road & Lighting)	0845 6011113
Trading standards	08454 04 05 06

### USEFUL WEBSITES

Report Rubbish & Graffiti online  
<http://selfserve.northampton.gov.uk/mycouncil>

Report problems with Potholes, Street signs etc. online  
[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/contactusstreetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/contactusstreetdoctor)

# Your Council Needs **YOU**

We are happy to announce that Mrs Mandy Caunt has agreed to join the Parish Council and will be formally co-opted at the next Parish Council meeting on the 6th September 2017.

We still have a vacancy and are looking for another willing person, who has a genuine interest in their community, to come forward to join the Council and share in the work we do for the benefit of all who live in our Parish. Anyone over the age of 18 who lives in the Parish or within 3 miles of its boundary can apply.

The Council meets on the first Wednesday of every month at the Parsons Meade Community Room in West Hunsbury .

Contact the Clerk or the Chairman for further details.

## Electoral Registration

Northampton Borough Council is asking everyone to make sure their electoral details are up to date. The council has a responsibility to check who is registered to vote at every property within the borough. No one is automatically registered to vote in the UK, so anyone who wishes to take part in elections must add their details to the register. Being able to vote is not the only benefit of making sure you register – credit-checking companies also use it for background checks for things like mortgages, loans and mobile phone contracts.

You can check “on-line” with NBC Electoral Registration at the Guildhall.

### **DON'T LOSE YOUR VOTE**

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